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Ellis & Tinsley is developing two professional buildings near the southeast corner of Davis and Mid-Cities boulevards.

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Recent housing spurt brings garden-variety developments

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NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — Anyone looking for office and retail space in North Richland Hills is about to have a lot more to choose from.

The city is sprouting several garden-style developments — offices that resemble houses — that some developers say is a response to the abundance of housing that has sprung up in recent years. Low interest rates and relatively lower lot prices are also influencing development there.

The city has seen 744 new homes built in 2005 and 2006, according to the housing-tracking service Metrostudy. The two most-active developments in the city last year were Forest Glen West near Keller



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and Home Town NRH near the southeast corner of Mid-Cities and Davis boulevards, according to Metrostudy. Each had more than 100 home starts in 2006.

At Home Town NRH, that growth has put enough in the coffers for public development for the city to start building a 65,000-

square foot library.

It has also inspired companies to start development. TransGlobal Realty Advisors is planning 90,000 square feet of office and retail after holding the land for 15 years, said John Aflatouni, executive at the Dallas-based company. There's just

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