

# New Trust

REAL ESTATE

## INTERVIEW WITH THE SELLERS

1. Why did you decide to buy this home for yourself? We bought in Nottingham Forest 33 years ago because we heard it was a wonderful neighborhood to raise a family in, and the schools are excellent—all of which turned out to be true. My children received a top-notch education at the public schools, and they learned how to swim at the MAC and NFC, spending years on the swim team. They also enjoyed participating in the summer camps at the club and made many friends, some of whom they are still in close contact with. Sixteen years ago, I went back to work as a teacher and was able to teach where my children attended school—at Spring Forest and, shortly thereafter, at Stratford High School. I love the community support and enthusiasm for these schools (not to mention for MWE). I've appreciated the perspective I have gained as a parent with children who flourished at these schools as well as a teacher who still looks forward to each day at her job at SHS in large part due to the community here.
2. What do you think are the best features of your home? My favorite features of the house include the large open kitchen with visibility to the pool as well as the front yard. I have also enjoyed reading and grading papers (less so) in the study room downstairs (although it could be used as an extra bedroom or a playroom), as well as having the laundry room upstairs where the four bedrooms are.
3. What do you like best about your neighborhood? I'll miss the easy access to the trails along the bayou and the family friendly atmosphere. The neighbors look out for each other. I like how close we are to the schools. I can't think of another neighborhood or area where the younger generations return to raise their own children, which says so much about the neighborhood.
4. What are your favorite places for recreation, shopping and eating nearby? I love being close to Memorial Athletic Club and MAC for Women, where we have been members for 33 years. I also enjoy shopping at Blue Willow Bookshop, where the staff knows everyone and can make great reading recommendations. They will wrap any gift purchases for free, too. When I shop for other gifts, my go-to is Pepperlou Gifts and Wildbirds Unlimited in the Kirkwood/Memorial shopping strip. They also wrap gifts for free. It's been so nice to walk into an establishment that knows my name and my preferences. I love to eat at Hungry's Cafe and Olive Branch (on Dairy Ashford). The Kendall Library is about a mile away on Eldridge, too. My bubble also includes the shops at Town and Country.