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Colorado Springs

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OVER 350 HOMES SOLD

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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our mission and vision as business professionals is to provide an experience that is not only fulfilling for our clients but one that focuses on the importance and idea that "everyone deserves a place to call home".

In addition, we will provide exemplary guidance for our business partners to achieve their financial goals, whether that means creating opportunities, finding opportunities, or creating financial freedom through real estate.

We will achieve this by putting ethics, professionalism, integrity and compassion behind every phone call, every email, every text, every smile. Our goal is to strive for excellence and achieve greatness.

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COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs is a beautiful place to call home with numerous outdoor activities, home to the U.S. Olympic Training Center, U.S. Olympic Committee, Team USA, and the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. With a backdrop of America's Mountain, Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs has amazing views across the city with easy access to Denver, mountain communities, and so much more!

Metro Population: 755,105

El Paso County Sheriff's Office: <u>https://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/</u> Colorado Springs Government: <u>https://coloradosprings.gov/police-department/page/your-neighborhood</u> Colorado Springs Chamber: <u>https://coloradospringschamberedc.com/</u>



DOWNTOWN Colorado Springs https://downtowncs.com/





Colorado Springs is named #4 for best places to live from the US News & World Report 2020-21. It was also named #1 in best places to move/start a business in Colorado in 2019 by Colorado Biz. Furthermore, Colorado Springs has the #1 most confident workforce in the nation according to LinkedIn in 2020. The key industries of Colorado Springs, Colorado include aerospace & defense, healthcare & medtech, IT & cybersecurity, manufacturing, and sports.

A wave of new businesses, hotels, apartments, and venues has swept over Colorado Springs including well-known brands such as Hilton, Hyatt, and Marriott. Multiple restaurants have found their homes here as well like Denver Biscuit Co., Fat Sully's Pizza, In-N-Out, and more. Some brand new apartments include 333 FCO and Blue Dot Place. The newest venue that opened is the official Switchbacks Stadium, Weidner Field. There is so much growth and opportunity in Colorado Springs to enjoy.

Colorado Springs https://coloradosprings.gov/flycos Airport

The Colorado Springs Airport, nicknamed Colorado's small airport, is a three-level, 12 gate terminal airport that opened in 1994. Their different airlines include American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Southwest and United Airlines. Being a small airport means that there are smaller lines, smaller waits and smaller walks. If you want a low-stress travel experience, Colorado Springs Airport has you covered.



Colorado Springs https://usopm.org/ Olympic City USA



U.S. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MUSEUM

The US Olympic and Paralympic Museum is located in Downtown Colorado Springs and is open seven days a week for general admission.

Colorado Springs is home to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Headquarter, 20+ National Olympic Governing Bodies, over 50 National Sport Organizations, the Colorado Springs Olympic and Paralympic Training Center, and of course, the US Olympic and Paralympic Museum located in Downtown Colorado Springs. Many athletes and coaches have consistently recognized Colorado Springs as the epicenter of all U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements.





Colorado Springs

TripAdvisor Rankings: Top 25 Attractions in the U.S.

NATURAL WONDERS

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PIKES PEAK

Pikes Peak, the backdrop of Colorado Springs, is known as "America's Mountain," and soars at an elevation of 14,115 feet. It is located in Pike National Forest and is named after the explorer, Lt. Zebulon Pike.

https://www.pikes-peak.com/

THE BROADMOOR SEVEN FALLS

This wonder was opened in the early 1880s and features seven waterfalls cascading down 181 feet. The Broadmoor Seven Falls offers zip lining, hiking, shopping, and much more.





https://www.gardenofgods.com/

https://www.broadmoor.com/ broadmoor-adventures/seven-falls/

GARDEN OF THE GODS

A registered National Natural Landmark, the Garden of the Gods is composed of up to 300 foot rock formations comprising 1,300 acres with a backdrop of Pikes Peak.

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Colorado Springs offers public, private, online schooling, and much more for all grades as well as higher education opportunities for all.

EDUCATION

https://www.coloradocollege.edu/



COLORADO COLLEGE

Colorado College was founded in 1874. It is a private liberal arts college located in Colorado Springs, CO. The current total number of undergraduate enrollments is 2,099.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, Colorado Springs

UCCS is a public research university. It is one of four of the campuses that make up the University of Colorado system. UCCS was founded in 1965. 12,000 students currently attend UCCS.

https://www.ppcc.edu/



PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Pikes Peak Community College is a public community college located in Colorado Springs. PPCC was founded in 1968. More than 20,000 students are attending PPCC today.

