



The [Longmont EDP Board](#), recently held their 2024 retreat, to identify priorities for our organization. We also welcomed our newest Board member, Councilmember Diane Crist, whose interests and expertise will be a tremendous asset going forward. The level of enthusiasm and support of this incredible group of community leaders is inspiring. The Board is looking forward to continuing to support a strong and vibrant economy in Longmont; key themes were alignment, coordination, and focus. Specifically, there is interest in ensuring our vision aligns with the evolving needs of our dynamic community; the Board will continue to focus on supporting primary industry, attracting and retaining needed talent, and coordinating with the City of Longmont, our investors, and other organizations to provide support to Longmont's business community. We will also have an opportunity to hear from the City Council at their retreat on February 9th about their priorities for economic development. I'm excited for the year ahead!

I'm also looking forward to the upcoming Advance Longmont Economic Summit, which will be held at the Longmont Museum on February 27th. We are bringing together an incredible program that will include discussions on the state of industry in Longmont, economic and demographic trends, and Longmont's regional strengths and opportunities. I am particularly excited about our keynote presentation, which will be delivered by Liza Adams. She will speak about the transformative impacts of Artificial Intelligence on customer behaviors and business practices, including benefits across key industries and the importance of responsible integration.

I hope you can join us for a morning of key insights to guide you through 2024. I look forward to creating new connections and networking with some of the brightest minds in Longmont and the region. Tickets are still available [on-line](#).

Sincerely,

Erin Fosdick
President & CEO

2024 ADVANCE LONGMONT ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Tuesday, February 27th
8am - 12pm
Longmont Museum

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Investor Spotlight

The logo for The Weitz Company, featuring the word 'WEITZ' in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol, set against a dark blue rounded rectangular background.

We're grateful to The Weitz Company for their investment in the Longmont Economic Development Partnership. With a legacy of construction excellence and a commitment to client satisfaction, The Weitz Company's support signifies a powerful vote of confidence in Longmont's economic future. Their innovative design-build approach and steadfast integrity make them not just a contributor but a key partner in our mission for community growth. Thank you, The Weitz Company, for helping us build a stronger Longmont. <https://www.weitz.com/>



HIGH PLAINS BANK
Employee Owned • Community Driven



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High Plains Bank has launched its trust, estate, investment services, and loan departments in a renovated downtown Longmont building. The staff moved in late December, and the bank hosted a ribbon-cutting event on January 19.

Located at 385 Main St., the early 1900s building was renovated over 18 months after being bought in 2022. High Plains Bank CEO John Creighton highlighted the location's significance in Longmont's community. The project involved collaborations with Thomas Moore Architects, KCI Construction, and support from the Longmont Downtown Development Association. Opened in November 2022, the trust and investment department, led by Jane Cox, offers a range of services and boasts over 85 years of combined experience. Cox emphasized the department's commitment to community service and client needs.

The Main St. facility operates weekdays, with trust offices on the first floor and the loan department upstairs.

 **News**



Redwire Expands Footprint in Longmont

[Redwire Corporation](#) has launched a new 26,000 square-foot manufacturing facility in Longmont, Colorado, enhancing its space infrastructure capabilities. This expansion increases Redwire's operational space in Longmont by 70%, totaling nearly 65,000 square feet, and includes advanced RF testing chambers. The facility will boost production of space-based antenna

hardware and deployable structures for both government and commercial use in low-Earth orbit and beyond.

Redwire's President of Space Systems, Adam Biskner, highlighted the facility's role in tripling hardware output for over 50 spacecraft in a national security constellation. The Longmont site also focuses on Link 16 antennas for national security satellites and deployable structures like NASA's Solar Cruiser solar sail.

The opening event on January 30 featured technology demos and speeches from aerospace and defense leaders, with a livestream available online. Redwire, a key player in global space infrastructure, employs 700 staff across 14 locations, driving innovation for civil, commercial, and national security space missions.

