

3668 Del Monte Drive

River Oaks

Surrounded by heirloom oak trees and approached by a circle drive, this classic River Oaks home has been carefully updated for the modern lifestyle. The inviting grand foyer and reception hall features an elegant descending spiral staircase, hardwood floors, traditional moldings, and wide doorways to the formal living room and dining room. Living room features a classic fireplace, dentil molding, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Glassed-in sunroom off the living room with access to outdoors. Gracious formal dining room allows a fully extended banquet table and plenty of wall space for serving pieces. Chef's kitchen and breakfast room with antique pine cabinets, Wolf and GE Monogram appliances, island with seating, and granite countertops. Five bedrooms upstairs; or four bedrooms plus study. Outdoor amenities include a pool, brick and slate patios, mature gardens, and gated motor court. Apartment above two-car garage. Gorgeous wooded lot.

(Five bedroom, four full and one half bathrooms, two car detached garage with one bed/one bath apartment, located in River Oaks; 4,915 sq. ft. home (per HCAD); 20,040 sq. ft. lot (per HCAD); built in 1938 (per HCAD).

Foyer – 18' 9" x 13' 10"

- 9' Ceiling
- 4-Bulb brass chandelier in entryway with custom ceiling plate
- Solid wood front door flanked by leaded glass windows with three leaded glass transoms
- Curved grand staircase with hardwood treads and balustrade
- Entryway cased with custom millwork to Formal Dining
- Entryway cased with custom millwork to Formal Living
- Entryway cased with custom millwork to Kitchen
- Entryway cased with custom millwork to Family Room
- Coat closet cased with custom millwork
- Keyed silver closet cased with custom millwork
- Wainscoting with custom millwork and chair railing
- Multi-piece crown molding with dental pattern
- 8" Multi-piece baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Formal Living Room – 28' 6" x 15' 3"

- 9' Ceiling
- Two 18-lite windows cased with custom millwork
- One 24-lite window cased with custom millwork
- One 24-lite window flanked by two 12-lite sidelights and cased with custom millwork
- Gas/wood burning fireplace with marble surround and hearth with a wooden mantel
- Cased entry to Sun Room with bi-fold door
- Cased entry to Family Room with bi-fold door
- Multi-piece crown molding with dental pattern
- 8" Multi-piece baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Sun-Room – 18' 8" x 12'

- 9' Ceiling
- Two 30-lite cased windows
- Two 20-lite cased windows
- Set of 10-lite French double doors to backyard flanked by two 10-lite sidelights
- Bookcase with three adjustable shelves and one double door cabinet
- Ceiling fan
- Straw grass wall covering
- Recessed lighting
- 6" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards
- Glazed brick tile floors

Family Room – 19' x 14' 10"

- 9' Ceiling
- One 23-lite arched window flanked by two 12-lite sidelights with casing
- Set of 5-lite French double doors to backyard flanked by two 5-lite sidelights
- 8-Candle bronze chandelier
- Gas/wood burning fireplace with stone slab hearth and wooden mantel
- Cased opening to Wet Bar
- Two built-ins with five shelves each
- 8" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Formal Dining Room – 19' x 15' 3"

- 9' Ceiling
- Two 18-lite windows cased with custom millwork
- One 24-lite window cased with custom millwork
- 5-Candle hanging chandelier with custom millwork on ceiling mount

- Swinging door to Kitchen cased with custom millwork
- Custom linen draperies
- Paper wall covering
- Chair railing
- Multi-piece crown molding with dental pattern
- 8" Multi-piece baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Wet Bar – 9' 8" x 6'

- 9' Coffered ceiling with directional art lighting
- Floor to ceiling wood paneling
- Serving area with floor to ceiling bookcases; four sets of seven adjustable shelves
- KitchenAid ice machine
- Hammered copper sink with gooseneck faucet
- Two undercounter drawers
- Two undercounter cabinets
- Three overhead cabinets
- Lattice wine rack with 64 bottle capacity
- Display niche with four adjustable glass shelves
- Display niche with three adjustable glass shelves
- Recessed lighting
- 4" Crown molding with custom mill work
- ½" Quarter round baseboards
- 2" Hardwood floors

Powder Room – 6' 7" x 5' 9"

- 7' 10" Ceiling
- Two bulb pendant light fixture with leaf design
- Porcelain pedestal sink with shell design and copper faucet
- Bronze towel bar
- Bronze paper holder
- Grass cloth wallpaper
- 4" Crown molding with custom mill work
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim

Kitchen – 18' 6" x 11' 3"

