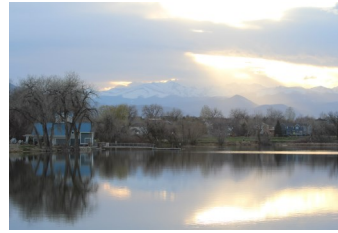


Welcome to Lafayette, Colorado



HISTORY OF LAFAYETTE Lafayette and Mary Miller were among the thousands of immigrants to make their homes along the front range of the Rocky Mountains in 1862. They originally stopped in a small settlement, now known as Longmont, and two years later made their permanent home in the present site of Lafayette. Mr. Miller died in 1877, leaving his wife to raise six small children on her own. In 1884, the richest vein of coal in the Boulder Valley was discovered on the Miller Ranch. Mary Miller platted a 150-acre town site in 1888 and named it Lafayette, after her late husband. The town was incorporated in 1889 and continued to flourish for the next 50 years in an economy based on coal mining. When the coal industry declined, Lafayette relied on agriculture for its continuing prosperity. As Denver and Boulder grew, Lafayette became primarily a residential community and remained as such until fairly recently.

TODAY IN LAFAYETTE Today, City officials are actively seeking expansion of the community's commercial and industrial base, with an emphasis on quality development and service provision. Citizens of today's Lafayette value their heritage, unique neighborhoods, vibrant economy and active lifestyles. The City Council envisions a future that mixes small town livability with balanced growth and superior technologies. This town of 29,000 offers the best in education, recreation, climate, health care, and community services. Farms can be found within and surrounding the town, where you can choose your own life style. Attractive, well cared for neighborhoods offer housing choices to meet almost everyone's needs. Lafayette has carefully set aside greenbelts, bikeways, parks, and open space to preserve the natural atmosphere of this city.

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT Most of Lafayette's work force is employed within the immediate Metro area. There are several major employers and employment opportunities within the city.

EMPLOYERS WITHIN LAFAYETTE

Good Samaritan Medical Center	1500
City of Lafayette	330
UFP Lafayette	285
Imagine!	250
Wal-Mart	189
Rocky Mountain Instruments	150
GE Dharmacon	140
Ball Aerospace	110
King Soopers	120

MAJOR AREA EMPLOYERS

University of Colorado	7759
IBM	4000
Major Area Hospitals	4290
Sun/Oracle	3387
Ball Corporation	3000
Level 3 Communications	2000
Seagate Technology	1500
Valley lab	1300
Amgen	1250

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 • *For employment opportunities, contact* •
 • *local employment agencies and* •
 • *subscribe to local newspapers. Also* •
 • *check out Job* •
 • *opportunities at the City of Lafayette,* •
 • *303-661-1251 or* •
 • *www.cityoflafayette.com* •
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COMMUNITY & CITY SERVICES

City Government: The City of Lafayette is governed by a charter adopted in 1958. Under this charter, a Council form of government was established. The Council is comprised of seven members, all elected at-large. The Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem are selected from the Council by the membership. **City of Lafayette** 303-665-5588 (Administration, Finance, Planning/Building, City Clerk, Water Service)

City of Lafayette Website: www.cityoflafayette.com

Boulder County Information Line 303-441-3000. **Colorado State Information Line** 303-866-5000.

Other Helpful Numbers for Utilities / Communications / Services

CABLE: Cable service provided through Comcast Cable, 303-776-6600.

TELEPHONE: Call local providers.

WATER: Provided by the City of Lafayette. Call 303-665-5588 for hook-up.

GAS/ELECTRICITY: Natural gas and electricity are provided by Xcel Energy, 800-895-4999.

GARBAGE/TRASH PICK UP: Call the City of Lafayette, 303-665-5588.

RECYCLING: Eco-Cycle, 303-444-6634. Local trash haulers offer curbside recycling. **HOTLINE** 303-231-9972.

POSTAL SERVICE: The Lafayette Post Office is located at 605 South Public Road. The national phone number is 1-800-275-8777.

NEWSPAPERS: Lafayette community news is covered by the weekly Colorado Hometown Weekly, 303-666-6576. Three daily papers also serve the area - The Daily Camera, 303-442-1202; Times-Call, 303-776-2244; The Denver Post, 303-832-3232.

For Colorado Reservation Service (lodging info. throughout Colorado) call 1-800-777-6880. To contact Colorado Travel & Tourism Authority call 1-800-COLORAD or go to www.colorado.com.

AIR QUALITY: Wood burning is prohibited on days that are determined to be high pollution days by the Colorado Department of Health. Call the Clean Air Campaign 24-hour hotline for daily air quality reports at 303-758-4848.

HOSPITAL/MEDICAL SERVICES: IN LAFAYETTE: *Community Medical Center* at 303-666-4357; *Good Samaritan Medical Center* at 303-689-4000 and *Clinica Campesina* at 303-665-9310. IN LOUISVILLE: *Avista Adventist Hospital* at 303-673-1000.

