

# ***History of Longmont***

## **Did you know?**

- Longmont named one of the "Best Places to Live" in 2006 and 2008
- Longmont was also awarded "[All-America City](#)" in 2006
- According to the Software & Information Industry Association, the Boulder/Longmont area has the highest concentration of software-related jobs in the nation.
- Compared to the other cities in [Boulder County](#), Longmont has the highest number of people who both live and work in the city.
- Astronaut Vance Brand was born in Longmont, and graduated from Longmont High School.
- The [first store](#) to carry the JC Penney name was located in Longmont.
- An expedition, headed by Major Stephen H. Long, explored the area's St. Vrain River valley in 1820. The word "Longmont" is a combination of his name and "mont" from the French word for mountain.
- The City of Longmont was founded in 1871 by members of the Chicago Colony who settled in the valley.

## Longmont Named One of the "Best Places to Live"



The residents of Longmont won't be surprised to learn that Longmont was named one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live in the United States twice - once in 2006 and again in 2008. The Top 100 Best Places to Live as designated by Money Magazine, searches for small livable cities that had the best possible blend of good jobs, low crime, quality schools, plenty of open space, rational home prices and lots to do.

In 2006, Longmont made the list at number 61; in 2008 it made the list at number 50. To see the complete article, please visit their website at:

<http://money.cnn.com> and click on "Best Places to Live."

<http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/about/index.htm>