

## **A Dozen Things I Love About My Home**

1. The HUGE closets and all the storage space.
2. The house faces nearly north, which means the sun never beats through the front or back of the home.
3. The view from the great room and screened room. I replaced the sash window over the fireplace with a large picture window to take full advantage of the view.
4. The mated pair of bald eagles that have a nest nearby and frequent the park. Also seen regularly in the park is a great horned owl, tree ducks, many squirrels, and an occasional egret. The reservoir near the school has lots of fish (many people fish there), as well as turtles, blue herons, egrets, and the occasional roseate spoonbill.
5. The huge swarms of black birds that stop over on their migration path for a few days twice each year, blanketing the park grounds.
6. The large crepe myrtle we planted 20 years ago that now shades the entire back of the house.
7. The black brick walkway out front. It widens the driveway and looks so much better than the little concrete walk that was there.
8. The proximity to all three schools. No early morning or late afternoon rides for club meetings, tutoring, sports, band, theater, or scouts. It's a short safe walk, even when it rains. I would stand at the end of the drive and watch my kindergartener walk to the crossing guard (same kind man for the past 15 years) and straight into school.
9. Being on the park meant my children walked safely across the park to the playground and pool without having to go onto the street. I could keep an eye on them and call them in easily for dinner.
10. The proximity to I-45 and the Grand Parkway, the new HEB at Gosling, and many new restaurants in the area. And its just a short drive to quaint Old Town Spring for festivals and holiday shopping.
11. My neighbors. On one side is a kind man with grown children, on the other a couple with three grown children. She was also a teacher and is now an assistant principal at the high school. Across the street is a lovely older woman who recently lost her husband. She's always very friendly.
12. The neighborhood spirit. The HOA has events at the club house for children on every major holiday, including a huge egg hunt, a Halloween costume contest, and a Meet Santa event. Also, most homes go all out with Christmas and Halloween decorations. This is a great neighborhood for trick or treating.