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With new sites opening near Bluff Lake, KB Home offers an affordable route into Stapleton, from only \$218,995



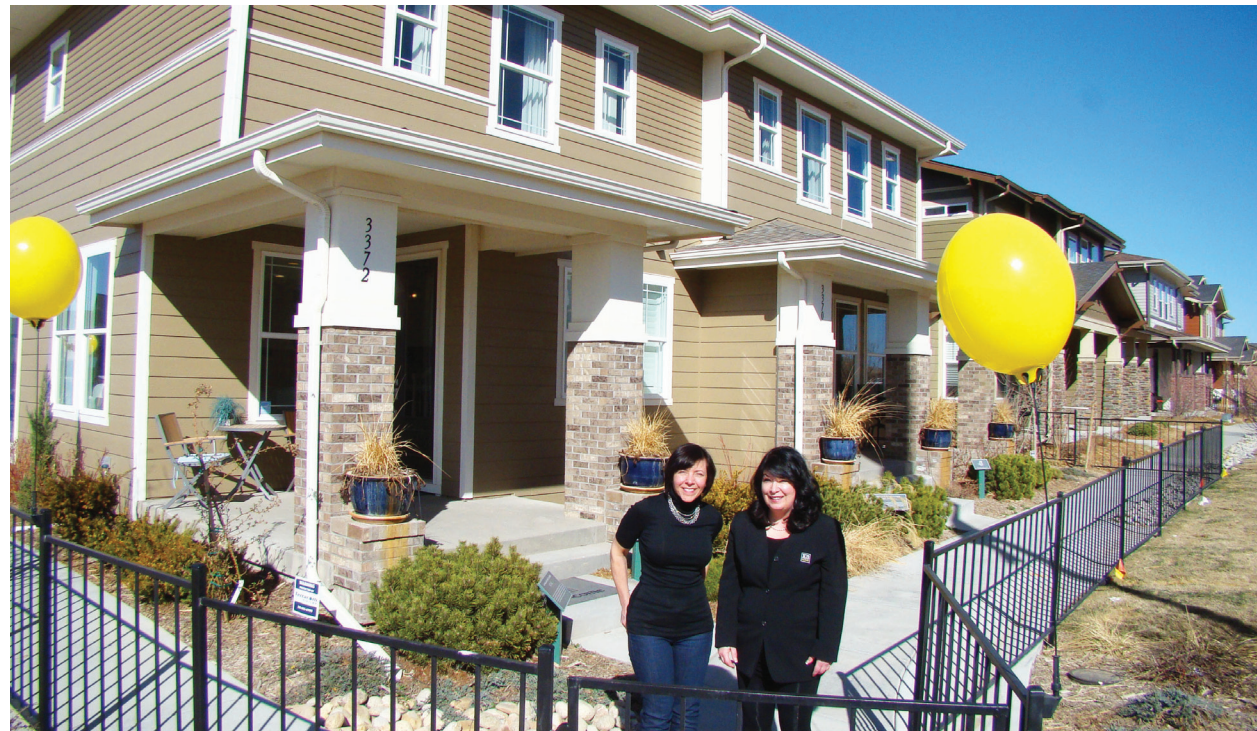
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When Robert and Vincenza Martines of Long Island, N.Y., began visiting their three sons who had all moved west to Colorado, they fell in love with the Rocky Mountains, and then with Stapleton. Six years after they first toured the master-planned community, the couple packed up and moved west, first into a Stapleton rental, now into their new 1,667 square-foot 3-bedroom home by KB Home, which they've loaded with upgrades and custom finishes, still at a price right around \$300,000.

In Stapleton's Central Park West neighborhood you can tour a furnished model of the Willow plan from KB Home's Open Series of Paired Homes – very close to what the Martineses are set to

move into, save for some special options they chose from KB Home's 'built-to-order' program. With Realtors reporting that Stapleton's neighborhoods are 'red hot' this spring, you can also see a new area of sites KB Home is opening for paired homes at prices from only \$218,995, right across from Bluff Lake Nature Center on the Sand Creek Greenway Trail. (KB Home is totally sold out of its Central Park neighborhood, save for one of the two model homes, still available, that you'll tour today).

Meanwhile, the Martineses have plenty of room in the new place for their fourth son, Matt, now headed from high school to Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design. That still leaves room for an office in a third bedroom, a big television lounge in the loft, an upstairs laundry room, and a master suite where they've had KB Home use a niche space (it's shown as a coffee bar in the model) as an added closet.



Vincenza Martines (left) joins KB Home's Theresa Longo at the Open Series Paired Home models in Stapleton's Central Park West. The builder is opening new sites in Stapleton's Bluff Lake neighborhood.

"We love being close to Central Park and Northfield," says Vincenza, who's opted for KB Home to add pre-finished wood floors on the entire main level except for tiled areas... along with elegant raised vanities, an extended bar-counter in the kitchen, premium cabinets, and an edgy mosaic glass tile for the backsplashes.

Along with that comes a 2-car attached garage, tankless water heaters (all of KB Home's designs

at Stapleton meet new Energy Star guidelines), and a neighborhood plan that orients every front yard to a commons lawn – new-urban styled, no garages or street traffic on the front porch side. Of course, Stapleton residents have a comprehensive rec center on Martin Luther King; and community shopping and restaurants in Town Center (the Martineses are already fans of Blue Fin Sushi and of Udi's and are looking forward to this summer's

Sunday Farmer's Market). To reach KB Home's models, from Quebec take MLK east a mile to Central Park Blvd., take a left to E. 33rd, then left again a block to Valentia.

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IF YOU GO...

WHERE: Open Series Paired Homes by KB Home at Stapleton, 2- & 3-bedroom, attached garage, side yard; two furnished models; preview new sites opened in Stapleton's Bluff Lake neighborhood. 3372 Valentia St., Denver; from Quebec take MLK east a mile to Central Park Blvd., left to E. 33rd, left again 1 blk to Valentia

PRICE: From \$218,995
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