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# EVEN GREATER SECURITY AHEAD FOR NURMI ISLES AS CAMERA SYSTEM IS SCHEDULED TO COME ONLINE

In just a matter of weeks, the Nurmi Isles streets will find their effective roving security guards supported by a new camera surveillance system that is nothing short of state-of-the-art.

Flock Safety Systems, based in Atlanta, has been building security programs since 2017 that both shield communities before crimes happen, as well as provide data for law enforcement that helps them solve and prosecute criminals. In fact, the company claims to help solve more than one thousand crimes each week.

What powers Flock's success is their technology — unique and proprietary cameras and software that give residents and police exceptional opportunities to detect intrusions, as well as zero in on details of automobiles and individuals who are in the neighborhood without authorization.

According to Kyle Whitmire of Flock Safety, while the system keeps detailed records for 30 days in a secure, cloud based archive, their system is so advanced that it can be programmed to "forget" the license plates of autos registered to residents that choose to "opt-out", and "ignore" those vehicles entirely — giving us peace-of-mind that we're watching out for wrong-doers and protecting personal privacy at the same time.

Whitmire has seen the company's business nearly double since he joined less than two years

ago. Currently, Flock serves more than 4,300 home owners associations and is expanding rapidly.

Whitmire says that as soon as light poles are erected that match City of Fort Lauderdale standards, Flock will begin the process of installing two cameras on each pole at the entrance to every street.

#### Why two cameras?

One is a license plate reader that provides good basic security information. The second camera is called a PTZ camera, for Pan, Tilt, and Zoom. That camera is especially useful if someone has entered the area on foot or by bike.

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Kyle Whitmire Community Safety Territory Sales Representative



Janet Gualtieri
President
Nurmi Isles Home Owners
Association, Inc.

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Nurmi Isles Home Owners Association Members.

As my time serving as your president draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to lead and serve our wonderful community. It has been an incredible journey filled with growth, challenges, and most importantly, shared accomplishments.

Together, we have achieved so much over the past years. From organizing successful community committees (Safety & Security Committee, Las Olas Mobility Committee) that brought us closer together to implementing initiatives that improved the quality of life for all residents, our collective efforts have truly made a difference.

Whether it was enhancing our local security (negotiating crosswalks on Las Olas Boulevard with the initiatives of Suzee Bailey and Tricia Halliday), advocating for better infrastructure, or supporting local civic associations, each action we took was a testament to our commitment to building a stronger, more vibrant community.

However, as I bid farewell to my role as president, I am reminded that our work is never truly done. There will always be new challenges to face and opportunities to seize. It is my hope that the spirit of collaboration and dedication that defines our community will continue to thrive under new leadership. We have built a strong connection to the city officials and my hope is that continues to grow stronger.

I will continue to be an advocate of our community on several city groups (P3 reform committee of the Civic Association and City Attorney) and (Education Advisory Board for the City of Fort Lauderdale). To my fellow community members, I extend my deepest thanks for your unwavering support and collaboration. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president, and I am grateful for the friendships and memories we have shared along the way.

As I step down from this role, I do so with confidence in the bright future that lies ahead for our community. Together, there is no challenge we cannot overcome, no goal we cannot achieve.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this incredible journey.

Warm regards,

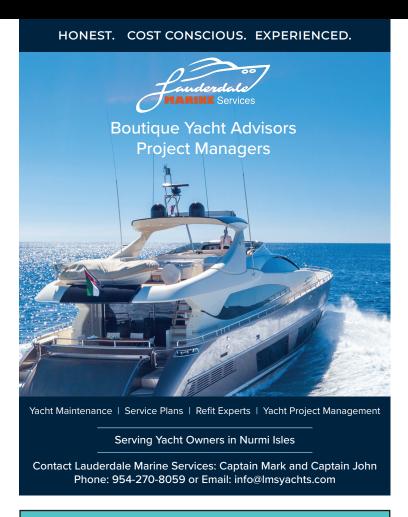
Janet Gualtieri
Outgoing HOA President



The Nurmi Isles Home Owners Association, Inc., is a voluntary organization and we rely on our residents to step up to the plate and become involved in order to run our programs and events.

