

Avid Lifestyle

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CHERRY HILLS, CASTLE PINES & SOUTH SUBURBS

Go West

Do the **WESTERN SLOPE** your way this summer. From dining to shopping to outdoor activities, you're sure to find the perfect groove.

Build an **EPIC BACKYARD** for gathering, splashing and adventure

Colorado's own **WINE INDUSTRY** disrupter finds his roots

Maintain happy and **HEALTHY SKIN** even in Colorado's summer sun



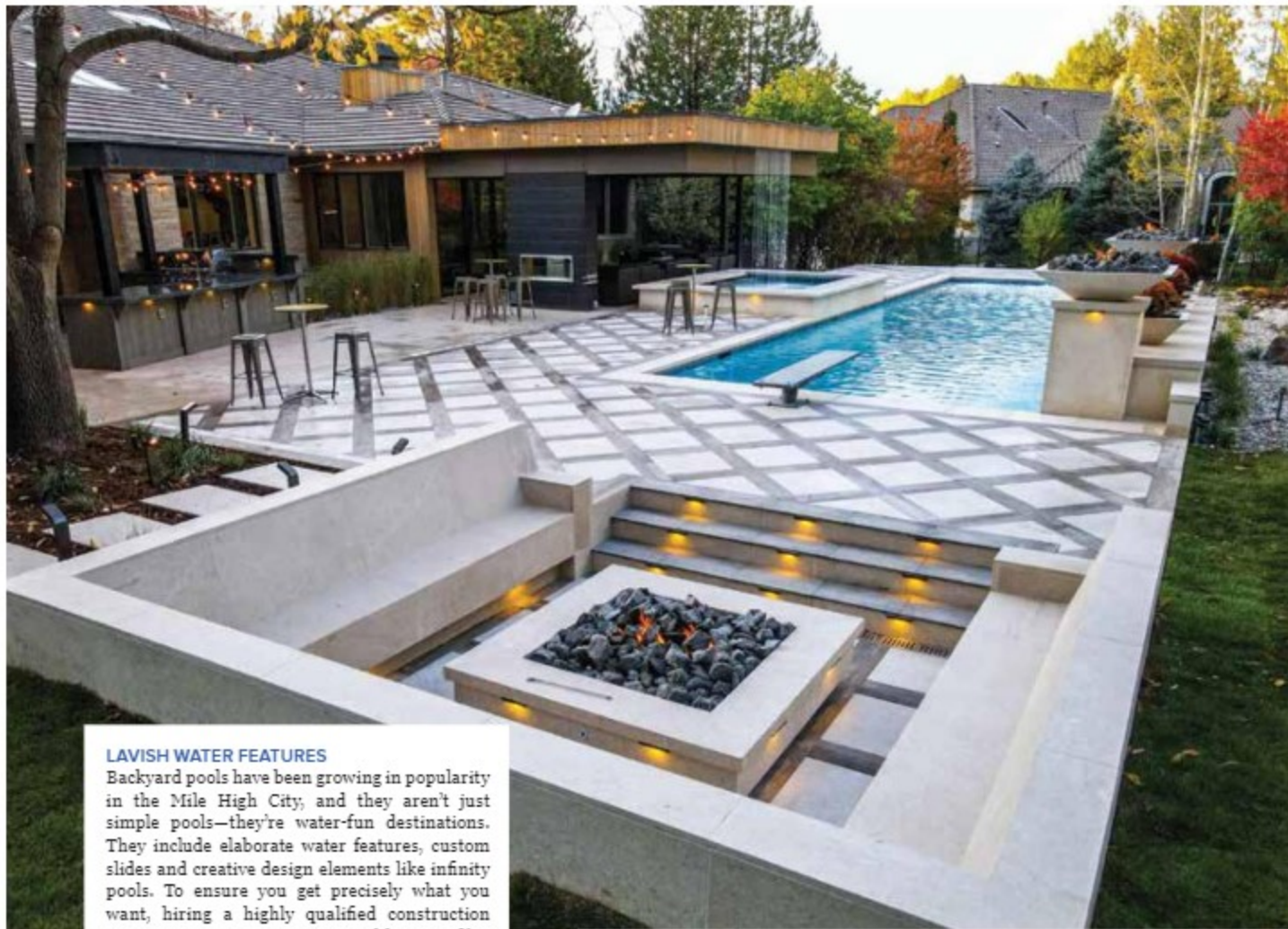


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LAVISH WATER FEATURES

Backyard pools have been growing in popularity in the Mile High City, and they aren't just simple pools—they're water-fun destinations. They include elaborate water features, custom slides and creative design elements like infinity pools. To ensure you get precisely what you want, hiring a highly qualified construction company to execute your vision, like **Aquality Construction**, is critical.

Specializing in in-ground concrete pools and spas, Aquality takes pools to the next level with custom designs, plus automation and energy efficiencies. One of the latest designs they are working on is a movable floor pool, where the deck disappears into the pool. "This type of design allows the pool area to double as an entertaining space," says Joe Dempsey Jr., COO at Aquality Construction. "There are less than one hundred of these pools in the world, and we have two of them in the works right now."

According to Dempsey, almost anything is possible in designing your backyard pool, but water features in motion, inside and outside of the pool, are some of the most popular requests. Perimeter LED strips are popular, as well as underwater speakers. But for a top-of-the-line upgrade, choose an all-tile pool.

OVER-THE-TOP ADVENTURES

Recreational features like climbing walls bring the adventure to your back door for active families. Louisville-based **Eldorado Walls** has been creating custom climbing walls and bouldering sets for indoor and outdoor use since 1994, when the company started



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building commercial climbing gyms. With the sport growing in popularity, they now make custom climbing walls and boulders for private residences as well.

Christina Frain, director of marketing at Eldorado Walls, says custom boulders are popular among Denver homeowners. The boulders are custom built with hand-sculpted, hand-painted concrete and excellent climbability. The company can create anything from small to giant boulders, featuring holds and problems (a route that a climber takes to complete the climb) for all skill levels.

"A climbing boulder is a fun focal point for any backyard," Frain says. Mimicking the local rock and landscape, Eldorado Walls designs its custom climbing boulders to look and feel like the real thing. "We have a phenomenal team of carvers and painters who are rock climbers themselves," Frain says. "They work to create and imitate the rock in the area with each custom design."

No matter what your epic backyard plans might include, all our pros say—much like a major home renovation—there's a lot of planning and time involved in designing and building a custom outdoor activity area. Dream big, and get a head start on your 5-star, at-home adventure space today—you'll be glad you did. ✨

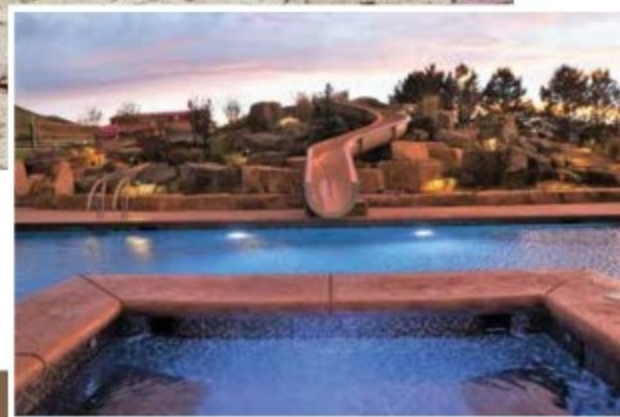


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