

New Construction in Buena Vista

New construction in Buena Vista is fairly rare. After all, part of the charm of this neighborhood is that it is filled with grand old homes, leaving very little room for new home construction. However, there is a new construction project underway at the corner of Pine Valley and Reynolds Drive. A retired Naval Officer and his wife who moved to Winston Salem five years ago are building the home. After many, many moves in the military, they settled on Winston Salem to be close to her family.

Reynolds Drive is one of many streetscapes in Buena Vista that is frequented by runners, walkers, dog owners and parents with baby strollers. It is not uncommon to see neighbors out and about stopping to exchange pleasantries and catch up on neighborhood activities. Lately, many of those scenes have taken place at the corner of Pine Valley and Reynolds Drive as this project has piqued the curiosity of all the passersby.

No doubt, most new construction sites have proven to be a bit of an inconvenience for both pedestrian traffic and motor vehicles as well, but the hope of the new owners is that it will be well worth it in the end. They drew their inspiration for the façade of the house from *Southern Living Magazine* because it was important to them for the feel of the house to be seamlessly integrated into Buena Vista. Architect Matthew Rodda of the Steele Group made the owners' vision a reality as he patiently guided them through the architectural design process.



June and Don discuss the interior vaulted ceiling.

Once inside, the design expertise of June Delugas of June Delugas Interiors is being put to the test as she navigates the owners' preference for a clean and updated contemporary look. Thus, the juxtaposition of the old and the new begins on the inside of the house. There are many unexpected design features in the house

and the eye will be drawn immediately to the vaulted ceilings in the center of the Great Room.

The interior design aspect of the project is critical to the feel and function of the house and there are many parallel efforts taking place from structural to electri-



June Delugas and Don Hamrick review plans for the new home in Buena Vista.

cal to plumbing, all under the watchful and experienced eye of June Delugas. Because this is the owners' first experience with new construction, they knew it would be important to assemble a good team of experienced professionals to see them through this process.

The owners chose Don Hamrick of Custom Homes by Hamrick to build their new home because he is a hands-on builder who pays attention to detail and focuses on eco-friendly, green construction. Hamrick broke ground on the house in early December and is entertaining the idea of entering the home in the Parade of Homes competition in October. Assuming all goes as planned, the home should be occupied by the end of October just in time for the holiday season.