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***GUMENICK PROPERTIES TAKES TWO AWARDS IN 2008 PARADE OF HOMES***

**HENRICO COUNTY, VA.** – Gumenick Properties received two awards for the curb appeal of its Monument Square community. The company also got the TEAM Award given to the firm that makes the greatest use of vendors belonging to the Home Building Association of Richmond.

Both curb appeal awards went to Monument Square. One was for homes in the \$650,00 - \$700,000 range. The second was for homes in the \$310,00 - \$360,000 range.

The Parade of Homes highlights current trends in home décor as well as architectural design and craftsmanship in the Central Virginia area. For the 2008 event, 59 builders entered 130 homes. Each category is divided by price points. Honors were given for Best Bath, Best Kitchen and Best Curb Appeal.

The Home Building Association of Richmond presents the event, which is sponsored by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Homes in the Parade are located throughout Central Virginia, including the cities of Hopewell and Richmond, and the counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, Louisa, New Kent and Powhatan.

Monument Square is a modern luxury community located on Monument Avenue in Henrico. It offers architecture that is a respectful reinterpretation of historic types found in the Richmond area. Mansion-style buildings are based on elegant 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century

homes built further east on the street. Townhomes are adapted from those found in Richmond's well-known Fan District. While traditional on the exterior, Monument Square's home interiors are thoroughly modern and designed with an eye toward elegance, comfort and convenience.

Monument Square not only offers quality homes. It also has a great location in Henrico that is close to major roadways, recreational and cultural sites, and excellent shopping and dining. Downtown Richmond and offices in western Henrico are just minutes away.

Based in Henrico, Gumenick Properties is an award-winning real estate development and management company with operations throughout the Southeast. Founded in the late 1940s, the company now engages in two primary lines of business – apartment community operations and homebuilding.

The company currently owns and operates apartment communities in Florida, North Carolina and Virginia. Gumenick Properties homebuilding activities are primarily located in Central Virginia. Over the years, it has acquired extensive experience in neighborhood revitalization. These projects meet many needs, including assisting in curbing suburban sprawl, enhancing local tax bases and meeting long-term community goals set by elected leaders and professional planners. The company's revitalization work always has been undertaken with a respect for local sensitivities and needs. As a result, Gumenick Properties' revitalization projects have garnered praise and received ready acceptance by neighbors, customers and public officials.