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LONGMONT TURKEY TROT

Altona Middle School, 4600 Clover Basin Drive longmontcolorado.gov/turkeytrot 303-774-4700

Fast, feathered and fun! Join your family and friends at the 49th Annual Longmont Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 9. Choose from a scenic 2-mile or a 10K racecourse which includes a wheelchair division.

Whether you walk or run, this event is a

perfect fall-tastic way to enjoy the day and support local recreation programs and events!



Kick off holiday season in Downtown Longmont!

owntown Longmont is your one-stop-shop this holiday season. No matter who you're shopping for, you'll find the perfect gift downtown. There are lots of fun events and programs happening throughout the winter — so bring your family, friends and neighbors! Shopping local this Holiday season makes our community stronger.

WINTER PASSPORT

Kick off the holidays in downtown Longmont with the launch of the 7th annual Winter Passport program. From Nov. 9-Jan. 3, choosing local can earn you prizes, merchandise, and gift cards from downtown businesses. Enjoy everything the Downtown Longmont neighborhood has to offer all Holiday season, and be rewarded for your patronage! Presented by High Country Bank.

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CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2024 ELECTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY
COUNCIL URGING LONGMONT CITIZENS
TO VOTE "YES" ON THE BALLOT QUESTION
APPROVING A \$739.8 MILLION BOND FOR THE
ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J, ON
THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 STATEWIDE ELECTION
BALLOT

WHEREAS many of the school-age children residing within the City of Longmont attend St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J; and

WHEREAS a healthy economy in the City of Longmont is directly affected by the quality of education of its school-age children; and

WHEREAS without increasing taxes, the St. Vrain Valley Board of Education has placed a \$739.8 million bond on the ballot in 2024 that will ensure the district's continued commitment to academic excellence, accountability, safety, and providing the education that today's students will need for tomorrow's jobs and careers; and

WHEREAS, the Longmont City Council finds that approval of this bond issuance is necessary for the St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J to provide excellent educational opportunities to children in Longmont who attend these schools; and

WHEREAS, the Longmont City Council finds that approval of this bond issuance is therefore in the best interests of the City and its citizens and should be supported.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, RESOLVES:

- Section 1: For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council supports the ballot issue approving a \$739.8 million bond for the St. Vrain Valley School District.
- Section 2: The City Council urges Longmont citizens fully to inform themselves about the ballot issue approving a \$739.8 million bond for the St. Vrain Valley School District.
- Section 3: The City Council urges Longmont citizens to vote "Yes" on the ballot issue approving a \$739.8 million bond for the St. Vrain Valley School District.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY TO VOTE!

Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 5

Visit bouldercounty.gov/elections to register to vote and see locations of ballot drop-off boxes and voting booths, along with other key information!

A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL URGING LONGMONT CITIZENS TO VOTE "YES" ON THE BALLOT ISSUE EXTENDING THE EXISTING TWO-TENTHS OF A CENT OPEN SPACE SALES AND USE TAXES INDEFINITELY, ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 COORDINATED ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance O-2000-41, which passed in November of 2000, City of Longmont Sales and Use Taxes were increased by two-tenths of a cent, or two cents on a \$10 purchase, and the increased revenues were allocated only for open space purposes; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance O-2007-73, the aforementioned tax increment will expire on December 31, 2034, unless the City Council ordains, and the electors approve an extension; and

WHEREAS, an extension would provide additional funds for new open space projects and activities, such as preserving natural areas, wildlife habitats, biodiversity, wetlands, agriculture and visual corridors; designing District Parks devoted to low-impact recreational uses, and providing urban shaping buffer zones between residential and nonresidential developments, and:

WHEREAS, over the past 24 years, Longmont has acquired 30 open spaces, preserving over 3,200 acres of land, including approximately 1,600 acres for local agricultural preservation and holds over 3,000 acres of conservation easements, some of which are held jointly with partners, to protect conservation values on open spaces in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, City Council has concluded that providing and maintaining open spaces to residents is critical to the quality of life in our City indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, without increasing taxes, extending the existing sales tax indefinitely would provide additional funds for new open space projects with certainty of funding; and

WHEREAS, extending the existing two-tenths of a cent open space sales and use tax increment to address the need for open space funding provides a fair and equitable method of allocating the cost for the open space acquisition, improvements, and maintenance among all who benefit from the services and facilities of Longmont, residents and non-residents alike; and

WHEREAS, the Longmont City Council has determined that the proposed ballot question extending the existing City open space sales and use tax indefinitely is in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Longmont City Council has submitted to the registered electors of Longmont the proposed ordinance and ballot question under Sections 2.9 and 9.15 of the Longmont Municipal Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, RESOLVES:

- Section 1: For the reasons stated above, the Longmont City Council supports the ballot issue concerning extending the City's existing open space sales and use tax indefinitely.
- Section 2: The City Council urges Longmont citizens to fully inform themselves about the ballot issue concerning extending the City's existing open space sales and use tax indefinitely.
- Section 3: The City Council urges Longmont citizens to vote "Yes" on the ballot issue concerning extending the City's existing open space sales and use tax indefinitely.

Events include Light Up the Plaza, Small Business Saturday

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'LIGHT UP THE PLAZA' EVENT

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the Library & Civic Center Plaza on Kimbark Street will come alive with music, lights and holiday cheer! Join us to celebrate the Holiday season and light up the plaza and Downtown. We'll have giveaway goody bags

(while supplies last!), craft activities, music, sweet treats and warm drinks beginning at 6 pm, and will light up the plaza trees at about 6:30 pm. And of course you will have an opportunity to visit and take photos with Santa!



Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30, is the biggest and best shopping day of the year, and the perfect reason to Shop Small! Local gifts leave a lasting impression — and there are hundreds of retailers and restaurants in the downtown district.



Festivities include a life-sized snow globe photo opportunity in St. Stephen's Plaza, roaming holiday characters with giveaways for unsuspecting holiday shoppers, and other fun surprises along the way. *Presented by High Country Bank*.

DOWNTOWN LONGMONT GIFT CARDS

Downtown Longmont Gift Cards are the perfect gift for anyone, with more than 80 participating businesses throughout the Downtown neighborhood. Purchase gift cards online at downtownlongmont.com, by calling 303-651-8484, or in-person at 320 Main St.

For more information on these programs, events and everything holidays, call 303-651-8484 or visit downtownlongmont.com/holidays.

DON'T MISS THESE HOLIDAY EVENTS!

Holiday Lights in Roosevelt Park

Roosevelt Park, 700 Longs Peak Ave. <u>longmontcolorado.gov/longmontlights</u> 303-651-8404

Take a stroll or drive around Roosevelt Park and enjoy the beautiful light display from mid-November through early January. Mark your calendars for the annual Longmont Lights holiday celebration and parade on Dec. 13 and 14.

Longmont Lights "Timeless Holiday Tales" Parade

Roosevelt Park & Main Street
longmontcolorado.gov/longmontlights
303-651-8404

Get a head start on your 2024 holiday parade float! Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your organization in lights on Saturday, Dec. 14 during the City of Longmont's annual parade of lights. All parade entries are eligible for prizes. A panel of judges will make their selection before the parade begins, and each winning entry will be awarded a wreath to proudly display along the route. Visit our website for contest judging criteria and application details.

Visit with Santa at the Callahan House

Reservations required (opens mid-November)

Callahan House, 312 Terry St.
longmontcolorado.gov/Callahan
303-776-5191

Visit the beautifully decorated Historic
Callahan House on Friday, Dec. 6 and
tell Santa what you want for Christmas!
Conversations will be alongside Santa with a standbeside-Santa photo opportunity. Bring your own camera
to capture the memories. Spots are limited and fill quickly.
Another Open House to view the decorations (no Santa)
will be offered mid-December.

The Longmont Museum's 9th Annual Holiday Show!

Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 pm & 7 pm Reserved seating: \$32, \$28 members

Longmont's own Bonnie & Taylor Sims join us as hosts and headliners for the ninth installment of our annual holiday tradition. Enjoy classic songs of the season (with a twist) from some of the finest musicians in the region, including friends old and new. Cash bar with signature holiday drink. Visit <u>longmontmuseum.org</u> or call 303-651-8374.

Recreation Events & Updates

Longmont Ice Pavilion

725 8th Ave.

longmontcolorado.gov/ice-pavilion | 303-774-4777

Ice, ice baby! The Longmont Ice Pavilion is open from mid-November through early March, weather permitting. Located in Roosevelt Park, the outdoor seasonal ice rink offers public ice skating, skating lessons and hockey throughout the winter. Private rentals and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Itty Bitty City season ends

St. Vrain Memorial Building, 700 Longs Peak Ave. longmontcolorado.gov/rec | 303-651-8404

Play with the new toys before the season ends! The last Itty Bitty City preschool playtime in 2024 is from 9-11 am Friday, Nov. 22 at the Memorial Building. Snow or shine, our toys are divine! Kids ages 6 months to 5 years have plenty of room to run and play in the gym. Parents must supervise their children. Cost is \$4 per child, and no registration necessary.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Help your City of Longmont Waste Services employees enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday by changing your trash and recycling collection schedule during the week of Thanksgiving!

Collection schedules will be one day early during Thanksgiving Holiday week. Please refer to the table below to make sure you have your collection bins out on time (before 7 am).

Normal Collection Day	Thanksgiving Week Collection Day
Monday	Set bins out before 7 am on Monday, Nov. 25. Collected by end of day.
Tuesday	Set bins out before 7 am on Monday, Nov. 25. Collected by end of Tuesday.
Wednesday	Set bins out before 7 am on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Collected by end of Wednesday.
Thursday	Set bins out before 7 am on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Collected by end of day.

If you have questions or your collection was missed, call 303-651-8416 by Wednesday at 4 pm and Longmont Waste Services staff will schedule a time to pick up your collection.

LONGMONT SISTER CITIES

Apply to become a Longmont Ambassador

Do you know a St. Vrain Valley Schools student who loves to travel and learn about new culture? The City of Longmont offers an incredible experience for SVVSD students to visit our three sister cities: Chino, Japan, Ciudad Guzman, Mexico, and the Northern Arapaho, Wind River Reservation in Wyoming.

Students participate in a short exchange during the summer. Students stay with host families and get to learn about a new place from the people who live there. Program costs are affordable and scholarships are available. Learn more and apply at longmontsistercities.com.

Interested in chaperoning a trip? We are looking for you, too! Learn more and apply at longmontsistercities.com.



KEEP IT CLEAN! USING YOUR PHONE

Use your smartphone to prevent stormwater pollution! A new form developed by the Keep it Clean Partnership makes it easy for Longmont community members to report pollution.

Help City staff identify sources of water pollution to protect waterways in 4 easy steps:

- Learn what to report at keepitcleanpartnership.org/report
- 2. Take a photo when you see pollution
- 3. Access the Report Pollution Form on your phone or computer at keepitcleanpartnership.org/report
- 4. Upload your photo and provide as much detail as possible

Your report will be sent to City Stormwater staff who are trained to identify and mitigate pollution sources to protect our waterways. Thank you for helping us protect our watershed!