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## Monument & Palmer Lake

Monument was first called Henry's Station after Henry Limbach one of the original settlers. The name Monument was adopted when the Denver & Rio Grande railroad came into the area in 1870 linking Denver to Colorado Springs. The city incorporated in 1879. It is located west of I-25 at exit 161.

Palmer Lake is located three miles northwest of Monument at an elevation of 7,200 feet above sea level. It was established in 1872 atop the Palmer Divide when General Palmer thought the location would be an ideal place to draw water for the steam engines of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

The area around the two towns remained largely as ranch and farmland until the Air Force Academy was opened in 1958. Soon thereafter housing for Academy staff and military retirees began to take hold with growth accelerating in the late 1980's and 90's as Colorado Springs began to grow to the north.

As fast growing communities both Monument and Palmer retain a unique charm. Historic Downtown Monument offers a variety of shopping and dining establishments. Palmer also has some great dining and is home to the Lucretia Vaile Museum and the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts. Housing developments keep sprouting up throughout the area offering a wide range of breathtaking views and amenities. Progress is also evident with the significant commercial development along I-25, a school system that is considered one of the best in the state and housing values significantly above the state average.

Monument and Palmer – unique communities offering a one-of-a-kind living experience.

### A D D E N D U M

- Area:** 40 square miles – Monument, Palmer Lake, Woodmoor and Glen Eagle.
- Government:** Monument – Mayor, Board of Trustees; Palmer Lake – Mayor, Council.
- Housing:** Monument – \$376,824; Palmer Lake – \$290,268.
- Income:** Monument – \$100,000; Palmer Lake – \$67,320.
- Economic Base:** Rural with light industry, research and development.
- Library:** Pikes Peak Library District Branches: 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument, 488-2370; 66 Lower Glenway, Palmer Lake, 481-2587; www.ppld.org.
- Local Newspaper:** *Tri-Lakes Tribune* 481-3423.
- Location:** Twenty miles north of Colorado Springs on the I-25 corridor. The Tri-Lakes are at the high point between Denver and the Springs, known as the Palmer Divide at the north edge of El Paso County.
- Medical Services:** Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, 776-5000, www.penrosest-francis.org; Memorial Health System, 365-5000, www.memorialhospital.com; Air Force Academy Hospital, located at the Academy, 333-5051.
- Parks & Recreation:** Numerous trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding; 16 miles of the Santa Fe Trail; Monument Rock; Woodmoor, Monument and Palmer Lakes; four golf courses; Tri-Lakes Art Center and numerous community events.
- Population:** Monument – 16,243; Palmer Lake – 2,092; Glen Eagle – 10,952; Woodmoor – 6,700 approximate.
- Post Offices:** Monument – 545 3rd Street, 80132; Palmer Lake – 10 Primrose, 80133; 1-800-ASK-USPS.
- Protection:** Monument – Police 481-3253, Fire 481-2312; Palmer Lake – Police 481-2934, Fire 481-2902; Woodmoor Public Safety 488-3600; El Paso Sheriff 390-5555.
- Schools:** Lewis Palmer District 38, 488-4700, www.lewispalmer.org.
- Tax Rate:** Monument – 3.9% City, 1.0% County, 2.9% State, Total 7.8%; Palmer Lake – 2.9% City, 1.0% County, 2.9% State, Total 6.8%. Call specific cities for mill levies.
- Transportation:** Front Range Express (FREX) 385-7433; Colorado Springs Shuttle 930-5599, www.springsgov.com; Mountain Community Transport for seniors 488-0076.
- Utilities:** Mountain View Electric 495-2283 (Woodmoor, Monument Falcon); Intermountain Rural Electric 800-332-9540, Aquila Gas 800-303-0752, Qwest Phone Service 800-244-1111, Monument Water & Sanitation 481-4886, Woodmoor Water & Sanitation 488-2525, Donala Water & Sanitation 488-3603 (serving Glen-eagle), Palmer Lake Water 481-2953, Palmer Lake Sanitation 481-2753, Adelphia Cable 888-683-1000, Dish Network 800-793-8171, Direct TV 800-217-9407.
- Monument Town Hall**  
166 Second Street • Monument 80132  
481-2954 • www.townofmonument.net
- Town of Palmer Lake**  
42 Valley Crescent • Palmer Lake 80133 • 481-2953 • www.ci.palmer-lake.co.us
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center**  
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