IN BOULDER: *Boulder Community Health* at 303-415-7439

LIVING IN LAFAYETTE You will discover a forward thinking and growing community that takes pride in its small town atmosphere. We are a community of 27,000 nestled in the rolling hills of Colorado's magnificent Front Range. Location is one of Lafayette's major assets. Found in southeast Boulder County, Lafayette is 18 miles north of Denver and 10 miles east of Boulder. We are close enough to these metro cities to enjoy their entertainment and amenities, but still far enough away to keep our distinct home town feeling and that quality of life that we all treasure.

POPULATION				
2018	1995	1990	1985	1980
29,787	17,616	14,708	13,323	8,985

DEMOGRAPHICS

Elevation: 5,300 feet
Median age: 39.7
Median income: \$79,390
Education: High School Graduates- 84%
 College Graduates- 34%

CLIMATE

Mean Temperatures: (Degrees Fahrenheit)
 Jan 29.5 Apr 47.7
 Jul 72.0 Oct 52.6
 Annual Average Humidity: 45%
 Days of Sunshine: 275 days/year
 Inches of Rain: 15.5/year
 Growing Season: 148 Days

HOUSING Diverse housing options are available in Lafayette. Lafayette residents display pride in their community. Well-kept neighborhoods, tree-lined streets, and carefully planned parks and open space form transitions between all the neighborhoods in Lafayette. Home prices range from \$140,000 to \$1,000,000, with the average home price at \$350,000. In addition to single family homes, there are many townhouse, condominium and apartment communities as well as four mobile home parks. Contact local Realtors and the local paper for availability. Go to www.lafayettecolorado.com for a listing of member Realtors.

TAXES Local Property Tax: Taxes on residential and commercial property are levied against a taxable or "assessed" value. Residential assessment is 10% of assessed value and commercial assessment is 29% of assessed value. In Lafayette, an annual property tax of 76.617 mills (\$1.00 of tax per \$1000 of assessed value) is levied on real and personal property. The following example illustrates the calculation of property taxes. A \$200,000 house would have a taxable or assessed value of \$20,000 (\$200,000 X 10%) X 76.617 mills or about \$1512 in annual taxes.

Local Sales Tax: Sales and use taxes levied in Lafayette total 8.40%.

State Income Taxes:

Corporate Rate - 4.63% of Federal taxable income
 Individual Rate - 4.63% of Federal taxable income

TRANSPORTATION

AIR SERVICE

Denver International Airport—30 Minutes
 Boulder Municipal Airport—20 Minutes
 Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport—10 Minutes

BUS SERVICE

Regional Transportation District (RTD) connects Lafayette with Louisville, Broomfield, Longmont, Boulder and Denver.
 303-628-9000

REGISTRATIONS & LICENSING

Driver's Licenses can be obtained at Driver's License Bureau, 2850 Iris, Boulder, 303-442-3006 or 917 Main St., Unit 600 in Longmont, 303-776-4073.

Voter Registration To vote in Colorado, you must be 18 years old, a resident of Colorado, living and registered in your precinct 32 days prior to an election, and a US citizen by birth or naturalization. Boulder County Annex, 1376 Miners Drive Lafayette, CO 80026, 303-413-7710.

Pet Licensing must be obtained from the City of Lafayette, 1290 S. Public Rd., Lafayette, 303-665-5588. Proof of current rabies vaccinations is required. A Leash Law and Pooper-Scooper law are also in effect and strictly enforced in Lafayette.

Emissions Testing is required by Colorado state law. All emissions testing is done by Envirotest Systems Corp. Call the Air Care Colorado hotline at 303-456-7090 or on the internet at www.aircarecolorado.com for information on testing center locations, hours of operation, cost, etc.

Auto Registration / Titles Although these are two separate documents, in Colorado the information, applications, and fees for both can be accomplished in one process. If transferring from another state, you will need to provide the following information: Certificate of Title for the vehicle; Current registration VIN verification via a dealer, emissions-testing station or law-enforcement agency; Emissions test requirement.

License Plates & Tags must be obtained within five days of establishing residency or employment. A \$1000 fine will be levied if plates are not obtained within 30 days. Before obtaining Colorado plates, you must have verification of your vehicle's motor and serial numbers, your title or vehicle registration and an emissions-inspection sticker. Fees are based on your vehicle's weight, age and taxable value. These registrations, as well as temporary permits, assessor's records and marriage licenses may be obtained at The Boulder County Annex, 1376 Miners Dr. Lafayette, CO 80026, 303-413-7710.

