

# HEIGHTS

## Showcase of Homes

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### THE HEIGHTS: NOT JUST A LOCATION...AN EXPERIENCE

One hundred and twelve years ago, developer Oscar Main Carter looked out across the open acres north of Houston's bustling downtown and envisioned a thriving small town where builders and merchants and small farmers would live side by side, shaping their own version of the American Dream. In 1886, Houston Heights was born, so named because it sits 23 feet higher than Houston..

#### Visions of Yesterday Shape Visions for Tomorrow

Today, Carter's vision for a community where people could live, work and play in health and safety lives on. In our inaugural Showcase of Homes, six select builders look to the past for their inspiration as they view and craft the future. They offer a new generation of custom homes that preserves the character of this very special neighborhood, incorporating impressive designs that illustrate the ultimate respect for artistry and detail. Clearly, each Showcase entry demonstrates that form and function weave seamlessly with luxury and style.



The Heights has become a dining destination in its own right and its legendary shopping brings enthusiasts from all around Houston. Parks, schools, neighborhood library and the Heights' own opera house are juxtaposed with new homes constructed in homage to the past but with a redefined idea of charm and luxury.

#### A Neighborhood Connection

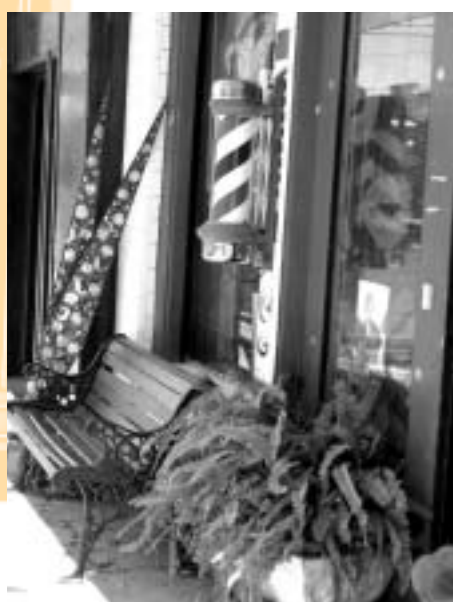
There is no more special place than the Heights. Its multifaceted personality somehow blends into a harmony that defines its unmistakable appeal. Those who live here proudly and affectionately call the Heights their home. Together with their neighbors and in partnership with the Houston Heights Association, they protect the neighborhood's past, relish its thriving present, and work to lay the foundation for its future. The Heights is more than a neighborhood, more than mere streets and alleys. The Heights is an idea. It is a state of being, a state of belonging, a state of becoming.

*The Heights...* classy, progressive and a fabulous destination not to be missed..

**Best of Old and New**

The Heights combines old-world ambience with an ever-changing modernity. From its earliest days, when gracious Victorian homes lined the leafy boulevards and storefronts and cafes shared blocks with cozy cottages, this community has become an enclave where business and commerce intermingle with civic pride and leisurely home life. Just beyond downtown Houston's concrete canyons and towering skyscrapers, the Heights harkens us back to an age of Gilded Splendor. The Heights seems to have it all... the advantages of the big city while living in a comfortable community.

History lives in the Heights, but so, too, does the future. Today the Heights is touted as one of the hottest professional art scenes and home to more artists than any other area in Texas.



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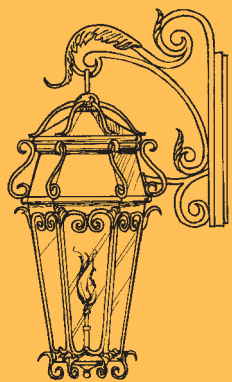
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**Showcase Highlights:**

3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished quarters above garage with full bath

