

March NGLA meeting

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I attended the NGLA meeting on March 19, 2026 at the City Council chambers.

Neighborhood announcements included What's Going On? meeting about managing energy usage at the Senior Center on March 23 at 6 PM; Longmont Earth Day, April 18, 10-2 at Timberline PreK school; a CSU presentation of tree selection and planting trees at the Fairgrounds, April 25, 9-noon.

Diane Crist mentioned that the Art in Public Places meeting was being held at the same time as this meeting to discuss the new City Flag design and will give a recommendation to the City Council on April 14. The City Council annual retreat will be held March 27-28 which will include, among other things, a sales tax increase. Diane also commented about the State redefining "family" to allow for unrelated people being allowed in single family homes, This item again brings up the incroach into home rule so this may be challenged. The city had a problem with a sex offenders home in a neighborhood last year that would be impacted by this change. Diane also commented that the City has a lot of water stored due to the delay of filling the Windy Gap/Chimney Hollow reservoir so that water usage may not be curtailed too much this summer, though some reductions would be encouraged.

Francie Kirkjaffe from the Sustainability Office did a presentation about what the City is doing. She demonstrated the "Longmont Indicators" website which is used to track Longmont's Sustainability goals. 7 different plan areas are depicted and are shown at the bottom of the main page. Actions shown are updated once or twice a year. Indicators are updated yearly or less often if things don't change much (like the tree canopy project). The Park tab shows every City owned park and what is going on or planned in each park.

Helpful information: 303-651-8416 is the number to call if you see water being wasted (like a business or the City with a lawn sprinkler that is broken or watering the street) or a water line potential break, etc. The email to contact the Sustainability office is: Sustainability@longmontcolorado.gov. The Longmont Indicators is found at <https://indicators.longmontcolorado.gov>.

NAF grant applications will be open starting April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026. Applications will be taken online through a link on the website or on paper submitted in person or by mail. Make sure that estimated budgets are detailed. As a refresher, the City cannot reimburse sales taxes, alcohol, propane or items requiring an open flame (liability issues), purchases that are for personal use, or gift cards. The City is moving away from fillable PDFs due to problems with that applications. For Resource Reservations, online (staff will send a link with NAF approval or upon request) or on paper (submit in person or by mail). They have some new items for kids and white boards. Give staff 3 weeks notice for translation and flyer/yard sign design requests. If an NGLA representative is not pickup up items, give them the name of the person that is picking stuff up. Can reserve a maximum of 3 tents.

Upcoming educational meetings:

HOA Common Mistakes when drafting rules, March 25, 2026, 6:30-8:30 Longmont Senior Center, Rooms D&E.

Registration: www.longmontcolorado.gov/NLS

Longmont Rain Barrel Workshops, March 26, 5:30 at City Council Chamber, or March 28, 10 AM at Longmont Public Library. Registration at <https://www.keepitcleanpartnership.org/rainbarrel>

Mediation Strategies for HOA and Community Association Disputes, March 30, 2026, 10-11:30 AM, Longmont Civic Chambers. Registration: contact staff at CNR@longmontcolorado.gov

Sustainability Cafe, April 8, 2025, 6:30-8:30, Longmont Civic Center, Council Chambers. [Registration: CNR@longmontcolorado.gov](mailto:CNR@longmontcolorado.gov)

Public Safety Class: Phone Wise-Navigating Safety in the Digital World for Kids, April 8, 5:30 PM, City Council Chambers, Free event, no registration needed.

Connect Longmont 2026: City Open House, April 22, 2026, 4-7 PM, Longmont Senior Center. Not a NLS Session but attendees will receive an NLS credit. Registration: www.longmontcolorado.gov/NLS

CSU and SRL-Tree Selection and planting workshop for HOA leaders. April 25 2026, 9 AM, Boulder County Fairgrounds. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tree-selection-and-planting-tickets-1984651054730?aff+oddtcreator>

Community Conversations. Purpose - to review our definition of neighborhoods, understand current needs and strengths, explore ideas from other places that could work in Longmont. HOA conversation Dates: (note- there are other dates available for independent Neighborhoods)

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Location: Longmont Senior Center, 6-8 PM. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/g/gDQeuk4yzi>