

You are probably wondering why we would want to leave this beautiful house that we love, these neighbors we love and this incredible neighborhood that has helped shape the lives of our adult children as well as my husband and me? I know I always want to know why someone is moving.

Well, we've had 26 wonderful years enjoying and appreciating all of the above. Our house has become too big for us-we aren't using half of it most of the time. We've decided after 26 years it's time we start the next chapter of our life.

When we bought this house it was a 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. We thought it would always be big enough for our family. It grew with us till 2003 when we decided it was time to add on a pool. We added the game room, 2 bedrooms and the jack and jill bathroom, converted one bedroom into the study and the other bedroom into the laundry room/office, and moved the entrance to the master bedroom so it didn't open on to the living room. Later we added the door from our bedroom to the backyard which has been so nice when we're coming in from the hot tub or pool and we installed granite kitchen counters (the house had 4X4 light gray tile with white grout-impossible to keep clean!). We also added the wood floors, the tile and the side driveway. It seems we were always adding or changing something-plantation shutters, remodeling the master bath. We've put a lot of our blood, sweat and tears into making the house what is today. This house is a great house for entertaining and has so many living areas indoors and out. There's plenty of room to play games, garden, have a trampoline, etc. I love the large oak trees. The tree outside of the kitchen is a burr oak that produces giant acorns each fall. I love all the natural light in the house; mornings are beautiful in the family room and breakfast room. Since we installed gas logs in the wood burning fireplace about 4 years ago, we can have a fire every morning it's cool with the click of a button! We spend a lot of time in the pool and backyard. I especially enjoy turning the fountain on and reading in the evening. During the pandemic this saved our sanity!

Our neighborhood has community holiday events for children (Easter egg hunts, trick or treating, Christmas parties). There have been some adult gatherings lately as well. We've participated in those which are so great for meeting neighbors. Our adult children developed lifelong relationships that started here in Southbank as have my husband and I. I've often wondered why Southbank is such a close neighborhood with such an identity. In large part, this is because of all of the amazing amenities which foster making friends. We have a private river park, tennis and basketball courts, a playground, a dog park, a clubhouse, a swimming pool, a community library, etc. Being across the street

from Lake Dunlap (which is scheduled to return) is nice, too. I've enjoyed paddle boarding, fishing and boating!

This is a such a friendly neighborhood and it's easy to find people with which you have things in common. My husband isn't the only one travelling the tri-county area to San Marcos, New Braunfels and Seguin. We have easy access to both IH 35 and IH 10. It's also the kind of neighborhood where you can borrow a cup of sugar to avoid an unnecessary trip to the grocery store (which is a huge plus)! It's very diverse in ages-young families, people with older kids, widows and widowers, retirees, empty nesters, singles...Southbank has all kinds. It's also a watchful neighborhood-if you leave your garage door open at night a neighbor will call, if someone sees something that needs to be shared it will be posted on our Southbank Facebook page. Twice a year there are neighborhood garage sales which are fun to participate in. Since our HOA is self-governed we are able to employ a manager of our own choosing which keeps our dues lower than most neighborhoods with as many amenities as we have.

So, our home is looking for new owners to love and cherish it like we have. It's time for us to build a new nest. If this house sounds like it could be your new cherished home, we wish you all the best. We know you'll add your own touches and changes and make memories of your own.