

To the buyers of 5407 Dumfries:

We have loved living at 5407 Dumfries over the years and we would love to share a few of those things with you.

Our family has truly loved living here. This was not just a house, but a home. It was the cozy place we looked forward to returning to at the end of long days at work and school. Every room in the home has a purpose and was used daily. The backyard was an extension of our oasis where the shady trees protected us from even the hottest Houston days. The hub of our home, like most, is the kitchen. We LOVED our huge kitchen island! That is the place where we downloaded from our long days, where homework got done, where family meals were made, where buffets for friends were set out, where plans for the day and dreams for tomorrow were created. It is magnetic - every guest in our house found themselves drawn toward that island. It was the place where we could offer them a cool drink and make them feel right at home.

The only thing about our home that is even more valuable than the house itself is the neighborhood, particularly the wonderful block we live on. This is a true neighborhood in every sense. It is friendly and peaceful. It is where neighbors know each other and cared for one another. It goes beyond a friendly "hello" when we pass each other on the street or wave from our cars as we drive by. Children walk to each other's homes to play and ask to hang out or walk to the incredible community center that is just a few blocks away. Our neighbors watch out for one another to keep our homes and families safe. There are block parties and potlucks and happy hours and "welcome to the neighborhood" get-togethers! One resident has been here since the neighborhood was first built and can tell stories about the architect who designed the original homes and resided on the block himself! During the freeze, our neighbor provided us with firewood on our doorstep - no questions asked. When my mother passed away, there were meals and flowers and shoulders to cry on. This is a REAL neighborhood. We will miss it so much, but we take comfort in knowing that the next family to live in our home will love being part of this community as much as we have.

Sincerely,

The Gaffes