Colorado Semiconductor Workforce and Innovation Forum Highlights

CU Boulder recently partnered with the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade to host the Colorado Semiconductor Workforce and Innovation Forum. This event brought together leaders from academia, industry, and government to discuss the state's semiconductor ecosystem and workforce development. Governor Jared Polis emphasized the importance of collaboration for maintaining Colorado's leading role in the semiconductor sector, noting the state's established R&D and manufacturing presence and its status as a national hub.

Colorado, ranking fifth in innovation intensity, is home to 19 semiconductor facilities and major companies like Intel, Micron, and Nvidia, highlighting its significant industry footprint. The forum also addressed the crucial role of semiconductors in modern technology and the national push to enhance U.S. semiconductor R&D and workforce through the [CHIPS and Science Act](#).

Discussions led by CU Boulder's Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Massimo Ruzzene, and NSF's Erwin Gianchandani, focused on accelerating innovation and expanding the semiconductor workforce, underscoring the need for diverse talent in the field.



City Updates

Longmont's Transportation Mobility Plan

The City of Longmont has started a year-long process to craft a Transportation Mobility Plan (TMP), which will guide the future of transportation and they want local businesses and industry to be involved! There are upcoming opportunities to share your input on-line and through direct outreach at the Economic Summit.

The project team is seeking broad community input through a [survey](#) and an [on-line story map](#). These are also both available through the project website. For more information on the TMP, go to <https://bit.ly/TMP-Longmont>.

The team will also have a presence at this year's [Economic Summit](#) to seek feedback about transportation and mobility in Longmont and how it impacts business. Their involvement at the summit is part of a robust public engagement process to understand current transportation conditions and challenges, develop a vision and goals for a transportation future that equitably and safely serves all Longmont users, and set a path to meeting the city's sustainability objectives.

Through broad and inclusive community input and data-driven analysis, this project will develop a transformational TMP with a prioritized list of future transportation capital improvement projects, policies, and programs. Make sure your input and ideas are heard in this important effort!

NextLight Wins PC Magazine's "Top Tech Brand" Award

Great news for Longmont —NextLight has been awarded the "Top Tech Brand" by PC Magazine, thanks to the overwhelming support from residents and businesses! PC Magazine, which usually focuses on product reviews, made an exception for NextLight following its exceptional performance in the Readers' Choice Awards, where it received an Honorable Mention and high praise for customer satisfaction, with an average Net Promoter Score of 99.0.

This recognition reflects NextLight's commitment to delivering top-quality internet service that significantly benefits our community, supported by reliable and friendly customer service.

Valerie Dodd, Executive Director, expresses a huge thank you to everyone in Longmont for their support, making NextLight a community highlight. For those yet to join, they're offering a free month of gigabit service and a trial of their Wi-Fi 6 router for superior home internet. Referring friends also gets you \$50 off your next bill!

Advance Longmont Ecosystem Updates

EforAll / EparaTodos Spring Pitch Contest

The EforAll/EparaTodos Longmont staff is thrilled to announce our Spring Pitch Contests, offering a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative ideas and connect with the community.

EforAll's Pitch Contests are dynamic two-hour events that provide a platform for entrepreneurs at various stages - whether you're just fleshing out a business idea, scaling a hobby, or looking to grow an existing business. Open to all near an EforAll/EparaTodos community, these contests are designed to accommodate a diverse range of industries.

In these contests, selected entrepreneurs will have the chance to pitch their business ideas to a panel of judges and also set up a table to showcase their products or services. This format allows for both presentation and direct engagement with an audience who actively participates by voting to award cash prizes, making it a perfect environment for gaining exposure, valuable feedback, and community interaction.

Join us in celebrating the spirit of entrepreneurship in Longmont. Whether you're pitching, showcasing, or cheering on the participants, your involvement makes these events a cornerstone of community-driven innovation.

