

Neighborhoods

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GREEN OAKS



THE ESSENTIALS

WHERE IT IS—GREENWOOD VILLAGE NEAR LITTLETON.

GREEN OAKS IS TUCKED ALONG THE HIGH LINE CANAL ON THE WEST SIDE OF GREENWOOD VILLAGE. IT IS LOCATED JUST NORTH OF ORCHARD ROAD AND RUNS FROM UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD ON THE EAST TO

FRANKLIN STREET ON THE WEST. GREEN OAKS HAS EASY AND QUICK ACCESS TO THE DENVER TECH CENTER, CHERRY CREEK AND DOWNTOWN.

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL—ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD IN A PRIME SUBURBAN LOCATION. GREEN OAKS IS A JEWEL OF A NEIGHBORHOOD IN DESIRABLE GREENWOOD VILLAGE FEATURING 159 BEAUTIFUL PROPERTIES SET ON GRACIOUS LOTS WITH HUGE TREES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE HIGH LINE CANAL. THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMBINES A SOUGHT-AFTER SOUTH SUBURBAN LOCATION, ACCESS TO TOP-RATED SCHOOLS, SPACIOUS HOMES, NATURAL SURROUNDINGS AND MATURE LANDSCAPING WITH A WARM AND CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT MAKES IT A SPECIAL PLACE TO CALL HOME.

THE HOMES—REFINED PROPERTIES ON LARGE LOTS. THE HOMES IN GREEN OAKS—MOSTLY BUILT IN THE LATE 1970S AND METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED AND UPDATED—COME IN AN APPEALING VARIETY OF TRADITIONAL STYLES, INCLUDING CAPE COD, RANCH, COLONIAL, TUDOR AND SPANISH. THE TYPICAL RESIDENCE HAS AT LEAST FOUR BEDROOMS, FOUR BATHROOMS AND 3,000 SQUARE FEET ON A HALF-ACRE OF MATURE LANDSCAPING. THE SUBDIVISION ALSO CONTAINS 25 HORSE PROPERTIES.



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HIGH LINE LIVING Flanking the High Line Canal at University Boulevard and Orchard Road in tony Greenwood Village, Green Oaks residents enjoy an upscale address—along with its top schools and services—in a relaxed, intimate, family-friendly community. The location at University Boulevard and Orchard Road is ideal, offering quick access to Cherry Creek, downtown, Denver Tech Center and historic downtown Littleton—not to mention Park Meadows. An established neighborhood with stately homes, big yards and gorgeous landscaping, Green Oaks not only looks good but it also feels good. The location, the homes, the trees and the trails all serve as a wonderful backdrop to perhaps Green Oaks' greatest asset, its residents.

"I have the best neighbors in the world," gushes Brendan Moran, resident and real estate agent with the Kentwood Companies. "They are a friendly, outgoing and fun-loving group of people. We not only socialize with each other but we help each other."

LIFE IN GREEN OAKS—NO FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS

One unique aspect of Green Oaks is that, per strict covenants, there are almost no fences, a rare attribute that imbues the neighborhood with an open, green feel that fosters neighborly interaction. Explains resident Ned Harvey, vice president at the Rocky Mountain Institute, "It's nice not to be boxed in, and it's especially great for our kids. Every summer night,

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a group of neighborhood kids gather to play night games like capture the flag in the backyards. The bigger kids look after the little ones, and they all can run around from yard to yard, never crossing a street."

The relative smallness of the neighborhood adds to its intimacy. "You can really get to know everyone and it is a very supportive community," notes resident, former teacher and Littleton Hockey mom Melinda Spurgeon. "When our last child was born, everyone was so nice and brought us food. I don't think we cooked dinner for two months! Overall, it is just a fabulous safe neighborhood for children."

The neighborhood pool and tennis center, which runs a popular competitive

UNIQUE HOMES, MATURE LANDSCAPING, HALF-ACRE LOTS, HORSE PROPERTIES, ACCESS TO THE THE HIGH LINE CANAL AND MORE MAKE GREEN OAKS A SUBURBAN JEWEL.

swim team, is another hub of Green Oaks activity. "Our kids participate in the swim team. It's a great outlet for them, as well as a way to build community spirit," comments Harvey.

WHO LIVES HERE—PROFESSIONAL

FAMILIES Green Oaks attracts affluent professionals and their families, including entrepreneurs, executives, doctors, lawyers, contractors and other successful business people. There is also a solid mix of empty-nesters who have already raised their

families here and who love the neighborhood so much they have decided to retire in Green Oaks.

WHAT YOU'LL PAY—A MILLION OR MORE

Green Oaks is a desirable neighborhood that commands premium prices. Homes start at just under \$1 million and go up to \$3 million for the larger horse properties.

SCHOOLS—SO MANY CHOICES

Green Oaks is in the highly rated Littleton Public Schools district, feeding into Field Elementary, Euclid Middle School—a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence—and Littleton High School, which offers the International Baccalaureate program. Open enrollment also allows children to attend other schools in the Littleton Public Schools district, such as Lois Lenski Elementary, Powell Middle School, Arapahoe High School and Heritage High School. In addition, many kids open enroll in Cherry Creek Schools, including Greenwood Elementary. Private school options such as St. Mary's and Kent Denver are close by as well.

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