- 9' Ceiling
- Three 6-lite cased windows with plantation shutters
- Granite countertops
- Porcelain subway tile backsplash
- Antique pine cabinetry
- Stainless steel SubZero fridge and freezer combo
- Stainless steel Wolf dual oven
- Stainless steel SubZero wine mini fridge
- Stainless steel GE Monogram 5-burner gas range
- Stainless steel Thermador vent hood
- Stainless steel Whirlpool microwave
- Stainless steel Asko dishwasher
- Stainless steel dual basin sink with stainless steel faucet, hand sprayer, soap dispenser, and tap water dispenser
- Three overhead glass faced display cabinets with adjustable shelving
- Four overhead double door cabinets
- Three overhead single door cabinets
- One undercounter corner cabinet with two-tiered lazy Susan
- One undercounter double door cabinet
- Two undercounter single door cabinets
- Twenty-two drawers
- One trash can drawer with two bin capacity
- One trash can drawer with single bin capacity
- Undermount cabinet lighting
- Recessed lighting
- 2" Hardwood floors

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Breakfast Room – 10' 5" x 9' 5"

- 9" Ceiling
- One 16-lite cased window
- 6-Candle wrought iron chandelier
- Swinging door to Dining Room
- Recessed lighting
- 6" Multi-piece baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Owners Suite – 19' 5" x 15' 3"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Two 12-lite cased windows
- One 16-lite cased window
- Cased entry to Owners Sitting room
- Cased entry to Owners Dressing room
- 6" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Owners Sitting Room – 15' 10" x 11'

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Two 16-lite cased windows
- Two 12-lite cased windows
- Two 8-lite cased windows
- Seven built in shelves
- Closet with two sets of double doors to access; two hanging racks, six drawers, ten adjustable shelves, and one overhead shelf
- Adjustable track lighting
- 4" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Owners Bathroom –

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- One 12-lite cased window
- Two-bulb vanity sconce
- Porcelain pedestal sink
- Tub/shower combo set in tile alcove
- Walk in shower with glass door and tile surround
- Mirrored medicine cabinet
- Tile wall covering up to sink level
- Recessed lighting
- 4" Diagonally set tile floor

Owners Dressing Room – 18' x 8' 8"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Marble countertop with marble backsplash
- Makeup station with knee space
- Undermount porcelain sink
- Two undercounter drawers
- Three undercounter cabinets
- Fifteen built in drawers
- Linen cabinet with adjustable shelving
- Launder hamper cabinet
- Three hanging racks; one is dress height
- Six built in shelves
- Two fluorescent vanity light fixtures
- Designer hanging light fixture
- Recessed lighting
- 3" Decorative crown molding
- 4" Baseboards
- Carpet floors

Bedroom 1 – 12' 4" x 12'

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- One 16-lite cased window
- Two 8-lite cased windows
- Access to shared bath
- Closet with two open faced cabinets and six adjustable shelves
- 2" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Shared Bath – 10' x 4'

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Shared access and use between Bedroom 1 and 2
- One 8-lite cased window with plantation shutters
- Granite countertop and backsplash
- Undermount porcelain sink
- Walk-in shower with glass door and tile surround
- One undercounter double door cabinet
- One drawer
- Linen cabinet
- Mirrored medicine cabinet
- Tile wall covering up to sink level
- 2-Bulb vanity sconce
- 3" Crown molding
- 1" Tile floor

Bedroom 2 – 14' 6" x 13' 8"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Two 12-lite cased windows
- One 16-lite cased window
- Three-tiered animal hide chandelier
- Access to shared bath
- Two closets with bi-fold double doors, one hanging rack, and one overhead shelf
- 2" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Bedroom 3 – 16' x 13' 5"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Two 16-lite cased windows
- Two 8-lite cased windows
- 8-Bulb custom chandelier
- Double door closet with three hanging racks; one is dress height
- Double door closet with two hanging racks, three adjustable shelves, and six drawers
- Built-in with four shelves and a double door cabinet
- 4" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards with oak trim
- 2" Hardwood floors

Bedroom 3 Private Bath – 8' x 7' 8"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- One 12-lite cased window with plantation shutters
- Marble countertop and backsplash
- Porcelain undermount sink
- Tub/shower combo with glass enclosure and frosted glass tile surround
- One under counter double door cabinet
- One drawer
- Two linen cabinets
- 3-Bulb vanity sconce
- Recessed lighting
- 5" Baseboards
- 12" Diagonally set marble tile floors

Bedroom 4 – 17' 10" x 14' 11"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- Three 16-lite cased windows
- Two 8-lite cased windows
- Vestibule entry with a linen closet with five shelves and access to private bath
- Closet with hanging rack and overhead shelf
- Floor to ceiling wooden wall paneling
- Pendant light fixture with fabric shade
- 3" Crown molding
- 5" Baseboards with ½" quarter round
- 2" Hardwood floors