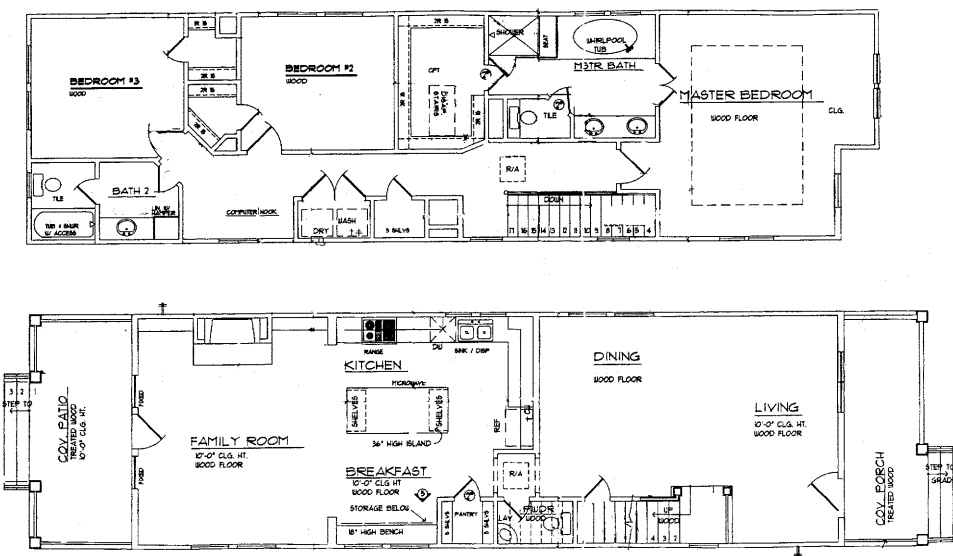
All exterior materials are moisture resistant, non-deteriorating

GAF 30-year-warranty roof shingles

Natural stone complements in kitchen & baths

Undermounted sinks

**Bastian Builders**  
632 West 17th    2200 sq.ft. + 400 sq. ft. quarters  
\$409,000    713/869-9295    [www.bastianbuilders.com](http://www.bastianbuilders.com)

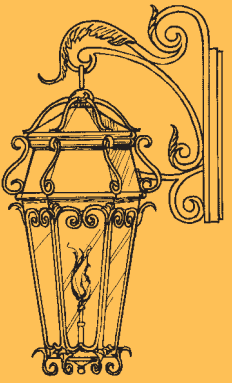


◆ Michael Bastian, founder, owner and visionary of Bastian Builders, realized his potential in the home-building industry with his first major project... the renovation of a 90-year-old Victorian home on the streetcar line in New Orleans. The Bastian Builders team is dedicated to creating homes that not only look good and deliver value, but homes that also foster enjoyable living. A company with standards as meticulous as those of its namesake, Bastian Builders defines value in high quality materials, pleasing designs and superior workmanship in details hidden behind every wall.

This well-planned, New Orleans inspired Victorian has million dollar finishes throughout...such as renewed solid oak flooring and the understated elegance of detailed trim work. Bastian and architect Richard Williams have created a warm, inviting feeling with the openness of the family room and kitchen. Amenities like energy-efficient wooden Anderson windows, 50-year-warranty Hardie plank exterior and granite and marble countertops provide significant value as well as beauty.

**Special Credits**  
Architect - Richard Williams  
Interior Designer - Interior Awakenings,  
Laura Dunham, ASID  
Landscape - Hollywood Hills Landscaping  
Home Staging - Shannon Paige

**Acknowledgment to Vendors**  
Daltile & Stone, A & R Granite, Lighting Inc.,  
Hoelscher Weatherstrip, KIVA Kitchen & Bath



**Showcase Highlights:**

5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths

Downstairs master suite with porch view, convenient to family & laundry areas

Master suite offers claw foot tub & generous closet with built-ins

Decks, wrap around porches & New Orleans-style courtyard

Extensive trim, crown & base moldings used throughout

Modern kitchen with old world ambience

Block panel detail in foyer & hall

French doors open to “Brennan’s-style” courtyard that floods light into living, hall & great room

Unfinished third floor game/media rooms

**Whitestone Builders**  
628 East 9th    3833 sq.ft.    \$1,075,900    832/274-3848  
[www.whitestonebuilders.com](http://www.whitestonebuilders.com)

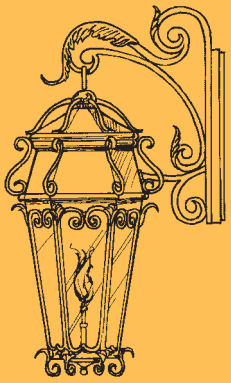


◆ Inspired by the timeless architectural styles of classic homes in New Orleans’ Garden District and French Quarter, Whitestone Builders is designing and building custom homes to blend well into the nostalgic Heights’ street scenes. Whitestone’s principals Graham Gamble and David Gordon have a passion for melding classical architectural design with the latest construction and technological innovations. Their dedication to building quality homes that are totally unique products ensures Whitestone’s status as one of Houston’s most-respected custom homebuilders.

