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PARKING & RECREATION

This 1800 sq ft carriage house, nestled in between existing trees on a very tight lakefront property, was designed to accommodate cars and powersports equipment on the main level, with the upstairs dedicated to entertainment, with recreation areas that include a bar, a pool table, air-hockey, arcade games, and a giant TV for family movie nights.

Architectural designer Jeff Murphy of [Murphy & Co. Design](#) had a number of challenges to overcome for this dream garage. First, the owner wanted to fit as much into the garage as possible, but the city had tight restrictions on allowable and maximum garage footprint sizes. In addition, the size and height of the garage could not overpower the main residence nearby, which is not overly large. Keeping the rooflines and massing of the new carriage house down as low as possible, and keeping a 1 1/2 story roof design was important to minimize the impact on its surroundings. And because of the narrow lot size (62.5 feet), access in and out of the building with sufficient maneuvering space was also important.

The photos at right showcase the successful result. The carriage house is truly a dream garage, with thoughtful and clever ideas throughout. A few highlights include two 7000-pound Hydraulic automotive lifts with the ability to be moved out onto the driveway via a built-in caster system. Special Jack-shaft style garage door openers and special high-lift hardware to raise the garage doors over the cars and

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Parking & Recreation

The exterior is all in cedar, with a large amount of rough sawn cedar timber brackets, cedar shutters, cedar window boxes, and custom made arches and trimwork. See resources below.

PHOTOS

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