We are seeking volunteers to join our Board and we also need committee members to work with the Board on safety and security, event planning, and other initiatives. Bring your concerns, your solutions, and your ingenuity to the attention of everyone – because we all have something to offer. Please contact Harry Rozelle at security@nurmihoa. com or call him at 407-492-4931 to discuss where you can best be of help.







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"These are law enforcement grade cameras," Whitmire says, "high definition cameras that see hundreds of yards, with 25x optical zoom and night vision. They can be remotely operated by law enforcement or Regions Security to get a better look at something – especially important if suspicious activity is reported."

An extraordinary feature of Flock's system is the software they've build that takes notice of and documents very specific details. In real time, Flock cameras and software can record, and describe in English, make and model number, color, and condition of a car. On the law enforcement level, their software talks to police systems that can identify if they are associated warrants for suspicious vehicles, assisting officers in investigations.

The industry-leading benefits of Flock's system should give residents even more confidence that can enjoy their homes and this community safely, says Whitmire. "There really is nothing else on the market like it."



## Looking to do a little Spring Cleaning? Donate or consign for a great cause... the JUNIOR LEAGUE CONSIGNMENT SALE!!!



The Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training.

Your contributions help our Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale community service initiatives thrive.

Drop off donations at 221 SW 3rd Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, Mon-Thurs, 1-6 pm, and let's make a positive impact together.

Can't make it during those hours? No worries! Reach out to Laurie Ledford: 646-334-1348 to arrange pick-up or alternative pick up times. EVENT DATE: Fri. April 19, 7AM - 7PM | Sat. April 20, 7AM - 4PM

**LOCATION:** First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale

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- Children's clothing and shoes
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We are empowering Broward County women by helping them develop civic leadership skills, then giving them the tools to put their unique talents to work in our community!

## PEEK AT THESE DAILY REPORTS FROM REGIONS SECURITY

You know what kind of security reports we like to read? The really, really boring ones.

As we've reported, our agreement with Regions Security requires that their agents do more than patrol the neighborhood. They have checkpoints stationed throughout the streets where they are required to periodically check in and detail any activity.

Your Safety and Security team gets those accounts every morning, and for the most part the story is the same. "No unusual activity on Royal Palm Drive," "No unusual activity on Nurmi Drive," "No unusual activity on Fiesta Drive." We're able to skim those reports and know not only that the agent checked in, but where, as the reports include a photo of the agent's vehicle.

Occasionally the agents are called into action to respond or just report, and the logs include that information as well. For instance, a recent report details the events of February 25th, when one of our residents called first responders about an individual spotted needing rescue from the water. The Regions report documents the incident: how many police units responded, the arrival of the rescue team, and the end result (that the individual was taken out by stretcher).

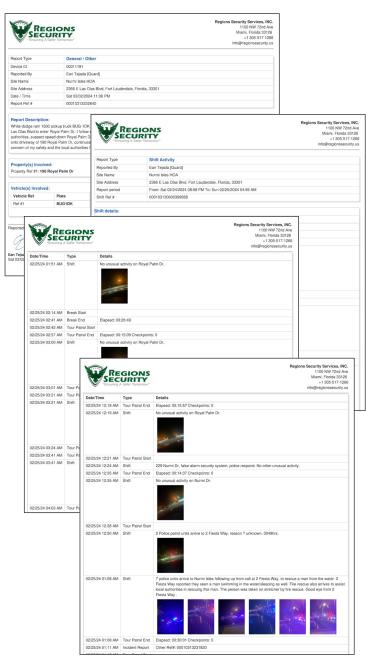
Later, the agent observed a vehicle that had entered Fiesta Way after 4:00 AM. The driver was questioned and claimed to be looking for a friend who was attending a party in the area. The Regions agent told the driver there weren't any local parties and that as a non-resident, he was not allowed in the neighborhood past midnight. The agent then followed the Nissan until it had exited. Thanks to the agent being bilingual, he was able to communicate with the driver in fluent Spanish.