This nod to French Creole is truly a Heights “painted lady”—featuring a walk-out dormer which embellishes the roof line and offers views of the Heights. Balconies are set off by authentic reproduction ironwork replicating railing from the French Quarter and real working shutters. The dramatic, two-story Butler’s pantry is overlooked by a Juliet balcony and displays incredible cabinetry and molding, detailed iron work on the window and abundant space for wine and china storage. A European chimney-style range hood and gorgeous high-end wood appliques adorn the over-the-top kitchen. Elaborate cornice work and fluted pilasters define the upper sink elevation, and the cabinetry is polished with custom, wood mullion accents.

**Special Credits**  
Creole Design, LLC  
Collaborative Design Group, LLC  
**Acknowledgment to Vendors**  
Daltile & Stone, Thermador, Stone Image,  
American Lighting, Kichler Lighting,  
Morrison Hardware & Plumbing,  
K & N Builder Supply, Farrel’s Art Glass





Showcase Highlights:

- 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- James Hardie siding, Jeld Wen windows
- Superior solid oak flooring, including kitchen
- Central vacuum system for easy floor maintenance
- High-end, formal ceiling fan fixture in master suite
- Master bath has two-person, tiled shower with BainUltra ThermoMasseur Bath
- Insulated walls for noise reduction in master suite
- Hand-built, custom cabinetry & crown molding
- Cat5 data connections, wired for surround sound throughout
- Travertine flooring in baths & laundry

Leder Construction, LLC  
1214 Omar    4000 sq.ft.    \$779,000    713/876-9910  
www.lederconstruction.com

◆ Leder Construction specializes in custom homebuilding and home renovations in the Houston Heights. Quality and integrity are the foundations upon which Leder’s custom homes are built, with an emphasis on exemplary customer service that sets it apart and contributes to its success as a premier builder.

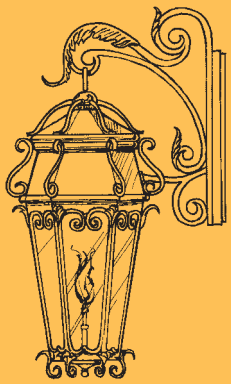
In just a few short years, Leder has built a reputation for impeccable quality and style. We deliver custom homes of the utmost standards built to your own specifications. The key to building a high caliber home on time and on budget is the control over the construction process. We closely supervise each project and use proven subcontractors to avoid delays or surprises.



This beautiful Craftsman-style home, created by Leder Construction in conjunction with APD Building Designers, was developed with the discerning professional in mind. The insightful planning of the first floor living areas is ideal for entertaining in a grand manner. The kitchen is defined by unique granite counters with elegant, complementary tile backsplashes. The GE Monogram Professional Series appliance package makes this a perfect setting for casual or elaborate party endeavors. The huge upstairs game room has full bath capabilities for conversion to guest room or additional bedroom needs. Covered porches add to the outside enjoyment possibilities of this intelligently designed home.



Acknowledgment to Vendors  
KIVA Kitchen & Bath, Heights Lights



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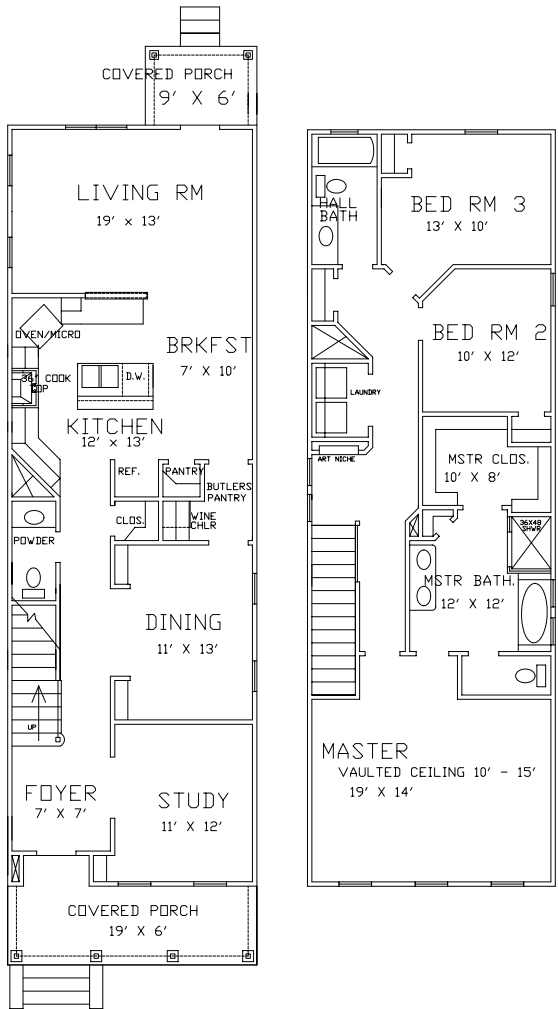
- 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
- 2-car detached garage
- Color Plus Hardie beaded siding with 15-year paint guarantee
- Butler’s pantry with wine chiller
- 8’ doors throughout
- Hardwood floors in all but secondary bedrooms
- Dual HVAC system with controls in family room & master bedroom
- Granite countertops throughout
- Highly detailed trim & crown molding throughout
- High efficiency Marvin wood windows-double hung, argon-filled, fiberglass exterior
- 6’ privacy-fenced, with wrought iron in front

