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Indicative of the coal miners that first settled in the area in 1878, generations of Louisville citizens have embodied the prospecting spirit it takes to shape the community into what it is today – a City that is equal parts desirable as a place to live, work and play. Perhaps that is why since 2009, Money Magazine has five times named Louisville amongst the Best Places to Live.

That’s an achievement that doesn’t come by accident. It comes from building a community where people want to live and raise a family because they feel not only welcome and safe, but also intellectually challenged and creatively inspired. From its small-town, walkable community charm, to a thriving and diverse employment base and 1,700 acres of open space, Louisville is appealing on so many levels.

And, as noted in Money Magazine, “Add in dry, clear weather, little crime, good health care, low taxes, and Louisville is pretty tough to beat.”
As a home rule municipality with more than 400 employees to serve its citizenry, the City delivers a wide range of core services and operates several public facilities like the Louisville Public Library, Recreation/Senior Center, Historical Museum and Center for the Arts. But these facilities are just a few of the amenities that contribute to the quality of life valued by the residents. In a citizen survey, 78 percent of the respondents rated Louisville as an “excellent” place to live.

The City is committed to preserving the natural beauty of Colorado. About 26 percent of the City’s land area is dedicated to open space, parks and public spaces that are maintained by the City. This includes 32 miles of trails spread throughout the community and the Coal Creek Golf Course with its abundant water features and sweeping views of the Flatirons.

Louisville’s Recreation/Senior Center and Memory Square Pool offer many recreation services. Both facilities are expanding and receiving much-needed upgrades thanks to the $28.6 million initiative passed by the citizens in 2016. These improvements will double the size of the existing facilities, with enhancements to the aquatic areas, strength and cardio fitness areas and senior and youth centers.
The heartbeat of Louisville is the hometown feel of Historic Main Street that provides the ever-present link to the community’s modest beginnings as a mining and agricultural town. With more than 100 businesses, art galleries and restaurants, this historic business district is a focal gathering point that attracts people from near and far.

Louisville also offers accessibility to world-class healthcare facilities like Avista Adventist Hospital and a quality public school system. Avista offers more than 500 physicians on staff and a full range of medical specialties. As part of the Boulder Valley School District, Louisville schools offer open enrollment and consistently rank among the top in the state in standardized assessment tests.
Throughout the year, Louisville is home to various special events and celebrations that help bring people together and contribute to the small-town character of the community.

Each summer, the Louisville Street Faire brings an added level of excitement to Historic Main Street on Friday nights with live music, food and drink and children’s activities. The City’s Fourth of July celebration includes patriotic music, food, children’s games and activities, and of course, fireworks. And each Labor Day, thousands gather for Louisville’s biggest celebration of the year – the Fall Festival and Labor Day Parade. With a children’s pet parade and homemade pie contest, the Fall Festival truly embodies the Louisville spirit.

The Louisville Cultural Council also brings a host of live music, performing arts and other cultural activities to the community including the summer Concerts in the Park music series and stage performances at the Louisville Center for the Arts.

Additionally, the Louisville Arts District’s First Friday Art Walk attracts people to the downtown galleries each month, the Louisville Farmers Market is open every Saturday from late spring to early fall, and each year concludes with the Parade of Lights celebration presented by the Louisville Chamber of Commerce that features visits with Santa, carolers, ice skating and the holiday parade.
Louisville offers a multitude of transportation options within the City, and its convenient location along US 36 makes it easy to reach downtown Denver and neighboring Boulder. Infrastructure investments like the McCaslin Diverging Diamond Interchange, City-wide road reconstruction and pavement improvement project and a system of hiking and biking trails make it easy to get from one part of town to another.

From a regional perspective, the Northwest Parkway offers direct access to Denver International Airport, and the Regional Transportation District’s Flatiron Flyer rapid bus transit service that runs between Denver and Boulder includes a stop in Louisville. The US 36 bikeway that connects Boulder with Westminster also passes right through Louisville.

The managed/express lanes along US 36 also offer another commuting option when it comes to traveling by car between Boulder and downtown Denver.
Louisville's transportation network makes it a prime attraction for employers, as well as the availability of a highly educated workforce (more than 70 percent of the City's residents have a bachelor's degree and nearly 35 percent have an advanced degree).

There are a wide range of industries that call Louisville home – from high tech and biomedical to aerospace engineering and manufacturing. This creates a wealth of local employment opportunities. More than 14,000 people work in Louisville, and the average earnings across all industries in the City was $79,400 in 2016.

The mix of large industry with sole proprietor retail operations and home-based businesses, make for a healthy mix of local income generators. Add to that the business support services provided by the City's Economic Development Department, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Association, and the economic future of Louisville shines bright.

A great indicator of Louisville's strength as a community also comes from what “outsiders” say about us. In addition to the honors bestowed upon the City in recent years by Money Magazine, Louisville was named one of the 20 safest places to live in Colorado by Elite Personal Finance, and in 2012, Family Circle Magazine recognized Louisville amongst the 10 Best Towns for Families in the U.S.