

# THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

## VILLAS WITH UNIQUE VISUAL APPEAL IN CREVE COEUR

**COMMUNITY**  
ENCLAVE  
BELLERIVE,  
CREVE COEUR

**PRICE  
RANGE**  
\$1.35 MILLION TO  
\$1.7 MILLION

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Enclave Bellerive's site is nothing if not picturesque: From its rolling 44 acres, topping the crest of a substantial rise at Mason Road, one can see Ladue Road's straight-arrow band stretching due east, through the area's wooded subdivisions. To the north and west lie the grounds of Bellerive Country Club.

The property's former owners, the Baer brothers (of last-century department store Stix, Baer & Fuller), gave most of their worldly assets to charity—but on this they held out until the very end, unable to agree to sell.

The serpentine brick walls ringing the property's perimeter are a Jeffersonian flourish, explains C.F. Vatterott Construction president Greg Vatterott. This style of architecture, shared with nearby MICDS, is eminently recognizable: red-brick construction, white porticos, central spiral staircases and small circular windows rounding the roofline, with gazebos and wide walks anchoring the community's common ground. This is the only such development under construction in the U.S. right now—and it may be the only one to date that can boast of achieving LEED Bronze certification for each of its 55 homes-to-be.

When you're paying this much, the amenities come standard: Tankless water heaters, a high-efficiency furnace, granite countertops, slam-proof cabinets and drawers, a Sub-Zero fridge, Wolf cooking appliances, Saint Louis Closet Company-designed storage spaces, hardwood floors, a whirlpool tub, gas-log fireplaces and basement exercise and entertainment rooms.

Homeowners pay yearly dues to the community association, which maintains each home's exterior and lawn. It's perfect for those willing to pay for presidential splendor—and to agree to Article IX of the community's bylaws, which specifies that while anything goes on the inside, changes to the exterior are essentially verboten.

In return, says Vatterott, residents gain the assurance that their homes will retain value. It's an investment in convenience: As residents age, extra closet areas can be converted to house an elevator, and first-floor appliances and showers allow for easy "single-level" living. A formal dining room ensures gathering space.

In this election year, don't you owe it to yourself to achieve as presidential a standard of living as possible?

—MARGARET BAUER



VIRGINIA MODEL



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CHARLOTTESVILLE MODEL



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## ESTATE SALE

**HOUSEHOLD:** Cardinals first baseman  
*Albert Pujols*

**HOUSE:** 102 Grand Meridien Forest,  
Wildwood: 5-bedroom, 6-bath, 7,949  
square feet

**BOUGHT:** October 2007 for \$2 million.  
New construction by Arbor Homes

**HOUSEHOLD:** Peabody Energy executive  
vice president *Roger Walcott*

**HOUSE:** 32 Countryside, Frontenac:  
6-bedroom, 7.5-bath, 7,678 square feet

**BOUGHT:** October 2007 for \$2.4 million  
(from ex-Blues winger *Bill Guerin*, who  
bought it in August 2006 for \$2.525 million)

**HOUSEHOLD:** Former Furniture Brands  
International CFO *Denise Ramos*

**HOUSE:** 1112 Center, Richmond Heights:  
5-bedroom, 4.5-bath, 5,453 square feet

**BOUGHT:** August 2006 for \$1.6 million  
**SOLD:** September 2007 for \$1.65 million to  
*Robert and Patricia Mooney*

**HOUSEHOLD:** Blues winger *Lee Stempniak*

**HOUSE:** 123 Topton, Clayton: 4-bedroom,  
4.5-bath, 3,824 square feet

**BOUGHT:** September 2007 for \$1.38 million.  
New construction

**HOUSEHOLD:** Boeing vice president  
*Gary Fitzmire*

**HOUSE:** 16 Brentmoor Park, Clayton:  
6-bedroom, 5.5-bath, 7,582 square feet

**BOUGHT:** September 2007 for \$2.15 million  
(from *George and Barbara Johnson*, who bought  
it in 1994 for \$700,000)

**HOUSEHOLD:** Former Cardinals pitcher  
and current special assistant to the general  
manager *Alan Benes*

**HOUSE:** 754 Kraffel, Town & Country:  
4-bedroom, 3.5-bath, 4,202 square feet

**BOUGHT:** November 2007 for \$730,000

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