Decorum Homes  
1330 Nicholson    2200 sq.ft.    \$399,000    713/880-5920  
www.decorumhomes.com



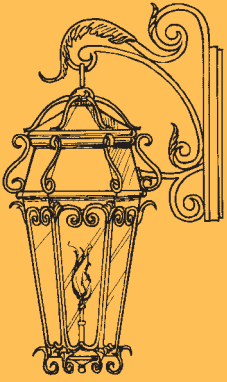
◆ With the name "Decorum" being derived from the appropriateness or accuracy of an artistic element, the Decorum Homes brand is synonymous with architecturally accurate homes which reflect the designs of the 1890s period of the original inception of the Heights. The size and amenities of the modern home have changed, but the desire remains for the Craftsman-style bungalows, Victorian and Greek Revival homes of that era. Our philosophy that “every detail matters” is the foundation of the superior building standards of Decorum Homes, and results in homes built with a focus on architectural integrity and quality workmanship while utilizing the latest technology available.

Ten-foot ceilings command attention in this lovely home by Adam Reichard of Decorum Homes. The kitchen would be graded A+ by any chef, with stainless Thermador appliances, pot filler and wine chiller. In the family room, French doors and a custom-built fireplace mantle add polished touches. The master suite is similarly distinguished, with crown molding, Jacuzzi tub, custom cabinetry and spa-sized shower.



Acknowledgment to Vendors  
BMC West, Lankford Mechanical, Inc., KIVA Kitchen & Bath, Fort Bend Electric, Reynolds Tile & Flooring, Martinez Decks, Ranger American Security Systems, Perez Landscaping





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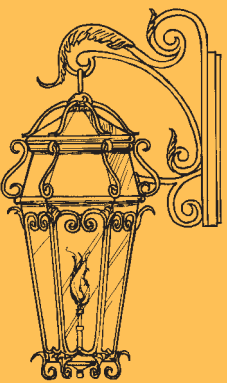
- 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths
- 2-car detached garage ready for 2nd floor
- Hardie siding accented by clay brick
- Reclaimed oak hardwoods throughout home
- 1st floor features 8' doors
- Built-in bookshelves in living room
- Utility room with sink and cabinetry
- Front & rear covered porches

Ellisford Homes  
502 Redan 3301 sq.ft. \$705,000 713/737-5251  
www.ellisfordhomes.com



◆ When you walk into an Ellisford home, you immediately recognize a level of craftsmanship that elevates the home to the standard of architectural art which truly complements its streetscape. Meeting the needs of each individual homeowner is an integral part of the building process, whether it's a master suite with all the spoils of luxury or a kitchen extraordinaire exemplifying the functionality of design. Our designs often reflect the kitchen as the "life center" of household activity for many of our customers.

This charming Arts and Crafts home by GAD Designs is a great example. The large island, gourmet kitchen features the latest in appliances, including a Jenn-Air Pro style 48" range with double ovens and griddle, built-in refrigerator and wine chiller. A private sitting area with built-in bookcase leads to the grand master suite, with its beautifully marble-dressed bath. The lovely dining room is graced with panel-blocked wainscoting and a decorative ceiling medallion.