Bedroom 4 Private Bath – 8' x 6' 7"

- 8' 6" Ceiling
- One 12-lite cased window with plantation shutters
- Granite countertop and backsplash
- Undermount porcelain sink
- Tub/shower combo set in tiled alcove
- One undercounter double door cabinet
- One undercounter drawer
- Open faced medicine cabinet
- Wall mounted towel storage rack
- 2-Bulb vanity sconce
- Recessed lighting
- 3" Crown molding
- 6" Baseboards
- 12" Tile floors

Miscellaneous Renovation Information (Per Seller)

- 1997 Complete kitchen remodel
- 2015 Kitchen updates including new ovens, cooktop, wine refrigerator, cabinetry, and painting
- 2005 Updates to two smaller upstairs bathrooms and bedrooms. New lavatories installed. Paint, carpet, curtain updates
- 2005 Installed PTAC unit in quarters. Installed kitchenette in quarters.
- 2006 Updates to bar: new counter and folding door, copper bar sink, new ice maker (ice maker since replaced-not sure what year 2012-14?)
- 2006 Closed in laundry room (previously W/D in third bay of garage). Corrected grading around garage and updated shed roof and gutters
- 2012 Installation of new gas meter and conduit lines. AC units moved to back property line
- 2014 Updated exterior of garage, including new brick stairs, railing, walkway, & copper roof at east entrance. Installation of exterior Bevelo lights and operable wood shutters. Interior venetian blinds. Installation of copper gutter system.

- 2014-15 Complete renovation of backyard and motor court. Installation of pool. Work included new fencing of backyard, with new wrought iron and brick gates. Installation of new motor court with antique brickwork behind driveway gate. New dual hinged driveway gate. New drain lines from backyard and driveway to street. New irrigation system front and back. New landscape lighting system installed. New mosquito control system installed. Installation of new landscaping and hardscape including antique brick terrace, Milford Green Flagstone pool terrace, fountain, and parterre garden on east side of property. Contractors: Gregory/Henry Landscape Design & Installation (Ted Gregory), Cinco Pools (Andy Spheeris), Hebert Irrigation (Bruce Hebert), Natural Concepts Lighting-Mosquito Control.
- 2015 Updates to bathroom in quarters. New lavatory and toilet.
- 2015 Installed dedicated 50-amp 240-volt receptacle for electric car charging in west garage bay.
- 2018 Front column bases replaced, and any rotten wood removed, replaced, and repaired.
- 2019 New composition roof installed on house and garage. Installed radiant barrier. Removed all old insulation and installed new blown insulation layer. New downspouts added to gutters on front porch and two additional drains.

Surrounded by heirloom oak trees and approached by a circle drive, 3668 Del Monte presents the genteel signature style of a classic River Oaks home. The sellers and designer Peggy McGaughy updated the house for modern living but were careful to preserve its vintage grace and inviting drift between formal and informal rooms. House lore, passed on by the previous owners, maintains that the house boasted one of the first central air-conditioning (water tower) systems in Houston. Also imparted was information that the house was extensively remodeled in the mid-1960s by real estate broker Robin Elverson who may have added the refined moldings, winding staircase, and paneled, Art Deco-inspired bar.

Refurbished hardwood floors extend from the raised foyer and reception hall into expansive, light-filled formal rooms and throughout the gathering areas. The living room features space for multiple seating arrangements, a classic fireplace, dentil molding, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Openings to the reception hall and to the adjoining glassed-in sunroom promote easy circular flow when entertaining. The dining room views the front approach through floor-to-ceiling windows and allows a fully extended banquet table with plenty of wall space for serving pieces.

A side hall travels from the rear of the reception hall to an intimate den, overlooking the pool and gardens, where the stylish, walk-in, fully equipped bar tucks into a corner behind a flip-up countertop. The hall curves around to the kitchen where comprehensive renovation has produced a thoroughly modern chef's kitchen and breakfast room. Amenities include antique pine cabinets, Wolf and G E Monogram appliances, an island with seating, and granite countertops. A glass door opens to the gated driveway and motor court.

The second floor is reserved for private spaces. Airy and serene, the primary bedroom is surrounded by windows and offers a treehouse ambience; the bath features a dressing area and vanity. An adjoining room functions as an art studio and a next-door bedroom serves as an office/sitting room.

Additional bedrooms include an en suite bedroom with updated, marble-clad bath; a bedroom that connects to a bath shared by the office/sitting room; and an elegantly appointed guest suite next to an updated hall bath.

Outdoor amenities include a swimming pool, brick and slate patios, mature gardens, and a gated motor court paved with brick and slate. Above the two-car garage and separate laundry room, an apartment features two large rooms, a kitchen, and an updated full bath.