Englewood, Colorado, was first established by 13 gold miners in the mid-1800s as a camp for placer-deposit gold mining near the confluence of Little Dry Creek and the South Platte. The miners were successful and the “Pikes Peak or Bust” gold rush of 1859 followed. In 1903, residents incorporated their town and chose the name Englewood, which means “wooded nook,” because the area was known for its abundance of trees. Englewood is approximately ten miles from Denver.

The Museum of Outdoor Arts (MOA) is located in the Englewood Civic Center and can be seen throughout CityCenter Englewood. In addition to its collection of public art, MOA sponsors a variety of performances and exhibits throughout the year at the Englewood Civic Center and CityCenter Englewood Amphitheater. The museum also hosts rotating exhibits.

Hampden Hall at Englewood Civic Center is a performing arts venue that hosts theatrical, dance, and musical performances as well as art exhibits and educational lectures. The Sounds of Summer Concert series, KidStage performances, and many other musical and dramatic performances are held throughout the summer at CityCenter Amphitheater. The David Taylor Dance, one of Metro-Denver’s premier dance troupes, is based in Englewood.

**NEIGHBORHOODS**

Englewood’s downtown is not currently a residential area. Most of the houses in Old Englewood, which is the oldest residential area and surrounds downtown, are pre-World War II small bungalows.

The two hospitals are located in Northeast Englewood, which is also dominated by ranch-style houses. The 124 homes in the Arapahoe Acres historic district located in Northeast Englewood were built between 1949 and 1957 primarily in the mid-century modern style, including the Usonian style of architecture developed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The neighborhood features wide, curved streets and mature trees. Northeast Englewood is also experiencing redevelopment as existing ranch-style houses are torn down and new larger homes are built in their places.

Hampden Hills is one of the newest parts of Englewood. Approximately half of the neighborhood consists of large apartment complexes.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Englewood has 13 parks with amenities that include basketball and tennis courts; ball fields; horsehoe pits; a skateboard park; fishing; streams, lakes, and ponds; nature trails; playground equipment; off-leash dog parks; and a public golf course. The Englewood Recreation Center is a full service community facility and offers a swimming pool, gymnasium, four racquetball/wallyball courts, lighted sand volleyball courts, an indoor track, and weight training areas.

Bellevue Park, the city’s largest park, offers many attractions. The Bellevue Children’s Farm and Miniature Train and Pirates Cove Family Aquatic Center, with its many pools and slides, are open during the summer. The park also has a playground, creek, and bike paths.

**EDUCATION**

Englewood School District educates approximately 3,000 students in 4 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 2 high schools. One high school offers a traditional high school education, while the other offers alternative educational opportunities. Most of Englewood is served by the Englewood School District; however, some specific areas are served by the Cherry Creek, Littleton, or Sheridan districts.

Higher education in Englewood is available at the Rocky Mountain Bible College and Rocky Mountain Seminary. Located nearby is the University of Denver, which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Arapahoe Community College, which is approximately 4 miles from Englewood, offers associate degree and certificate programs. Nearby Denver offers many other opportunities for higher education. The downtown Auraria Campus provides shared classroom space and general services to the Community College of Denver, the Metropolitan State College of Denver (4-year undergraduate college), and the University of Colorado at Denver (undergraduate and graduate degrees). Johnson and Wales, Regis University, and National American University offer undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

**HEALTH CARE**

Englewood is served by Swedish Medical Center with 368 bed acute care hospital beds. The city is also served by a 93-bed long-term acute care and rehabilitation hospital that specializes in spinal cord and brain injuries.

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