Event Details:

- English Pitch Contest: Date & Time: Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 | 6 PM – 8 PM
 - Location: TBA
 - [More info & apply here](#)
- Spanish Pitch Contest: Date & Time: Thursday, March 21st, 2024 | 6 PM – 8 PM
 - Location: TBA
 - [More info & apply here](#)

Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce Business Needs Survey

Our partners at the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce are seeking input from Longmont businesses! Please consider completing their business needs surveys, which they are administering to strengthen the local business community and drive positive change! This annual survey guides the Chamber's actions. [Take the survey.](#)



Featured Property

The Campus @ Longmont



1200 S Fordham St, Longmont, CO 80503

Industrial / Flex space for lease in The Campus at Longmont. Nextlight and CenturyLink fiber available, 5 loading docks, 1600 amp 480v 3-phase power, floor drain, on-site property management, courtyards, and outdoor volleyball courts, located in an amenity-rich community, within blocks of Village at the Peaks, seven hotels, five breweries and numerous restaurants, banks, and retail.

Contact Hunter Barto at hbarto@deancallan.com



Events

Click on the blue links to register. Be sure to add these upcoming events to your calendar!

February 9: Longmont Chamber of Commerce: Business Before Hours

7:30 am | Fairfield Inn & Suites

For you early risers, here is your opportunity to network before work and enjoy a delicious breakfast while visiting a variety of businesses throughout Longmont. [Register on-line](#)

February 12: Longmont EDP Q1 All Investor Board Meeting

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | The Advance Longmont Center

Welcome all LEDP investors and board members to our quarterly lunch meeting.

February 15: Latino Chamber of Commerce of BoCo: Financial Wellness for Women Entrepreneurs

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | [Zoom Link](#)

Our amazing panelists will be talking to us about topics that are crucial for women entrepreneurs to know about in order to have a successful business. Topics will include:

- Our relationship with money as women
- Spending Plan & Budgeting Rules
- Suggestions for business financial planning and budgeting
- Tips for managing business finances and personal finances effectively
- Savings vs Investing

February 20: Longmont Open Coffee Club Entrepreneur Meetup

8:00 am - 9:00 am | Advance Longmont Center

Free! Join local entrepreneurs as they network over coffee! [Register on-line](#)

February 21: Book of Lists Launch Party featuring Most-Influential Business Leaders, presented by BizWest

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Candlelight Dinner Playhouse, Johnstown, CO

BizWest will unveil the 2024 Book of Lists at a special celebration, recognizing businesses that rank at the top of their industries. Join us for drinks and heavy appetizers at this exciting B2B event, which also honors the Most-Influential Business Leaders. [Register on-line](#)

February 22: Boulder Area Sector Partnership: Tech Talent: Boulder/Broomfield-Q1

12:00 pm | 3002 Bluff St #100, Boulder, CO 80301

Our first IT/Technology sector partnership meeting of 2024 held by Rule4! Join us in welcoming the new year and continuing to grow industry partnerships here in Boulder. [Register on-line](#)

February 23: Prosper Longmont Coalition

10:00 am | Virtual prosperlongmont.org

Prosper Longmont is an initiative designed to advocate for a Longmont that thrives and whose residents and workers prosper through a balanced approach to the creation of attainable housing that ensures the needs of our current generation are met without compromising our future.

February 26: Commercial Brokers of Boulder and Longmont Happy Hour

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Longs Peak Pub & Taphouse

Reserve the 3rd Monday of each month (except observed holidays) to meet after hours with brokers, title companies, bankers, and anyone interested in expanding their network and learning more about commercial real estate.

February 27, 2024: LEDP Advance Longmont Economic Summit

Save the Date for the Longmont Economic Development Partnership's annual Economic Summit held at the Longmont Museum & Cultural Center Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Stay tuned for additional details. [Register Here](#)

February 28, 2024: Longmont Chamber of Commerce Jubilee Business Excellence Awards and Member Celebration

This gala event features pre- and post-show networking, an exciting production to celebrate businesses and individuals, and a preview of 2024 at the Longmont Chamber. [Register on-line](#)

Looking for additional events in Longmont this month? Visit Longmont has you covered!
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Looking for additional business networking opportunities?
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