

THE GOLDEN ACORN



Trieste is a seaport city in northeastern Italy. It lies near the Adriatic Sea and the borders of Slovenia (formerly part of Yugoslavia) and Austria. Throughout its history, it has been influenced by the variety of cultures in the region. It was among the most prosperous Mediterranean seaports, as well as a capital of literature and music. Today some of the main sights to see in Trieste are the castles that were built in ancient times. Another interesting fact about Trieste, Italy is that Sid was stationed there as a supply sergeant in the US Army in 1951-52.

Sid was so taken with the city and its architecture that Trieste seemed like the perfect name for his latest plan. Our architectural designer, Jeff Johnson, and Sid worked together to come up with a spacious one-story Mediterranean-style home that resembles a large Italian villa. The exterior elevation is dramatic with an 18' high entry, and it would look right at home sitting on the shores of the Adriatic Sea. The home is 4042 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 4 bath, with a formal living room and dining room, in addition to a large family room and game room. There is also a separate study/office with a coffered ceiling, and elegant chair-rail molding. Other Mediterranean features include large columns and arches, and granite counter tops.

The outside of the home is just as elegant and continues the Mediterranean design with brick-paver driveway and walks, and palm trees used in the landscaping.

Another unique aspect of the Trieste plan is that Sid incorporated several Universal Design elements to make the home more accessible and comfortable for all levels of mobility. Besides being a one-story plan with no stairs, all showers are designed with no step down to eliminate trip hazards. Also, all steps onto the porches and lanais have been eliminated. All hallways have been opened up to be as wide as possible, and all doors have been enlarged to their maximum width for easier access. In the kitchen, the dishwasher has been raised 6" to make access more comfortable, and the microwave has been lowered to make removing hot items safer. As in all Higginbotham homes, wood backing is installed in the framing for future installation of grab bars at showers and toilets.

The Trieste was just completed and is open for viewing in Eagle Landing at Oakleaf Plantation. If you or someone you know would like a personal tour, just call our office and we would be glad to meet you there. Or, if you would prefer to visit the home on your own, an agent at Eagle Landing will be happy to assist you. For more information, including a floor plan, visit www.sidquality.com.



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Featured Homeowner

Being a Navy family, Chris and Christine Quarles are used to moving into new homes every few years. After spending the last 5 years overseas in Japan and Spain, they learned their next duty station would be in Jacksonville, Florida. Like many people shopping for a new home, they went straight to the internet to start their search. From their home in Rota, Spain, the Quarles' typed in "Master Builders" and were directed to many websites, including www.sidquality.com.

Looking for a new home became something of a group project as friends and neighbors contributed advice. One couple told the Quarles that they had toured a "Sid house" while visiting Jacksonville, and gave a positive

review. Christine specifically recalled her friend talking about all of the well-placed built-ins. However, the thing that most grabbed the Quarles' attention was the list of Subcontractors on the website. Noticing that several subcontractors had worked for Sid for generations, they were impressed with their loyalty to the Higginbothams.

Now that the Quarles are in their new home, they are extremely happy with the home and the community. Paradise Moorings, a gated community on Doctor's Lake, has been very welcoming, and Christine is full of praise for the "Southern hospitality" of their new friends and neighbors. Thank You Chris for your continued military service, and Thank You to the Quarles family for choosing a Sid Higginbotham Builder home.

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Featured Sub-Contractor



Williamson Electric of Jacksonville, Inc. has been Sid's electrical subcontractor since 1966. David Williamson and his son Kenny have been working together since Kenny was a school boy and would go to school for a half day, then join his dad on the jobsite. Chad, one of Kenny's sons, learned the business from his "Grandpa" and his Dad. Kenny and Chad work together in the business now while David enjoys his retirement.

David Williamson came from a family of electricians. His dad was an electrician and his mom served at the Naval Air Station for 30 years doing electrical service on helicopters. Kenny's older son Travis graduated with a double degree, one as an Electrical Engineer and the other in Computers. His daughter Julie is a nurse.

When David was beginning work with Sid, he remembers Sid telling him, "I don't want any unhappy homeowners calling. Wire it right and if it cost's more to do it right, that's OK, just make it good."

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After several months of research, we have decided to offer our homebuyers the opportunity to have an ENERGY STAR and WATER STAR Certified home. ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. The areas that ENERGY STAR focuses on are: insulation, windows and doors, heat and air conditioning systems, appliances, and lighting

fixtures. FLORIDA WATER STAR is a voluntary certification program for new homes that encourages water efficiency in household appliances, plumbing fixtures, irrigation systems and landscapes. The Florida State Building Code addresses all of these same areas, but these certification programs require even stricter guidelines, and onsite inspections to verify compliance. The ENERGY STAR and WATER STAR programs provide third-party onsite inspection, and certification, that specific environmental guidelines have been adhered to during construction. By building to these higher environmental standards, the homeowner will be making an investment that will save money on future energy expenses, and will be helping to protect the natural environment we all cherish.



Out With The Old, In With The New

The sign on the left was installed in 1973 and shone over our office for 35 years. During some particularly harsh summer thunderstorms, old faithful was blown down and had to be replaced.



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