



No detail neglected

Built in 2002, this four-bedroom home tucked into The Spires neighborhood offers a stunning view of Cheyenne Mountain — and a great backyard to enjoy it in. In addition to the excellent location, the former model home's interior reveals a wealth of architectural details and designer touches.

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Once a model, always a model:

2002 home remains fresh, stylish, "stunning"

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From the front yard of this home — with native plants artfully placed around large, local boulders — it seems possible to reach out and touch the rocky surface of Cheyenne Mountain. Tucked into the hills of The Spires neighborhood, where Broadmoor Bluffs Drive winds to a quiet end, the home's stucco and stacked-stone exterior encloses a former model home. Though built in 2002, the home still shows like a model.

"It's a real sleeper," says Suzanne Holland of Keller Williams Premier Realty, who lists the home for \$715,000. "It's only three or four houses from the end of Broadmoor Bluffs, making it the top of the bunch."

The four-bedroom, three-bath home includes 4,545 square feet overflowing with architectural and designer details from the front door to the backyard.

The entryway greets guests with refined hardwood floors. A cozy office with built-in cabinetry lies to one side while the formal dining area with coffered ceilings sits opposite. Crown molding and matching baseboards lend the space style and continue through to the beating heart of the home: the open-plan living room, kitchen and eating nook.

"The architectural details are just stand-out," says Holland, indicat-



Highlights of the sunny kitchen include granite tile, an island that doubles as a breakfast bar, maple cabinetry and a custom tile backsplash.

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ing the unique columns flanking the entrance to the living area and the room's stacked-stone gas fireplace. "The thing that is special about this house is that it's a model home that has a lot of upgrades, from the light fixtures to the surround sound system, the mulling to the decorative columns."

Holland points out the sound system's speakers and loads of recessed lighting, which are discreetly placed throughout but the home yet don't detract from the decorator colors painted on the walls or the tasteful

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View of Cheyenne Mountain can be enjoyed from rare, flat backyard

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window treatments, most of which will convey with the house. "The way it is designed is so stunning," she notes.

The adjoining kitchen features ample counter space covered in granite tile, a built-in desk or organizational area, an island that doubles as a breakfast bar and an eat-in nook with a bay window overlooking the backyard. The attention to detail is again visible in the maple cabinetry with brushed, stainless steel hardware and the custom tile backsplash. A large pantry and upgraded black appliances, including a four-burner gas range, complete the kitchen area.

A walk-out from the kitchen accesses the backyard, which Holland believes is one of the home's unique features. "A lot of people move up here for the amazing views but that makes the yards very steep in places. There can be no place to go out in the yard except the deck," she explains. "But this home has a flat yard. That's rare in this neighborhood."

Much like the front yard, the back is populated with native plants such as pine, scrub oak and lavender. The deck walks down to a stamped-concrete patio, creating two separate outdoor entertaining spaces, and an enclosed gazebo with a skylight offers the perfect place

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A bay window lets light into the master suite, which includes a five-piece bath and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving.

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there's this view of Cheyenne Mountain."

Also on the main level of the home are a guest bedroom, a full bath and the master suite, which features a five-piece bath and a walk-in closet with built-in

to enjoy an outdoor spa in any season. Thanks to an easement of open space past the property line, "you don't feel on top of your neighbor," says Holland. "There are lots of trees, which makes it very private, and

maple drawers, shelves and shoe racks. The layout of this main level is one of Holland's favorite features of the floor plan. "A lot of people want one-level living and

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Architectural details, designer touches visible throughout

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that can be hard to find — and more expensive for the builder to build," she notes.

With all the home's most used rooms on the main level, this home offers that popular, "one-level-living" functionality but with a big bonus: a large, garden-level basement.

"This lower level is exceptionally large," says Holland, who usually sees basements offering either a recreation room or a game room or a theater room. "In this case, you have it all: the family room, the rec room and the game room with a wet bar."

What the sellers use as a game area accommodates a large table for Monopoly with the kids or poker with the grown-ups. The adjacent wet bar boasts both closed and glass-fronted maple cabinetry, granite tile, built-in storage for wine bottles and glasses, a mini fridge, a wine refrigerator and a dishwasher.

The recreation area easily fits a billiards table, and the custom-designed home-theater room holds a large-screen television and a

surround sound system in more maple cabinetry. Surrounding shelves with recessed lighting are great for media items or collectibles.

"You don't feel like you are in a basement," says Holland. "You look out onto the yard thanks to it being at garden level. It has really high ceilings and a lot of outdoor light." Also in the basement is a two-sided gas fireplace, a full bath and two additional bedrooms, which are currently arranged as children's rooms.

"I would sum it up as being one of the higher quality homes in the most pristine condition of any '02 I have ever seen," Holland says. "It has a functional floor plan in addition to a great, usable lot in a great neighborhood. There's a lot for sale in The Spires as a whole, but for the price and the quality — all of that — this house has so much going for it."

This home is located in School District 12.

To schedule a private showing of this home at 5535 Broadmoor Bluffs Drive, contact Suzanne Holland of Keller Williams Premier Realty at 987-9973 or 331-0192.