

# BOSTON HOMES

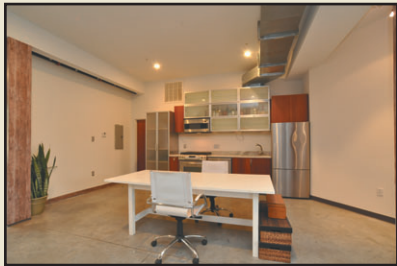
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### HOME PORTRAIT



A spacious loft in the Swift Lofts at 950 Dorchester Ave. in Dorchester features exposed brick and wooden support columns, a soaring ceiling and deeded parking. It is listed at \$399,000.

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## In Dorchester A spacious loft has two decks

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Ten years ago, the three-story brick building at 950 Dorchester Ave. in the Savin Hill neighborhood of Dorchester was sold to a developer, who in turn converted the building into 13 residential lofts and four commercial spaces. The residential condos are on the second and third floors.

It was named the Swift Lofts in recognition of the longtime business at the site, Swift Instruments, and its founder, Robert Wesselhoeft Swift. Founded in 1926 as Swift & Anderson Inc, the company imports and manufactures fine optical equipment that, over the years, has achieved an international reputation. (It is now headquartered in San Jose, Calif.)

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## Beacon Hill home features lovely details

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Using Cs – classic, classic, classic – instead of the traditional (no pun intended) three Ls – location, location, location – to describe this fully renovated 1839 single-family Beacon Hill residence at 71 Hancock St. is absolutely appropriate.

Rebecca Davis Tulman of Hammond Residential Real Estate has listed this exquisite home at \$3.9 million.

In addition to beautiful aesthetic changes, this home has received substantial structural and mechanical upgrades.

The classic details are immediately evident at the front stoop where double doors open to a spacious vestibule with a patterned marble floor. From here an oversized door with sidelights and a multi-paned transom leads to a large foyer and long first-floor hallway.

Although this area is carpeted, the hardwood floor underneath is the original North Carolina red pine from 1839. The floors are beautifully refinished in the

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A beautiful single-family home at 71 Hancock St. on Beacon Hill features a spacious living room with elegant, carved crown molding and a wood-burning marble fireplace. It is listed at \$3.9 million.

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## Back Bay duplex reflects timelessness

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A Back Bay duplex at 273 Commonwealth Ave. features a beautiful living room with a high, coffered ceiling and a magnificent wood-burning fireplace. It is listed at \$799,000.

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True to the architectural heritage of the Back Bay, 273 Commonwealth Ave. is a beautifully designed limestone mansion that overlooks the promenade of the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

Located between Fairfield and Gloucester streets, the handsome building was designed in 1891 by the architectural firm of Hartwell and Richardson for Thomas Emerson Proctor, a leather dealer.

In the early 1970s, it was converted to apartments, and by 1978 it was home to 12 condominiums.

Judy Pagano of Gibson Sotheby's International Realty is marketing Unit 3, a one-bedroom, two-bath unit, at \$799,000.

Its exquisite original detailing pays homage to the era of its construction while current updates elevate it to meet the demands of today's lifestyle.

The building features a graceful bow front, and the black

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