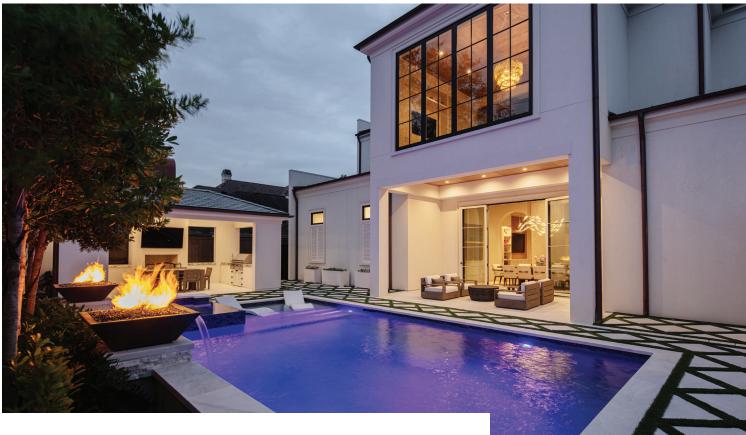
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New Orleans' **Paradise Pools and Spas** transforms outdoor living spaces into private oases, designed to complement each home environment

dding a pool to a home provides more than a place to swim. When done well, the addition serves as an interactive art piece that stimulates the senses and brings purpose to an outdoor living area.

"I love walking into an empty yard and envisioning what could be there," explains Paradise Pools and Spas owner Earl Hardouin. "Adding a pool has a calming effect that completes the home. Even if you don't go swimming every day, you can listen to the rippling water to unwind."

Hardouin recently created a pool for a repeat client as they transitioned into a new chapter of life as empty nesters.

"This client often entertains, so we made the space open and inviting for friends and family to visit and share experiences," says Hardouin. "Guests can relax in the hot tub while watching a football game or gather at the outdoor living space for wine next to a large Italian pizza oven and grill station."

The pool reflects the client's sophisticated yet inviting aesthetic. LED lights in the pool are a rich purple-blue tone while nearby, two copper fire bowls cast a marvelous reflection of flickering flames atop the water. Additionally, the sound of the waterfall off the hot tub and fire crackling in its bowls creates an ambient soundtrack for relaxing mornings and lively parties.

"The sound of water relaxes guests and creates a cooling effect," Hardouin explains. "We emphasize the importance of water movement to drown out neighborhood noises and provide a soft backdrop of sound to set the mood."

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FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: LED lights and flickering flames reflect on the water, inviting guests to flock to the patio. The sound of rushing water from the water features drowns out neighborhood noise and creates a soothing score for the night. The pool acts as an interactive piece of art and backdrop for countless memories with family and friends. *Photography by Jeff Johnston.*