On another night, a Regions guard noticed a shirtless youth running and yelling along Fiesta Way at 2:40 in the morning. When approached by the guard, he claimed to have an AirBnB on the street, but that proved false. The guard's concern caused the kid to flee, running and yelling down Las Olas Blvd.

Sometimes the reports detail incidents like the time a guard observed an unknown driver speeding aggressively and braking erratically. Making his presence known encouraged the driver to leave. On another night, the guard on duty recounted a conversation with a resident praising the guards' work ethic and his gratitude for the real sense of change in the neighborhood, thanks to our roving security team.

We're thrilled the change is noticeable. We encourage you to get to know the Regions team and call on them for the assistance, they are all too willing to provide. Seeing in the reports that you've taken the time to thank them makes for very happy reading.

Honestly, though, we're happiest of all when we can read that everything is calm. There are no incidents to report. And everything is peaceful in the community we love.



Some of our daily reports

## Nurmi Isles Pawsome Contest



(9) Nina

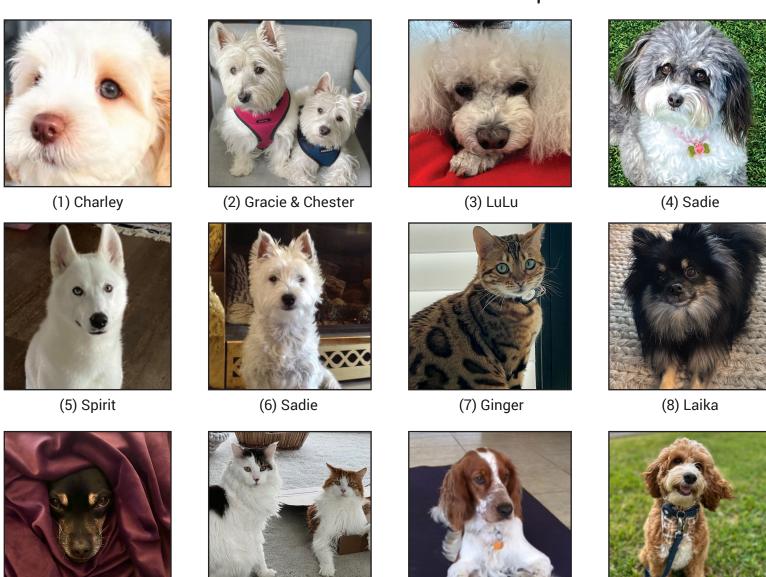




(12) Ennis

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate. Pictured are names and photos of our Nurmi Isles fur baby residents, on the right is a list of owners by name and street. See how many you can match up! The answers will be published in our sumer issue.

## HINT! Some owners have more than one pet!!



We're all about safety and security! So we feel compelled to remind you all to tag, register and vaccinate your fur babies! And remember, if any of your darlings get lost, we now have a picture for the guards to help locate them!

(11) Cabbage

(10) Butch & Sundance





## NEWS AND NOTABLES

## FIESTA WAY by Laurie Ledford



Please indulge me as I comment on Fiesta Way through the eyes of a "boomerang." I lived here in the 70s as a teenager. We could give directions to our house by saying, "Drive 3/4 of the way down until you come to a 2-story house on the right". Street life may have been simpler but not nearly as vibrant as it is today.

It is exciting to see all the development, investment, and growth on Fiesta Way and Fort Lauderdale. And yes, these changes sometimes come with frustrations, but as John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." And what an exciting future it is! Our street is being transformed with all the new development, renovations, and 'sprucing up" of many homes.

There are currently six homes being built; six homes are for sale or rent, and three homes have sold (2, 9 and 122) in the last few months. While our street can be congested especially, during the week, the weekend allows us to appreciate the beauty of Fiesta Way and see the street and its possibilities.