Showcase Highlights:

- 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- 2 to 3 car garage with plenty of storage space
- Exterior utilizes Hardie siding, IronWood porch decking, reclaimed Chicago brick
- True operable shutters
- Wrought iron fence on front & side yards
- Reclaimed oak floors throughout the home
- Sunroom off the master can be study or reading room...full of natural light
- Box paneling on walls adds extra dimension
- Meile appliances in kitchen include convection oven & microwave, built-in coffee maker, 2 wine coolers

Sullivan Brothers Builders  
502 West 23rd 2764 sq.ft. \$730,000 713/880-9888  
www.sullivaninterests.com

◆ Sullivan Brothers Builders has been developing new neighborhoods in and around the Houston/Galveston area since 1999. With personal attention to and a focus on detailed craftsmanship, they strive to exceed buyers' expectations by setting a new standard for excellence.

The company prides itself on building a "new, old home" which embraces historic architectural features while providing the conveniences and technical advances of modern living. They are also proud of their customer relationships—unmatched at every stage of construction: before, during and after. In 2007, they won the Houston Heights Association's award for Residential New Construction of the Year.

This classic Charleston-style home developed in conjunction with Creole Design has wraparound side porches on both levels especially adapted for this Heights lot. Not only is it architecturally accurate, its structural design and energy-efficient features will result in lower utility bills for owners.

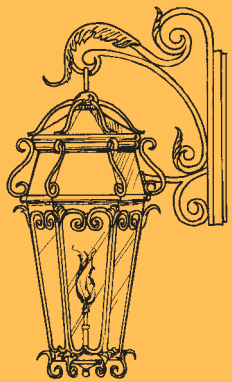
Traditional elements such as a claw-foot tub in the master bath and French doors opening to a private balcony off the master bedroom contrast smartly with the latest high-tech appliances featured in the kitchen. The open bar seating and breakfast area make it a fantastic venue for entertaining.



Special Credits  
EnergyGuard Foam Insulation  
Acknowledgment to Vendors  
KIVA Bath & Kitchen







Showcase Highlights:

4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths

Situated on two lots

Wine room with decanting area & extensive wine storage

Custom stained glass in stairwell

Butler's pantry connecting dining room & kitchen provides space for storage & display

Upgraded tile & stone details throughout

Special molding & trim packages enhance entries to living & dining rooms, study, wine room

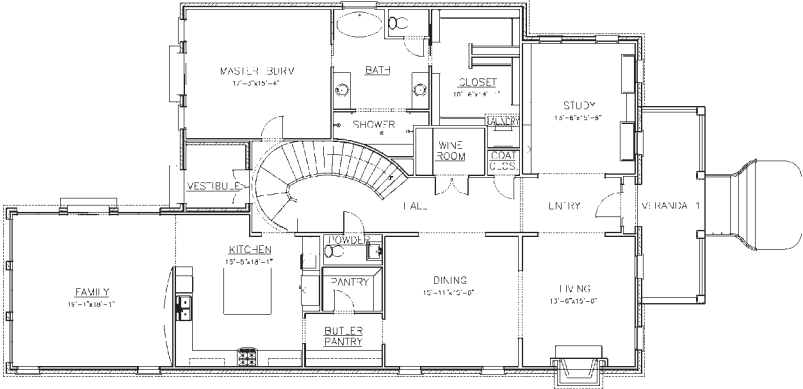
Custom designed fireplace flanked by built-ins reminiscent of old Heights era

Decorative wall fountain focal point of patio

Whitestone Builders  
1639 Arlington 4080 sq.ft. \$1,490,000 832/274-3848  
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This Georgian Revival home features many antique doors, hardware and stair parts...lending authenticity to its air of old world design. Such details as moldings, corbels and custom pilasters in the kitchen combine with all the amenities of a modern kitchen. A glorious elliptical staircase with hand-carved newel post floats at the end of the foyer hallway. The downstairs master suite looks out to the tranquility of a New Orleans-style flagstone courtyard, while the oversized master bath includes its own stack washer and dryer, dual vanities and an enormous walk-in shower with double shower heads.