EVENTS IN LAFAYETTE: Oatmeal Fest—January, July 4th Celebration, Peach Fest—August, Brew Fest—September. For information about all these Chamber/Community Events, go to www.lafayettecolorado.com

Art Nights Out in Downtown Lafayette—2nd Fridays May thru September—go to www.cityoflafayette.com



EDUCATION Lafayette is proud to be part of the widely recognized Boulder Valley School District whose goal is to ensure excellent academic growth for students. Lifelong learning is the goal and every child is encouraged to reach his or her highest potential. Educational opportunities in Lafayette include nationally acclaimed day care and preschools, four elementary schools, an award-winning middle school, a recently expanded high school, K-12 Charter School and a private college preparatory school. The Administrative offices of Boulder Valley Schools can be reached at 303-447-1010/www.bvsd.org.

CHILD CARE We suggest that you contact Children's Services for free referral services at 303-441-3180.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES Lafayette is surrounded by more than a dozen top-notch educational institutions in technical and vocational fields. All are located nearby in Boulder, Denver, Greeley, Fort Collins, and Colorado Springs.

Aims Community College	University of Colorado	Colorado Christian University
Arapahoe Community College	Colorado Aero Tech	Colorado School of Mines
Colorado College	Colorado Institute of Art	Community College of Denver
Colorado State University	Colorado Technical University	Front Range Community College
Denver Paralegal Institute	Denver Technical College	Pikes Peak Community College
Metropolitan State University	Naropa University	
Regis University	Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design	
United States Air Force Academy	University of Denver	
University of Colorado-Denver	University of Northern Colorado	

RECREATION Recreational opportunities abound in Lafayette. The award-winning **Bob L. Burger Recreation Center** features a 4-pool aquatics area, a lazy river ride, a 150 foot waterslide, and a fitness atrium with extensive free-weights, Cybex machines, LifeCycles, and other cardiovascular machines. Other amenities include racquetball courts, an indoor oval running track, a multi-purpose meeting room equipped with kitchen, and a sauna, steam, and whirlpool area. Visitors may purchase a daily pass, a punch card, or an extended use membership. For information call 303-665-0469.

Lafayette has 17 city parks ranging from neighborhood playgrounds to large community parks: **Waneka Lake** has picnic facilities and a jogging-fitness trail; **LaMont Does Park** includes an outdoor water park/ pool open during the summer months. Call 303-673-9207, picnic and play areas, tennis courts, and athletic fields. Call the Parks & recreation Dept. at 303-665-4206, for more information.

The following amenities are the responsibility of the Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department. For information on any of these facilities, please call them at 303-665-4206.

BALL FIELDS Lafayette has two ball field areas. LaMont Does field is an adult softball field offering summer and fall leagues and is open to the public during off hours. Phone 303-673-9135 for more info. City Park fields are located next to the Rec. Center and offer summer youth T-Ball, baseball and softball for kids ages 4-14 and is open to the public during off hours.

GOLF The City of Lafayette operates **Indian Peaks Golf Course**, an 18-hole regulation course designed by golf champion Hale Irwin. The facility, which is located at Baseline Rd. and 95th St./Hwy. 42, features a full pro shop, snack bar, and driving range. For more information call the golf course pro shop at 303-666-4706.

IN-LINE HOCKEY RINK Lafayette's full-sized outdoor in-line hockey rink is located next to the Recreation Center and is open to the public, offering league hours, drop-in times for youths and adults, and limited rental times.

MUSEUM The Lafayette Miners' Museum, located at 108 E. Simpson St., contains a wealth of information concerning the town of Lafayette from the early days of its pioneer heritage, through the coal mining years, to the present. It is open to the public Thursdays and Saturdays from 2—4 PM, or by appointment. Visitors are welcome. Phone 303-665-7030 for more information.

LAFAYETTE SENIOR CENTER The Lafayette Senior Center, 103 S. Iowa St., 303-665-9052, offers a wide variety of programs and services for the promotion of health, wellness, recreation, and social activities for adults 55 years and older. The center also offers consultations to seniors, caregivers and families to help find resources and meet a variety of needs.

WANEKA LAKE BOAT HOUSE offers canoe and paddle boats for rent from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Electric boats are available for seniors or people with disabilities. Please call 303-673-9124 for more information.

SKATE PARK The state of the art skate park includes: three bowls, a snake run ditch, a manhole cover punching skyward from the concrete, and a plaza with railings, granite hubbas and marble ledges is located next to the Recreation Center and is open to the public.

Other amenities in Lafayette include the **YMCA** which contains an indoor ice-skating/hockey rink, gymnasiums and a fitness center (Call 303-664-5455), and Coal Creek/Rock Creek Corridor. All throughout Boulder County outdoor enthusiasts can take advantage of hiking, biking, skiing, fishing, boating, horse-back riding and more. Many choices await area residents when it comes to arts and entertainment. Big name performers, theater, museums, amusement parks, the symphony and opera present a never-ending array of things to do and see all year long...and all within a short drive from Lafayette.

For information about tourism and attractions in Colorado check out these links:

www.colorado.com

Colorado Vacation Directory: **www.theCVD.com**

Colorado Travel & Rec. Directory: **www.travel-recreation.com**

Camp Colorado: **www.campcolorado.com**

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