Thornton, CO

Looking South Towards Denver



City of Thornton Web Site

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Thornton consisted solely of farmland until 1953, when Sam Hoffman purchased a lot off Washington Street about seven miles north of Denver. The town he laid out was the first fully planned community in Adams County and the first to offer full municipal services from a single tax levy, including recreation services and free trash pickup. Thornton was named in honor of Former Colorado Governor Dan Thornton. The Thornton Community Association (TCA) was formed in 1954 to help guide the new community's development. By the end of 1955, Thornton had 5,500 residents in over 1,200 homes. The TCA was instrumental in Thornton's 1956 incorporation as a city. Oyer G. Leary was elected the first mayor.

Thornton has 81 city parks and nearly 2,000 acres of parks and open space. There are over 80 miles of trails throughout the city. It has several recreational facilities like the Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center.

About Thornton

The City of Thornton is a Home Rule Municipality in Adams and Weld counties, Colorado. It is a suburb 10 miles northeast of the states capital, Denver, on the east side of I-25.

The United States Census Bureau estimates that the city population was 113,429 on July 1, 2008, a 37.68% increase from the 2000 Census population of 82,384.

Thornton is the sixth most populous city in the State of Colorado and the 221th most populous city in the United States.



It also has several golf courses like Thorncreek Golf Course, Heritage Todd Creek Golf Club, and Riverdale Knolls Golf Course.