

Saturday Is Your Opportunity to Learn How to Make Your Home More 'Green'

The first Saturday of each October (Oct. 6th this year) is an annual exhibition of solar and sustainable design in housing. The **Metro Denver Green Homes Tour** is sponsored by New Energy Colorado and the Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES). Think of it as a "green" version of the Parade of Homes.

The difference, of course, is that not all of the homes on this tour are new-builds. This year's tour does include four new-builds, including the Geos Community of net zero homes in Arvada and a "tiny house" on the Colorado School of Mines campus.

Golden Real Estate's office is included in this year's tour. Be sure to stop by and learn about our conversion to net zero energy. With 20 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic panels, we not only heat, cool and power our office from the sun, we also charge five electric cars and provide free EV charging to the public without ever paying Xcel Energy over \$12 per month for electricity. (Xcel removed our gas meter last year.)

If you are interested in reducing your own carbon footprint, you don't want to miss this Saturday's tour. For \$10 per person, you can **pick up the tour book** containing a map of participating homes at Golden Real Estate, **17695 S. Golden Road** or at Jefferson Unitarian Church (JUC), **14350 W. 32nd Avenue** this Friday or on Saturday morning starting at 9 a.m. The homes on the tour are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. after which there is a reception with free wine, beer and food at JUC until 6pm. The reception features an Eco-Expo, where you can visit booths representing various sustainability vendors and organizations. During the reception a section of JUC's parking lot will be set aside for an **"Electric Vehicle Roundup"** featuring numerous brands and models of electric

and plug-in cars, including this year's runaway best seller, the Tesla Model 3. Most of the cars will be exhibited by their owners who are happy to share their love of EV's and maybe give you a test ride.

(If you're thinking of buying an EV, there's a 2016 Ford Focus Electric in Golden Real Estate's parking lot. Its owner is relocating to Amsterdam. Purchased 2 years ago for \$31,000, it's being offered for \$13,500, including a set of 4 studded snow tires mounted on sport rims, plus a 240V charging station for your garage. See www.EVsforsale.info for pix & info.)

Last Saturday, three friends and I went on the **Boulder Green Home Tour**. Although there were only seven homes of that tour (compared to over a dozen on ours) we learned a lot from touring them. In one case, a 1970s tri-level home was beautifully transformed into a near net-zero home, combining the use of solar power, heat pumps, and even a green roof, as well as other technologies. A couple newly built homes were on the tour incorporating geothermal (ground source heat pump) heating and cooling, solar thermal space heating, energy recovery ventilation and other technologies to reduce their energy usage to zero or beyond.

Unlike your typical home tour, the primary purpose of the **Metro Denver Green Homes Tour** is educational. The sustainable features of each home are explained to visitors. If you're thinking of "going green," don't miss this event!

Last Minute Featured Listing

If northwest Denver calls to you, check out **3932 Tejon St.**, just listed by Listings.com. Take a narrated video tour online at www.SunnysideHome.us.



REAL ESTATE TODAY



By **JIM SMITH**, Realtor®

Beverly Heights Ranch Just Listed by Kristi Brunel

Nestled in Beverly Heights, uphill from the Colorado School of Mines campus, this one-owner ranch-style, 4-bedroom and 3-bathroom home at **1936 Sage Circle** could be the place you call home! Featuring about 4,000 sq. ft. of finished space, two fireplaces, a library/office, a studio, flex space and finished walkout basement, this home is a must see! The private backyard oasis is the perfect place to relax as paragliders float peacefully overhead, with the famous "M" on Mt. Zion as your backdrop. Take a narrated video tour on your mobile device or computer at www.BeverlyHeightsHome.com, then call your agent or **Kristi** at **303-525-2520** to schedule a showing, **Kristi** will hold it open **Friday, Oct. 5, 11 to 1.**



\$745,000

Lakewood Ranch Just Listed by Andrew Lesko



\$468,000

This home at **2000 Lewis Street** has a cozy feel featuring unique spaces including entry sitting room and a huge south facing sunroom. There are 2 main-floor bedrooms, dining room plus an eat-in kitchen. The living room has a gas fireplace. Downstairs are 2 non-conforming bedrooms plus a family room with wet bar and dinette. A covered patio overlooks the fenced backyard. There is a 10' x 10' garden shed. This home has been well cared for through the years. Mechanicals include a 95% efficient Lennox furnace and an updated Honeywell evaporative cooler. There is a 2-car garage and extra parking spot next to the driveway suitable for RV, boat or 3rd car. It's just across 20th Avenue from the Lakewood Library and close to Kestrel Pond and Crown Hill Park, with easy access to Kipling, Colfax and I-70. Take a narrated video tour at www.LakewoodHome.info, then come to Andrew's open house on **Saturday, Oct. 6th, 11 am to 2:30 pm.**

Walk to Downtown From This North Golden Ranch

Great updates throughout this brick ranch at **312 East Street** combine with a great location close to downtown Golden to make it a rare find. It has some great sustainability features, including a high-efficiency furnace, tankless hot water heater, three Solatubes to bring sunlight into the home, and a mini-split heat pump for one of the three bedrooms. Also, the LG TrueSteam washer and dryer on pedestals are included, as are all the stainless steel kitchen appliances. You'll love the gleaming hardwood floors and the wood-burning stove on a brick hearth in the fully finished basement. A half-cord of firewood is included. Other features include raised garden beds and a log-construction shed. Take a narrated video tour at www.NorthGoldenHome.com, then call for a showing. **Open Sunday, 11-2.**



\$550,000

Help Raise Money for Habitat for Humanity

Once again, we're selling pumpkins at Garrison & Alameda starting this Saturday and at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Arvada starting Thursday, October 11th. We're seeking volunteers to help unload semis full of pumpkins from Four Corners Indian reservations and then sell the pumpkins through Oct. 31st. Sign up as a volunteer to sell and/or unload pumpkins online at WestMetroPartners.org. And remember to buy your pumpkins at these two patches. We net over \$40,000 for Habitat from this annual fundraiser.



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