



The New American Home® 2007

Historic district home will make show history- The Lake Eola Heights Historic District is celebrated for its charming historical qualities and prized location near downtown Orlando. The area was developed between 1905 and 1925, with a blend of housing styles including Craftsman, Mediterranean Revival, Colonial Revival and frame vernacular, many of which have been successfully updated through the years. From its tree-lined streets to its eclectic mix of architectural styles, this district remains a desirable residential neighborhood for city dwellers that reflect the challenges and advantages of the “re-gentrification” movement regarding an in-city house.

Designed by BSB Design, built by custom homebuilder Carmen Dominguez, with Interior Design / Merchandising by Robb and Stuckey Interiors, the 2007 New American Home is constructed on an urban in-fill site overlooking Lake Eola in downtown Orlando. This New American Home represents state-of-the-art design, innovative construction, cutting-edge technology, and features the newest and most innovative building materials and appliances on the market. The 3-story, “urban loft” home with roof plaza will feature 4,707 sq. ft. of A/C living area plus a 576 sq. ft suite above the detached garage and “a contemporary and urban design with a thread of suggested history that is complementary with the architecture of Orlando’s Lake Eola historic district,”

In a quirk of fate, the historic district became the setting for not only The New American Home 2007 but also for The Renewed American Home 2007. The two show homes are being built on an in-fill site overlooking Lake Eola with views of the city's skyline beyond. When complete, the former will add a contemporary flair to the neighborhood, and the latter will demonstrate what can be done to update an older home.

The New American Home 2007 drew inspiration from a national trend: Homeowners are forsaking the suburbs to live downtown within walking distance of restaurants, parks and entertainment venues. The home’s architectural design challenge was to achieve an urban international style home with a chic feel that will stand out, yet fit in with the surrounding historic homes. The show home will feature a single-family three story contemporary style home in an urban setting encompassing 5,800 square feet and will include a basement, a detached two-car garage with living space overhead, a courtyard and a roof plaza.

The New American Home will feature the latest in residential automation and home control for all low voltage systems. The low voltage systems in the residence were designed to demonstrate the latest technology available to homebuilders and homeowners that enhances the livability and eases the complexities of modern home control. The New American Home will showcase the latest products in the industry and will set a benchmark for low voltage design techniques.

Among the installed systems are structured wiring, security/life-safety, multi-zone audio, home theater, lighting control, and flat panel displays. Structured wiring refers to all low voltage wiring in the walls that provides audio, video, phone, security, and network access as well as the components that link the wiring to its destination or termination point. Security and life safety systems refer to the security system, pool alarm, smoke and CO detectors and any other device designed to improve the safety of the inhabitants.

The 2007 International Builders’ Show official Showcase Homes will serve not only as a demonstration homes for new ideas, universal design, energy efficiency, and technology, but will have an extensive integration of various low-voltage systems, from home-run structured wiring to whole-house lighting control, entertainment and security. This technology, combined with the home’s design and floor plan, brings to life the idea of a lifestyle that today’s homeowner’s demand.

The New American Home is with “Universal” design compliance and designated to be “Energy” Star certified and also certified as a “green” or environmentally friendly home under standards set forth by the Florida Green Building Coalition, an organization dedicated to eco-friendly construction practices. Among the home’s green features are a photovoltaic system, impact-resistant windows, a generator and a cistern that will collect rainwater for irrigation.