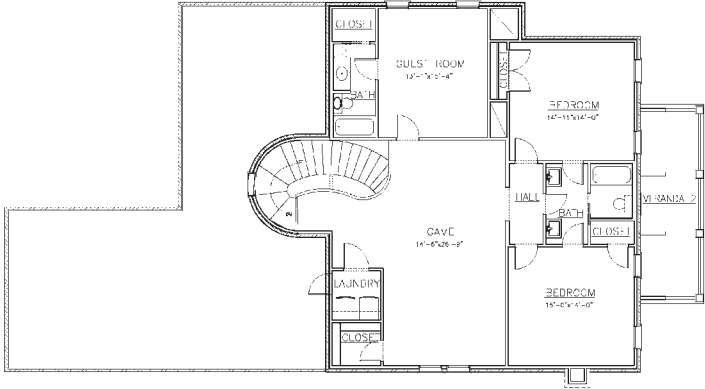


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Bison Building Materials, Ltd., based in Houston, Texas, began modestly in 1962 as Roy W. Bierschwale's small retail store and lumber shed. Over the past four decades, Bison has grown into Texas' single largest independent supplier of lumber, full service millwork and other added-value products. Bison has participated in the area's phenomenal growth by providing a full range of products and services and blending the best of new technology with traditional customer service values. Bison's dominance in the industry is due to openness to change, a continuing search for excellence, and the desire to lead into developing technologies.

Presently, Bison has seven locations throughout the Houston area, offering convenience and quick delivery regardless of job-site location. Chief Operating Officer Tom Tolleson states, "We have significantly broadened our product offerings to include roof trusses, floor systems in both open web trusses and Boise engineered wood I-joists, installed insulation and Jeld-Wen wood and vinyl windows. I am confident our commitment to constantly improving our product offerings and services is evident in our recent enhancements."

Recent renovation to the door and millwork plant, located on the Sam Houston Tollway north of I-10, has dramatically increased Bison's production capabilities. Bison now offers a full line of doors and millwork though the Conroe (I-45 North, north of Needham Road) and Rosenberg (235 Benton Road) locations.

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"The mission of Bison Building Materials, LLC." said company President Pat W. Bierschwale, "is to provide total value to our customers. To achieve this, we have dedicated tremendous resources in technology, improved facilities, and to expanding our products and services to provide you 'one-stop shopping.' I invite you to experience the Bison difference."

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# HOUSTON DEMOLITION

## MAKING WAY FOR THE FUTURE

Houston Demolition Inc. was formed by two friends with a combined experience of over 30 years. Carl Haygood started over 20 years ago in the industry as a laborer. Ann Marie Hartwell began as an office worker for a major demolition company over 10 years ago. The two make a great team, bringing together the complementary skill sets necessary to form a successful company. These key players began at the bottom, gaining knowledge and experience along the way.

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"It's all about the customer experience at KIVA Kitchen & Bath. Our clients aren't just buying a refrigerator or range, they are buying a way of living and entertaining in a kitchen," said Cozby.

KIVA Kitchen & Bath has been serving home owners and the trade since 1939. For more information, please visit [www.KIVAhome.com](http://www.KIVAhome.com).







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Nothing affects curb appeal and ultimately the value of a home like the exterior siding. Homeowners wanting the look of lap siding have traditionally had to settle for wood-based or vinyl siding. However, over time, wood-based siding tends to rot, crack, delaminate and is susceptible to termites, while vinyl is easily dented, fades in color, and is perceived as being a lower quality alternative. James Hardie® siding offers the beauty and character of wood without the maintenance problems.

And nothing can help you get a house's color right like the James Hardie® ColorPlus® system. Together with the authentic look of wood and the durability of James Hardie siding, your homes will practically be selling themselves. Color doesn't just make a house stand out. Color makes it distinctive. Color gives it personality. James Hardie® siding with ColorPlus® Technology allows you to deliver a higher quality product at a better value with fewer hassles than ever before.

James Hardie has also expanded its line of siding products by launching Artisan® Lap and Artisan™ Accent Trim into the Texas market as of November 1st, 2007. Backed by 15 years of research and development, Artisan Lap was designed for discriminating homebuyers and builders who seek the highest quality. Artisan delivers distinctively deep shadow lines for premium aesthetics, and the product features the patented DuraTech™ technology which provides it with superior structural integrity. Its tongue-and-groove end joints fit tightly together for precise fit and finish.

For over 100 years, James Hardie has been the industry leader in building products and dedicated to just one thing...protecting homes against the ravages of time and the elements. James Hardie resists rotting. It's impervious to insects. It resists peeling. It resists fading. It resists cracking. And it comes with our 50-year limited transferable product warranty. As over 4 million homeowners in North America can attest, there's not another like it.

