

As Earth Day Approaches, Coloradans Have Many Opportunities to Do Their Part

This Sunday, April 22nd, is the 48th anniversary of Earth Day. Here are some of the ways you can participate in this annual event and do your part in preserving this planet for future generations.

On Saturday, April 21st, from 11 am to 4 pm, Lakewood will hold its **Earth Day Celebration** at the Lakewood Heritage Center, south of Belmar on the west side of Wadsworth. A no-charge bicycle valet will be on hand so your bike will be secure while you listen to live music (three different bands will play), do yoga, attend a compost workshop, learn how to create a sustainable backyard, or visit the **electric vehicle expo**, where a Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt and my own Tesla Model X will be on display. I, along with other EV owners, will be there to answer questions and demonstrate each car's features. See a full list of Lakewood's Earth Day activities (far more than other cities, I've found) at www.Lakewood.org/earthday.

Recycling is a popular Earth Day activity, particularly the recycling of electronic waste. Adjacent to their

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Earth Day event, at 777 S. Yarrow Street, Lakewood is accepting e-waste, but for a fee. Meanwhile, the **Denver Metro Association of Realtors** will accept e-waste free of charge at its Jeffco office, located at 950 Wadsworth Blvd. from **8am to noon that same morning**. You can drop off unused, unwanted and nonfunctional electronics. This is a great way to responsibly recycle nearly anything with a plug or battery! Recycling is **open to the public and is free**, with the exception of televisions and monitors, which carry a fee of \$20 to \$60 depending on size. There's also a \$5 charge if you ask to have hard drive data destroyed.

Residents of the City of Golden can recycle e-waste and many other items during its "**Community Pride Days**," which is the weekend of **May 19-20**. The city doesn't charge for this service, although proof of city residency is required. A Golden mailing address does not by itself make you a City of Golden resident.

Year-round you can bring block white Styrofoam to Golden Real Estate's "**Styrofoam Corral**" behind our office at 17695 S. Golden Road. At least once a month, the 10'x20' corral fills up and we truck it all to one of three recycling/reprocessing facilities, but ours is the only location in Jefferson County for dropping off this material. We estimate that we keep over 200 cubic yards of polystyrene (the generic name for Styrofoam) out of the landfills every year.

Other recycling: You can bring up to 5 gallons of **used paint** to many Ace Hardware, Guiry's and Sherwin Williams stores. See www.paintcare.org for locations. **Donate your unwanted bicycles** to the **Golden Optimists** any Tuesday or Thursday from 1 to 5 pm, at 1200 Johnson Road (next to the Golden main post office). Take old **clothes hangers** to any dry cleaning store. Home Depot accepts unbroken **CFL light bulbs** for recycling. Any Staples or Office Depot store will accept used **toner or ink cartridges** and give you a credit if you are a rewards member. King Soopers and Safeway accept **plastic shopping bags** for recycling. O'Reilly's accepts **used motor oil**.

Price Reduced on Kristi Brunel's Listing in Arvada's Ridge at Harvest Lane

This 7-bedroom, 4-bath home at **7587 Union Ct.** is now listed at **\$895,000**. Licensed for, and meeting all the code requirements of a group home (including fire alarm and sprinkler system), it would also make a terrific home for a buyer with a large family. See www.ArvidaHome.info.



Brick Ranch in Arvada Just Listed by David Dlugasch

This well maintained 2-bedroom, 2-bath brick ranch home is at **7299 W. 73rd Avenue** in Arvada, conveniently located near shopping, Indian Tree golf course, and not far from I-70. The home has a new roof, new heating and air conditioning unit, and the exterior was painted in 2015. The family room has a gas fireplace, and sliding glass doors lead out to a covered patio with a large deck. There is an oversized 2-car garage with room for an RV next to it and a newer storage shed. See more pictures and view a narrated video tour at www.ArvidaRanch.info, then call listing agent David Dlugasch at **303-908-4835** for a private showing. David will be holding this listing open on **Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



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Would you like to know when homes in your subdivision go on the market, go under contract or are sold? As a **free service** to our readers, we can set you up to receive an email alert within 15 minutes of any of those real estate events occurring.

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Do You Have a Question or Concern About Your Reverse Mortgage?

A very upset reader recently contacted me with a concern about their reverse mortgage and the payment of real estate taxes. I referred that reader to Jim Spray, a reverse mortgage expert. If you have a similar concern, call Jim at **303-403-8168** or write to him at Jim@JimSpray.com. Please copy me on your email.

I love to hear from my readers for any reason. My contact info is at right. Call or email me anytime!

Just Listed: Applewood Home With Walkout Basement



The seller of this brick ranch at **1835 Union Drive** is the original owner. They built it in 1960! Most buyers will probably think of this largely unimproved home as a fixer-upper, but it has great bones, including hardwood floors that have been protected for 58 years by wall-to-wall carpeting. The attached garage does not have direct access into the house, requiring a 20-foot walk to the front door of the house. The old trees have been removed from the large backyard (shown here), leaving a grassy "blank canvas" for your landscaping ideas. You'll love this quiet Applewood neighborhood. You can see more pictures and take a narrated video tour of this home at www.ApplewoodHome.info, then come to our open house on **Sunday, April 22nd, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Or call your agent or me for a private showing.



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