

Special New Lawn Doesn't Need Mowing Yet

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Regular readers of this column may recall that, as part of our commitment to sustainable practices, Rita and I had our traditional bluegrass lawn replaced last fall with a newly created variant which requires almost no watering or mowing. When we left on our 3-week vacation May 2nd, we were trusting those promises would hold true — and they did. The picture at right was taken this Tuesday morning, May 26. It has greened up nicely, thanks to all the rain, but has hardly grown an inch.

We'll see how the lawn fares if there is a long dry spell, but our expectation is that we won't have to turn on our sprinkler system all summer.

Driving cross country in May, you can imagine how often we saw mowing operations in the medians and on the shoulders of our nation's highways. If all those governments would install Bella Blue-



grass (as this variant is known) you can imagine how much water could be saved, as well as how much their mowing budgets could be cut. All those workers who are putting their lives at risk mowing our highways could be retrained to install similar grasses to replace the current grasses, which require so much water and attention.

You can Google "Bella Bluegrass" to learn more about this great product. It cost us about \$1 per square foot, including removal of the old lawn and installation of the new sod. Our only problem was that elk frequent our subdivision (which backs to open space), and they left quite an impression when they walked on the new sod with its freshly turned subsoil.

With no watering or mowing expense, we know that this investment will be recouped in just a few years.

Ask your favorite vendor to install it for you.

Golden's Biggest Garage Sale Is This Saturday, 8am to Noon

Each year I sponsor a community garage sale for the Village at Mountain Ridge, a high-end subdivision in north Golden proper with 296 homes.

About 25 homes are participating this year, and I've created a website that you can consult ahead of time showing which homes will be selling what on Saturday. Here's a screen shot from that website, www.GoldenGarageSale.com.

The Village at Mountain Ridge backs to the foothills, across Hwy 93 from the Loaf n Jug at Iowa Drive in north Golden proper. See you there!

Mountain Ridge Garage Sale

May 30, 2015, 8am to Noon

See Below for What's Being Sold at Each Address



This Week's Featured New Listings from Golden Real Estate

Calling All Tennis Lovers!



This remarkable home at 2755 Taft Ct. is tucked behind 14 other homes in Applewood, as you can see in the satellite view below. The owners built a professional grade tennis court for their prodigy daughter on the 1.43-acre lot. If you take tennis seriously, you should seriously consider this property, because you are unlikely to find anything comparable. Here are the details: 4 bedrooms and 3½ baths in the main house, plus a 5th bedroom and bathroom above the attached garage. There's also a detached 2-car garage and several more outdoor parking spaces. Total finished living space is 3,799 sq. ft. To fully appreciate this home, short of getting a private showing, take the video tour at www.ApplewoodHome.info.



Half-Duplex in Southmoor Park



Last week I featured a full duplex at 3576 S. Hillcrest Drive for \$600,000. Now I'm featuring this half-duplex next door at 3586 S. Hillcrest Drive for half that price. As with each side of the full duplex, this unit has 4 bedrooms, 3½ bathrooms and a finished basement totaling just under 3,000 total square feet. The biggest difference you'll find is that this unit has an attached 2-car garage, whereas the units next door have detached 2-car garages.

Lookout Mountain Home With Views



Enjoy being surrounded by nature with extraordinary views of downtown Denver to the east and the Continental Divide to the west. This delightful 3,200-square-foot home at 475 Colorow Road includes an 800-sq.-ft. apartment with a separate entrance with all the views! Your dogs will enjoy half an acre fenced for their protection from wildlife. Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Preserve is a short walk from home! Open Sat. 1-4 pm.



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