

# HERITAGE TODD CREEK takes Mountain Living to New Heights

Lennar Homes and KEPHART have created a community where universal design works inside and out.

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**T**he heart and soul of a community is defined by the special places where people gather to spend their time with friends and family, whether it's to enjoy a friendly game of poker, an exercise class, or a quiet moment of solitude. The key to designing successful places is more than a careful blend of architecture and land planning; it's envisioning the events and anticipating the activities of the people who will enjoy the spaces we design.

Located in a setting that is pure Colorado, the majestic Rocky Mountains provide a scenic backdrop for Heritage Todd Creek. Designed for today's 55 and better buyer, Heritage Todd Creek is a private, age-qualified community developed by Lennar Homes that includes an impressive host of amenities. The community features all the benefits of a first-rate resort including a championship 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, and an intricate network of walking trails that extend throughout the community.

The centerpiece of Heritage Todd Creek is a 33,000 square foot community clubhouse, thoughtfully perched on a hilltop overlooking the golf course and Front Range of the Rockies. The exterior style of the clubhouse is inspired by craftsman and mountain influences, and the low pitched patina metal roofs express the surrounding rural vernacular. The focal point of the clubhouse is a distinct entry tower and porte cohere with large stone columns that provide a strong identity and sense of arrival. The front of the clubhouse also features a full-covered veranda for outdoor activities and social gatherings such as wine tastings and cocktail hours.

Upon entering the main foyer of the

clubhouse, members and guests are greeted by a commanding view of Longs Peak. "The vision for Heritage Todd Creek was to embody all that the Colorado lifestyle has to offer, and there is nothing that encapsulates Colorado better than majestic views of the Rocky Mountains. With that in mind, KEPHART thoughtfully aligned the central foyer of the clubhouse with Longs Peak to give residents a taste of Colorado every time they step into the clubhouse, which is one of the reasons why this is such a special place" said Gary Beutler, Land Development Project Manager of Lennar Homes.

In addition to excellent mountain views, the central foyer features a dramatic two-story

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ceiling detailed with exposed wood beams and intricate prairie-style ironwork. Several intimate conversation areas with warm craftsman-style fireplaces and comfortable seating surround the foyer and give the large space human scale.

The clubhouse layout consists of four large wings, each containing different functions spinning off the central foyer. The Northeast wing features a 250-seat multipurpose room which is the ideal location for golf tournament

banquets, wedding receptions, community theatre groups to perform plays, and other special events. Adjacent to the multipurpose room in the Northwest wing is the Creekside Grille complete with a full-service bar, and a multi-screen TV wall for viewing sporting events. Located just off the bar and grill is the golf pro shop. The pro shop offers residents and guests a complete line of merchandise and membership options, and is the center of activity during golf season. Outside the grill



and pro shop is a generous covered deck and patio overlooking the rolling terrain of the golf course, the outdoor pool, and the central terraced courtyard.

In the Southeast wing of the facility, residents can enjoy a beautiful library and computer center, card rooms, billiards, and a craft room. Doors leading to the covered veranda and wedding garden can be opened in the seasonal months for fresh air. Administrative functions are also located in this area including a concierge service that coordinates a host of planned activities including social evenings, exercise and dance classes, day trips, art classes and casino nights, all held in an ideal setting to get to know your neighbors and meet new friends.

The Southwest wing is all about physical activity. There is a separate room for active workouts on treadmills, elliptical machines, bicycles, and various weight training equipment. Another room is devoted to aerobics, Pilates, jazzercise and massage

◀ **Within the Heritage Todd Creek clubhouse is a grand ballroom, as well as fitness, card, computer, and craft rooms. And, there are walking paths to take in Colorado's fresh air and sunshine.**

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therapy. Completing the Southwest wing is a beautiful indoor pool, Jacuzzi, and locker rooms. The pool enclosure features spectacular views to the outdoor pool area and the mountains beyond. The pool ceiling is composed of exposed wood beams which softens the sound transmission and adds warmth to the overall space making it a welcoming place for residents to participate in general swimming exercise and water aerobics.

In the central rear courtyard that embraces the entire clubhouse, is a beautifully landscaped area that gently terraces down from the rear of the foyer to the golf course. The xeriscape landscape features are accented with stone retaining walls and water features to guide visitors to the lower patio and golf course. A large fire pit on the lower patio defines the space and is the ideal location to gather with friends on cool

▲ **KEPHART has created the clubhouse with universal design in mind both inside and out.**

► **In addition to golf, tennis and swimming in either an indoor or outdoor pool, there is also the community restaurant and grille, which provides the perfect opportunity for socializing and meeting friends.**

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As a 50+ community, Heritage at Todd Creek is devoted to providing universal design features inside and out. The generous hallways and doorways, zero step exterior surface transitions, and ample natural and artificial lighting are seamless in the design. The skillful integration of these features, along with its strategic location and exciting



amenities, makes the Heritage Todd Creek clubhouse a special place; a timeless asset to the community like the 100-year old cottonwoods that frame the golf course.



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