This is a great resource for information on all education available in Colorado Springs as well as the state of Colorado and across the country. https://www.greatschools.org/

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Colorado Springs SPORTS

The Rocky Mountain Vibes Baseball Team

The Rocky Mountain Vibes, formally the Sky Sox founded in 1988, were established in 2019. Their games offer tons of fun activities with their mascot Toasty, food to eat, and even private boxes to watch the game from.



https://www.milb.com/rocky-mountain

Colorado College Tigers Hockey Team



The CC Tigers started playing in 1938 in the Pikes Peak Hockey League. Now, the team is a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division one program and a member of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference. Their new home arena, Ed Robson Arena in downtown Colorado Springs, can seat 3,400.

https://cctigers.com/

The Switchbacks FC

The Switchbacks were founded in 2014. The brand new Weidner Field stadium downtown opened in spring of 2021. It can seat up to 15,000 fans for concerts, events, games and more.

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https://www.weidnerfield.com/

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Colorado Springs ACTIVITIES

https://www.greatwolf.com/colorado-springs



GREAT WOLF LODGE

Great Wolf Lodge is an indoor family waterpark resort located in Colorado Springs, CO. It offers rock climbing, mini golf, an arcade and more.

NORTH POLE

The North Pole is located near Colorado Springs and features fun rides, shows, activities, good food, and the chance for anyone to meet Santa in his Workshop. This attraction was opened in 1956 and is open year round!





CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is home to numerous animals and offers shows, food, and chances to feed some of these wonderful creatures. The zoo is also open year round!

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Colorado Springs PARKS & TRAILS

MANITOU INCLINE

This incline is considered one of the most difficult trails to conquer. It is one mile long gaining 2,000 feet up to its summit. This trail consists of approximately 2,744 steps in total.

https://manitousprings.org/ where-to-play/manitou-incline/

BARR TRAIL

A 12-mile long trail gaining 7,800 feet from Manitou Springs all the way to America's Mountain, Pikes Peak.

https://www.visitcos.com/directory/ barr-trail-pikes-peak/

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

With 28 miles of trails and 2,701 acres of natural beauty and scenery, Cheyenne Mountain State Park is the perfect place for hiking, camping, bike riding and so much more. https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/

CheyenneMountain/Pages/default.aspx

PALMER PARK

With off-leash areas for dogs, scenic overlooks, and over 25 miles of trails, Palmer Park is a great park located in the center of Colorado Springs, CO for anyone

to enjoy. https://www.visitcos.com/ directory/palmer-park/

CATAMOUNT TRAIL

This is a six mile roundtrip hike from Green Mountain Falls to South Catamount Reservoir located near Pikes Peak. The elevation can reach up to 1,700 feet and passes through an open field called "The Garden of Eden."

> https://www.visitcos.com/ directory/catamount-trail/

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Colorado Springs ATTRACTIONS



ROYAL GORGE BRIDGE

A 5,000 acre park with a wide variety of trails as well as the famed bridge seen over the Royal Gorge. This park is home to America's highest suspension bridge and zip line.

https://royalgorgebridge.com/

CAVE OF THE WINDS

These mysterious caves were discovered in 1881, but are millions of years old. The Cave of the Winds Mountain Park offers cave tours, zip lining, and so much more.



https://caveofthewinds.com/



https://www.cograilway.com/

PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY

This timeless attraction takes its visitors up to the summit of the 14,115 foot icon, Pikes Peak. It is the highest and longest cog railroad in the world.

COLORADO SPRINGS DINING

Below are some restaurants to check out around the area!

DENVER BISCUIT COMPANY

COATI



https://denbisco.com/

SHUGA'S



https://coatiuprise.com/

BLACK BEAR DINER



https://shugas.com/



https://blackbeardiner.com/

MORE TO CHECK OUT:

The Skirted Heifer Snooze, an A.M. Eatery The Wobbly Olive Four by Brother Luck Birdcall Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen Carlo's Bistro 503W The Rabbit Hole



Colorado Springs MUSEUMS

https://fac.coloradocollege.edu/

COLORADO SPRINGS FINE ARTS CENTER AT COLORADO COLLEGE

Explore a wide variety of art from all over the world including artworks, paintings, sculptures, photography, by numerous artists and so much more.



https://www.discoverspace.org



SPACE FOUNDATION DISCOVERY CENTER

An amazing museum full of wonders and science, this museum focuses on space exploration and has engaging activities and fun for all.

PETERSON AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Full of the aviation and space history of Colorado in Colorado Springs that started in 1982, this museum is full of exhibits and information telling a timeless story for generations to come.



