

5005 Pine Street, Bellaire, Texas

We have loved our home from the day we moved in over 30 years ago. We were fortunate to acquire a great lot that was close to Bellaire High, but not too close. We were also fortunate to select a very creative architect who listened to us and then exceeded our expectations. The architect, in turn, recommended an independent custom builder that did a great job, working on one home at a time so he was on site every day.

From the very beginning, our house was the events location for our many family celebrations. The home was designed with an open floor plan that easily accommodated large groups, often as many as 100 friends and relatives. Our family room, with a little furniture moving, seated 35 for many a seder dinner. Our one-story home was also designed to be handicap friendly with no elevation changes throughout and accessible bathrooms.

Over the years, we have continued to invest in our property to keep it up to date and in good repair. The kitchen was renovated with new cabinets, appliances and counter tops. The master bath was renovated and updated. We invested in a gas-powered Generac generator that has come in handy; especially during the most recent winter storm. Most recently we installed double paned windows throughout the house, helping both energy efficiency and sound insulation. We also rebuilt the back deck with maintenance free composite material and replaced all the gutters with oversized updated products. A 30-year roof was installed in 2013 and all toilets were replaced with Totos a few years ago. We have a semi-annual inspection of our hvac systems and our generator to keep them in good working condition.

In 2017 we experienced Harvey, the 100-year flood. We nearly escaped the flood, but in the end, we experienced 2 inches of water; just enough to ruin the hardwood floors. Fortunately, we had no damage to appliances, cabinets or furniture. After remediation we installed porcelain tile that looks pretty much like the wood floors we ripped out, so that even a little water will not be a problem. In reality, we have been very pleased with the work done on Braes Bayou that should protect Bellaire from flooding for the foreseeable future.

In February, 2021, we experienced the Texas deep freeze that affected our power for several days. Needless to say, we were very happy when our generator

started up automatically at 2 o'clock in the morning and keep us warm for the next two days. Our generator runs most of the house, including the major hvac unit, the stove, microwave, refrigerators and most lighting throughout the house.

We will miss our house a lot. But with retirement, the time has come to make the move to a high rise. We can shut the door and leave town without a worry. We can pass on to a lucky owner our list of the many tradesmen that keep our home functioning. But, 5005 Pine will always be first in our heart.