

OUTSIDE

AN OUTDOOR KITCHEN
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How long have you lived at Magnolia Point?
Since May 2022.

Was this outdoor space here, or was this a remodel or addition, and if so, what did you do?

Both. We put an addition onto the house where the outdoor kitchen is and then we added

an outdoor refrigerator and 18' sink. The countertop and backsplash are granite and the facades of the addition are stacked stone. a cypress stained ceiling and 70' fan are the finishing touches. A 70" TV is mounted on the wall across from the bar/eating area with comfy bar stools to relax and enjoy.



Were there any engineering obstacles, drainage, logistics, permitting, etc., that you overcame, or know of, that challenged the project.

Somewhat. Unfortunately the City has an agreement with the HOA in Magnolia Point to not award work permits until the HOA has stamped them. This caused some delays with our project. In addition, we paid for an architect to draw the plans for the new space but our

pavers and screening to the original lanai.

What do you like best about your 'OutSide' space?

This will become our primary entertaining area.

Is this now the go-to space for your entertaining?

Yes, already is.

The seasons obviously can limit your use, or do you adapt to them?

Our new space is completely covered and has screening sized to keep all bugs out. It also keeps most of the rain from coming into the space.

Tell us about the materials, appliances and features that went into building this space.

The outdoor kitchen has all delta heat gas appliances, including a grill, dual burner, and a griddle. We also have a large green egg along with



HOA insisted upon their own architect to review the plans too, and we had to pay \$300 for that as well. Obviously I'm not in favor of the process and other residents desiring to do a project like this should expect this requirement to be fulfilled prior to moving forward.

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Did you work from formal plans, or work the design as you went?

As indicated above, we had full architectural drawings. The conceptals were coordinated with our contractor, then they were drawn for our approval. It was a nice process.

What are you particularly proud of?

The overall quality of the space knowing there are many good times coming soon with family and friends.

What might you want to change in your outdoor space?

Nothing. We got all we desired.

What, if any, are the maintenance issues? How do you manage this?

Just normal maintenance. The granite and pavers require sealing, painting as needed.



BELOW - It's important to have screens that open above grills and griddles, to help control smoke:

