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ON THE BLOCK

## La dolce vita

These homes feature Italianate style.

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**\$690,000**

**213 SAVIN HILL AVENUE,  
DORCHESTER**

**SQUARE FOOTAGE > 3,377**

**LOT SIZE > 12,756 square feet**

**BEDROOMS > 5**

**BATHS > 1 full, 1 three-quarter, 1  
half**

**2011 TAXES > \$8,803**

**LAST SOLD FOR > \$25,000 to relatives in 1987**



>**PROS** In the same family since 1900, this “high-style Italianate Colonial” (as the broker describes it) has survived with much of its loveliness intact. It hasn’t been updated, but this may have saved it from bad decisions – no one has lowered its 10-foot ceilings or removed its plaster medallions or heavy doors. A sprawling back porch looks out to Malibu Beach (and the famed gas tanks). While the house feels grand, the scale is actually quite livable. >**CONS** Considerable work is needed, including addressing sloping floors and a wall crack due to settling. >**CONTACT** Lee Robinson, Gibson Sotheby’s International Realty, Dorchester, 617-875-0763, <http://www.gibsonsir.com>

**\$879,000**

**36 HERITAGE ROAD, QUINCY**

**SQUARE FOOTAGE > 7,351**

**LOT SIZE > 49,590 square feet**

**BEDROOMS > 5**

**BATHS > 2 full, 1 three-quarter, 1 half**

**2011 TAXES > \$11,238**

**LAST SOLD FOR > \$600,000 in 2009**

>**PROS** A hip-roofed square tower, double brackets along the eaves, narrow arched windows, and windows with canopies adorn this last remaining Italianate mansion on Adams Street. (A renovation and land sale altered the home's address.) The makeover means updated baths and kitchens and pretty, soothing colors, plus there are amazing details like a rounded sunroom, unusual tile around fireplaces, exceptionally ornate mantels, lots of built-ins, and a fabulous triple arch in the foyer. >**CONS** Some finishing touches need attending to. >**CONTACT** James Stamos, Stamos & Stamos Realtors, Squantum, 617-328-9400, <http://www.stamosandstamosrealtors.com>



**\$1,195,000**

**16 ALVESTON STREET, JAMAICA PLAIN**

**SQUARE FOOTAGE > 3,850**

**LOT SIZE > 6,165 square feet**

**BEDROOMS > 6**

**BATHS > 2 full, 2 three-quarter**

**2011 TAXES > \$8,149**

**LAST SOLD FOR > \$340,000 in 1991**

>**PROS** Built circa 1865, this Italianate has Gothic Revival elements – such as a



trefoil window and ornate porch braces – and a stunning four-color paint job. The restored house features incredible crown molding, three fireplaces with stout marble mantels, built-ins, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Two one-bedroom apartments with separate entrances are included, but the home could be converted back to a one-family. The second floor is dedicated to a master suite. >**CONS** The yellow walls and trim in one bedroom are a bit much. >**CONTACT** Trisha Solio, Prudential Unlimited Realty, Jamaica Plain, 617-293-8070, <http://www.16alveston.com>

– Vanessa Parks

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