MORE TO CHECK OUT:

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum **Cripple Creek Heritage Center**

May Natural History Museum **Ghost Town Museum** Dr. Lester L. Williams Fire Museum



Colorado Springs https://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/ EVENTS

https://www.chamberorganizer.com/Calendar/ moreinfo.php?eventid=389383



FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

This old fashioned event is held at Memorial Park for everyone to enjoy. It includes food, activities, live music, artists, performers, fire engine rides and so much more.

https://coloradospringslabordayliftoff.com/



LABOR DAY LIFT OFF

As the sun slowly disappears behind the mountains on Labor Day Weekend, hot air balloons light up the night in a beautiful display of colors. This event is open to all at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs, Colorado. https://shopoldcoloradocity.com/territory-days.html



TERRITORY DAYS

Territory Days has been Colorado's largest street fair celebrating the history of Colorado for more than 40 years. This event offers food, live entertainment, live music, rides, and activities for all to enjoy over Memorial Day Weekend.

https://ppihc.org/



PIKES PEAK HILL CLIMB

A.k.a "The Race to the Clouds," the Pikes Peak Hill Climb is an annual event where competitors race to the summit of Pikes Peak in automobiles. The distance is about 13 miles and the first race was in 1916.

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COLORADO SPRINGS MILITARY

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The AFA is both a military organization and a public university. It was created on April 1, 1954, but formally opened on July 11, 1955. Its permanent site was established in 1958. https://www.usafa.af.mil/

PETERSON AIR Force base

Located in Colorado Springs, adjacent to the City of Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, Peterson AFB provides runways for the airport and was created September 1, 1982. The 21st Space Wing is headquartered at Peterson AFB.

https://www.peterson.spaceforce.mil/

FORT CARSON

Fort Carson is a US Army post that was established in 1942 following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The camp was named in honor of the Army scout, General Christopher "Kit" Carson. https://www.carson.army.mil/

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE

The missions of Schriever AFB fall under the Space Operations Command field and the US Space Force. The base was opened in May of 1983. It was named in honor of the retired General Bernard Adolph Schriever.

https://www.schriever.spaceforce.mil/

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AIR FORCE STATION

Located inside Cheyenne Mountain of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, CMAFS became fully operational on February 6, 1967. It is one of the nation's most secure military installations.

https://www.norad.mil/About-NORAD/ Cheyenne-Mountain-Air-Force-Station/

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Colorado Springs http://www.broadmoorworldarena.com/ Broadmoor World Arena

The Broadmoor World Arena is a multi-purpose 8,000 seat arena and entertainment venue. It was founded in 1998 and has hosted hundreds of events and shows including concerts, comedy shows, graduation ceremonies, and so much more.



Colorado Springs https://www.weidnerfield.com/ Weidner Field

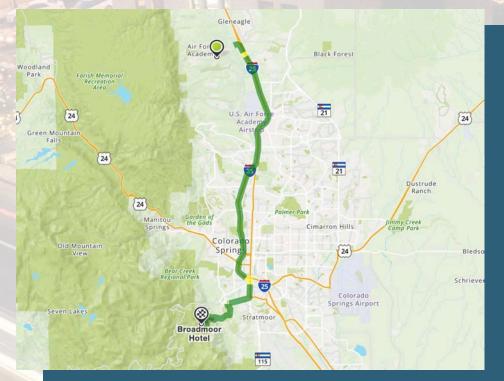
Home of the Switchbacks, the new Downtown Stadium has a seating capacity of more than 8,000 with the ability to hold up to 15,000 for special events. It features two plazas, a restaurant, and a 240-seat sky club for special events.



COLORADO SPRINGS COMMUTE TIMES



North to South: Air Force Academy to Broadmoor Hotel



32 Minutes 22.8 Miles



ART ON THE STREETS

https://downtowncs.com/live/arts-and-entertainment/aots/

Below are some examples of the street art that can be seen throughout Downtown Colorado Springs. There is a myriad of murals and sculptures to admire every day.

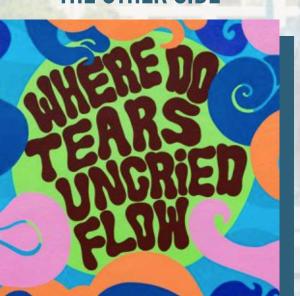






Art by Marissa Napoletano

THE OTHER SIDE



Art by Annie Hong

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Art by Byeongdoo Moon **TAKE BACK THE POWER**



Art by Gregg Deal

Colorado Springs Helpful Numbers

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

COLORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergency: (719) 444-7000 EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Non-Emergency: (719) 390-5555

FIRE DEPARTMENT

(719) 385-5950

WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

(719) 488-8680

POISON CONTROL

Emergency Room: 2215 N Cascade Avenue, 80907 (719) 776-5333

HOSPITALS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-NORTH

(719) 364-5000 **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL-CENTRAL**

(719) 365-5000

ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER-NORTH

(719) 571-1000

PENROSE HOSPITAL-CENTRAL

(719) 776-5000 PEAK VISTA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

(719) 632-5700

Colorado Springs Helpful Numbers

UTILITIES

SECURITY WATER & SANITATION (719) 392-3475 **STRATMOOR HILLS WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT** (719) 576-0311 **WIDEFIELD WATER & SANITATION** (719) 390-7111 **BESTWAY** (719) 633-8709 **ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISPOSAL** (719) 492-2050 **US WASTE** (719) 591-5000 **WASTE MANAGEMENT** (719) 632-8877 **CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES: ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER** (719) 448-4800 or (800) 238-5434 **CITY OF FOUNTAIN UTILITIES** (719) 322-2010 **CITY OF WOODLAND PARK UTILITIES** (719) 686-9680 **TEAM GREEN** (719) 634-0055

PARK FOREST WATER DISTRICT (719) 439-9761

ROCK CREEK MESA WATER DISTRICT

(719) 576-0746

BLACK HILLS ENERGY

(888) 890-5554

ACADEMY WATER-PLEASANT VIEW

(719) 481-0711

HIGHLAND LAKES WATER DISTRICT

(719) 687-7937

INTERMOUNTAIN RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOC.

(719) 687-9277

MOUNTAIN VIEW ELECTRIC

(719) 495-2283

TOWN OF MONUMENT (719) 481-2954

TRI VIEW METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Jackson Creek: (719) 488-6868 WESTWOOD LAKES WATER DISTRICT

> (719) 687-0761 **WOODMOOR WATER** & SANITATION DISTRICT (719) 488-2525

MOVING CHECKLIST

Before you move, you should contact the following companies and service providers:

Utilities:

- Electric
- Telephone
- Water
- Cable
- Gas
- Trash

Professional Services:

- Accountant
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Lawyer
- Childcare
- Veterinarian

Government:

- Internal Revenue Service
- Post Office
- School
- State Licensing (DMV)
- Library
- Veterans Administration
- Social Security
- Voter Registration

Clubs:

- Health and Fitness
- Country Club
- Community Groups

Insurance Companies:

- Accidental
- Auto
- Health
- Home
- Life
- Renters

Business Accounts:

- Bank
- Mobile Phone
- Department Store
- Finance Company/Credit Card

Subscriptions:

- Magazine
- Newspaper

Miscellaneous:

- Business Associates
- House of Worship
- Drugstore
- Dry Cleaner
- Hairstylist
- Family
- Friends

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU EVERY Step of the process.

	PRE-APPROVAL	FIND A HOME	MAKE AN OFFER	APPLICATION PROCESS	CONTRACT CLAUSES
STARTHERE	Preliminary documents include: W-2's, pay stubs, bank statements & tax returns	Assess your wants and needs, then let your REALTOR® help you find the perfect home!	Offer accepted, sign all required documents and order the home inspection.	Submit updated documents from Preapproval Know your numbers!	Review your contract & pay close attention to dates and deadlines.
POST CLOSING					INSPECTION/APPRAISAL
Enjoy the tax advantages of owning a home!	ТНІ	Inspection is completed and your lender orders the appraisal.			
↓ WELCOME HOME	Helpful Strategies: Common Mistakes:		PROCESSING		
CONGRATS!! You are NOW a HOMEOWNER!	 Save and submit all future pay stubs, & bank statements. Keep copies of all documents submitted for processing. Continue to pay all of your debts & loans on time. Don't co-sign a loan for anyone. Don't change bank accounts. Don't apply for new credit cards. 		Processor completes all updated information verification for credit, employment, and assets.		
CLOSING	T.	APPRAISAL REPORT $^{igsymbol{arphi}}$			
You are at the finish line! Once you and your REALTOR® goes to Title to sign closing documents, you will receive the keys to your new home. ↑	From contract to close we are here for you every step of the way, leaving nothing to chance!			Received and reviewed; processor updates you for outstanding items.	
FINAL WALK-THROUGH	CLEAR TO CLOSE	HOME OWNER INSURANCE POLICY	TITLE REPORT	COMMITMENT	UNDERWRITING $^{ au}$
Schedule a final walk-through for the morning of or night before closing. This is your chance to approve the condition of the house prior to signing.	You & your REALTOR® are notified that your file is clear to close & a closing date is schedule by the closing agent.	Copy of appraisal & mortgage clause provided so you can secure your homeowners insurance policy.	The closing agent reviews & shares the title report with your lender for final review and approve.	Submit ALL outstanding condition items for the commitment letter prior to final clearance.	Processor submits file to underwriting department for review and commitment letter. Approved letter issued and sent to you for review.

USE THIS ROADMAP AS YOUR GUIDE!



If you are already working with another real estate agent, this is not meant as a solicitation.