For more information on James Hardie Siding Products or to receive a free sample, call toll-free 1-866-4-HARDIE, or visit [www.jameshardie.com](http://www.jameshardie.com).

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## daltile®

Daltil is the oldest and largest manufacturer and supplier of tile and stone products in the United States. We are proud to offer over 250 warehouses (four in the Houston area), 23 slab yards and nine tile and stone galleries throughout the United States. Boasting thousands of square feet, these stunning showrooms make it easy to view the stylish Daltil product line including ceramic tile, porcelain, natural stone, metals, glass tiles, slabs and more. No matter what your design needs, Daltil has the products!

The Daltil Tile & Stone Gallery and the Natural Stone and Slab Showroom are tile and stone resources like no other. Whether you are a designer, builder, architect, homeowner or contractor, you'll discover endless, creative solutions for designing with tile and stone. Should you need design assistance, one of our four ASID certified designers will be happy to assist you on your project by creating CAD drawings and providing you with a full summary of your selections.

Our slab yard features 35,000 square feet of indoor selections featuring some of the most exotic slabs from around the world. Rain or shine, you can select your slabs in comfort, knowing that you are selecting the best quality the industry has to offer.

Daltil is pleased to have participated in the Height Showcase of Homes!

#### HOUSTON LOCATIONS:

Daltil Tile & Stone Gallery  
2808 Richmond, Ste. A  
Telephone: 713-533-9305

Daltil Stone & Slab Showroom  
11850 Hempstead Road  
Telephone: 713-956-1900

Daltil Showroom - Woodlands  
325 Spring Hill Drive  
Telephone: 281-296-2992

Daltil Showroom #160  
10641 So. Sam Houston Pkwy, Ste. 300  
Telephone: 281-568-3740

Daltil Showroom #131  
11711 South Fuqua  
Telephone: 281-481-0919



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Amegy Bank of Texas is one of the fastest growing banks in the state. Beginning with one location and \$50 million in assets 18 years ago, Amegy has grown to more than \$11 billion in assets and over 85 banking centers in the greater Houston, Dallas and San Antonio metropolitan areas. Local decision making and a history of relationship and community banking by its 225 calling officers set Amegy apart.

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502 West 23rd
- 2 Bastian Builders  
632 West 17th
- 3 Decorum Homes  
1330 Nicholson
- 4 Whitestone Builders  
1639 Arlington
- 5 Leder Construction  
1214 Omar
- 6 Whitestone Builders  
628 East 9th
- 7 Ellisford Homes  
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*Did you know?*

- 1. The Heights is called “small town cool in the center of the big city.”
- 2. The Heights tops many “**Best Lists**” and is home to the best chicken-fried steak in Houston, the best new restaurant of 2007, the best plants, the best new store, the best late-night restaurant, the best tacos, best barbecue, and even the best value.
- 3. The **Fire Station** served as the original City Hall and jail. Restored in 1997, complete with catering kitchen, it is the perfect venue for parties and business meetings of all kinds.
- 4. **Marmion Park** is the original location of the Cooley mansion. Its Kaiser Pavilion was designed to emulate the Cooley home’s unique turret. It’s a popular spot for weddings and concerts.
- 5. **Donovan Park** is the home to The Heights Playground, a unique fantasy play-space developed solely through the power of community involvement.
- 6. Lambert Hall is home to **Opera in the Heights**. Entering its 12th season, this professional performing arts organization offers an intimate opera experience and allows audiences to see tomorrow’s opera stars.
- 7. Woodland Heights has its own dinosaur bone sculpture in Spark Park, known by most as “**The Dinosaur Park**.” Located on Travis Elementary campus, it doubles as a city park, with tree-lined green space, rock wall, and unusual dinosaur play space.



- 8. The Heights is home to more **professional artists** than any other Texas locale.



*Calendar of Events*

*Finding the offbeat and eclectic or the beloved and traditional is easy in the Heights. Here’s a sampling of some of the favorite events.*

- Spring Home & Garden Tour
- Heights Bike & Skate Rally  
& Scavenger Hunt
- Heights Fun Run
- White Linen Night
- Heights 1st Saturday
- Holiday Home Tour
- Woodland Heights Home Tour
- Heights Mistletoe Madness
- Lights in the Heights

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