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COUNTRY CLUB

THE ESSENTIALS:

STREET BOUNDARIES. 1st Avenue north of 4th Avenue, and from University Boulevard west to Downing Street; near the western boarder of Cherry Creek.

A TYPICAL COUNTRY CLUB HOME. In a word (or two), stately and luxurious. Country Club contains some of the most spectacular historic mansions in Denver. These homes typically are grand, custom-designer two-story estates built in the 1920s on lot sizes of at least 10,000 square feet. Homes usually offer five bedrooms, five bathrooms and more than 5,000 square feet of finished living space. Properties here have been extensively and continually updated, including the highest-end gourmet kitchens, spectacular marble baths, and personal amenities and details.

WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL. Featuring quiet luxury in the heart of the city, Country Club has and will continue to be perhaps Denver's most prestigious neighborhood. The area displays some of the city's finest and architecturally impressive historic estates, all in a quiet, urban setting in a premier central Denver location.

HISTORY...FROM GOLF TO PLANNED ELEGANCE ON DISPLAY. In the early 1900's, several prominent Denver society men brought golf to the city with the establishment of the Denver Country Club in 1905. In concert with the creation of the club itself, plans were made to subdivide the develop the lands immediately to the north – from 1st Avenue north

to 4th Avenue. Under the master direction William E. Fisher, homes were built for Denver's social, political and economic elite, including Mayor Speer (a booster of the City Beautiful concept, which produced many of the public spaces Denver enjoys today).

The last major subdivision of Country Club to be built was Park Lane Square, established in 1926, which contains Circle Drive, a winding, secluded and lavish street near University and Cherry Creek. Circle Drive is lush and elegant, containing some of Country Club's largest and most spectacular homes. The signature "Franklin Gate" at 4th and Franklin Streets is perhaps Country Club's best-known landmark and initially served as the entrance to the Country Club.

Architecturally, Country Club is the pinnacle of Denver's landmark, historic neighborhoods. Some of Denver's most prominent architects, such as Fisher and Fisher, Benedict, Biscoe, Varian and Gove, crafted these homes with exceptional details and materials. While the architecture is mostly traditional, there are a range of styles including Colonial, Spanish Stucco, Denver Square, Tudor and Georgian. The Country Club Historic District was designated a Landmark District in 1990, and many of the homes are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

WHY IT'S HOT...PRESTIGIOUS, HISTORIC AND CENTRAL. Residents in Country Club enjoy the green, pastoral and traditional feel of the neighborhood, coupled with the pedestrian life style and close proximity to all of Denver's major attraction.

WHAT YOU'LL PAY...AT LEAST A MIL. The Country Club area, especially the heart of the subdivision, is pricey. Average homes are in the \$1.5 million price range, with larger homes selling for upwards of \$4 million. (We're talking of \$450 to \$600 per square foot.) North of 4th Avenue, known as Country Club North, offers slightly cheaper but lively real estate, with average home prices around \$750,000.

WHO LIVES HERE...ESTABLISHED FAMILIES, YOUNG AND OLD. The typical resident in Country Club is wealthy, married and about 50, with kids in grade school or junior high. The neighborhood maintains a refreshing base of young families combined with a solid mix of empty nesters.

AMBIENCE...LUSH ELEGANCE IN THE CITY. Country Club is quiet, elegant and stately, yet retains a friendly, urban feel. It seems everybody walks or bikes for exercise or for shopping and dining, and dogs, kids and strollers are common sites. Overall, the neighborhood retains a wonderful, traditional, historical integrity and ambiance.

GETTING AROUND...CLOSE TO EVERYTHING. Country Club's central location is what really sells this neighborhood. You can walk to Cherry Creek, drive downtown in under 10 minutes, or be at Wash Park in five.

ENTERTAINMENT...CHERRY CREEK AND DOWNTOWN. For shopping, culture and dining, head to CC or downtown. But for those who really love the outdoor lifestyle, the Cherry Creek bike path literally borders the neighborhood.

SCHOOLS: For public elementary school, Country Club is roughly split, with the east half feeding into Denver Public School's Bromwell Elementary, which has a "high" CSAP rating, and the west half feeding into the Dora Moore Elementary. All areas of Country Club are in the Morey Junior High and East High School Districts. Many excellent private schools are within close driving distance, including Graland County Day School, Denver Academy, Kent Denver and Colorado Academy.

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