Fiesta Way has strongly supported Israel with many "We Stand" signs dotting the front lawns. We thank Rabbi Chaim for helping us show our support, and we pray that peace will soon reach the region.

Michael Schneider, a long-standing Board member of the HOA, and Oscar Balbuena celebrated their relationship and commitment to each other with a beautiful ceremony, dinner, and dancing at their home (139 Fiesta Way)

We said goodbye to long-time resident Elizabeth Miller (133 Fiesta Way), who passed away with family by her side last Fall. May God be with her and her family.

Any other great news or notables you would like to share? Please email me at: nurminews@nurmihoa.com

## ROYAL PALM DRIVE by Elizabeth Lowsky



Marsha Levy welcomed a new pet family member, Charlie, at the end of December. He is an adorable micro Australian Labradoodle. Say hello at the daily 5:00 PM Royal Palm Happy Hour Dog Walk. Friendly dogs welcome.

Marsha is also on the board of Handy, an organization that has devoted 40+ years to supporting abused and neglected Broward county youth. Their annual scholarship breakfast is Thursday, May 30th at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach. Please check out www.handyinc.org for more information on the organization and tickets/sponsorships available.

Congratulations to our excellent golfer, Laura O'Conner, 92 RP and her partner Willa McGimsey from Atlanta. They won their flight at the Ladies Invitational, Fort Lauderdale Country Club. It was 3 days of grind but they prevailed!

Big congratulations to Eleanor Kang, daughter of Brenda and Jeff Kang, 147 RP. She was just crowned Miss Chicago Chinatown 2024. The beautiful and bright young women just received her MBA from University of Chicago Booth Business School. She is working as a consultant for Price Waterhouse and will be returning to finish her fourth year of medical school at the University of California San.

Happy 50th birthday to David Landsman, 107 RP. He and his wife Jenny had an amazing celebration at their home and we all wish him another healthy 50!

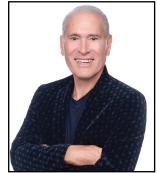
Tanya and Daniel Ivanov, 76 RP, welcomed their 3rd child, baby boy Alexander this month. Everyone is thrilled to meet the newest Royal Palm resident.

Stay tuned $^{\sim}$  the new construction home at 100 Royal palm is under contract. Asking price was \$14.9 million and rumor has it that sale price will set a new record.

Elizabeth Lowsky, Royal Palm and Randi Schwartz of Nurmi Drive are co-chairs of the Jack & Jill Early Childhood Center's, Flip Flop on the Docks fundraiser at Lauderdale Yacht Club, Saturday 4/27. See www.jackandjillcenter.org for tickets and more info. It is voted Best Philanthropy Event in Ft. Lauderdale every year because the event is a lot of fun for a great cause.

Congrats to Michael Burke!! After 41 years of practicing law, Michael Burke in August retired from Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch & Burke. He is enjoying golfing, traveling and spending time with his beautiful wife Colleen.

Any other great news or notables you would like to share? Please email me at: nurminews@nurmihoa.com



## NURMI DRIVE by David Zeiger

The sense of community flourishing on Nurmi Drive is truly heartwarming! Charlotte Rodstrom's candidacy for City Commissioner for District 2 is big news, showcasing her dedication to serving the City of Fort Lauderdale and our neighborhood.

Congratulations are in order for Marilyn and Marc Goldberg on their upcoming grandchild due to arrive soon, as well as the newest feline addition to their family, Denzel Earle. Denzel is sure to bring them abundant joy and companionship as they await the arrival of their grandchild. Denzel

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The "Pawsome Contest" on page 8 promises to be a delightful celebration of our furry friends. I'm eager to peruse it and spot Denzel Earle's picture among the entries.

Suzee Bailey's commitment to Residents for Resilience (R4R) is invaluable for ensuring a sustainable and clean environment for generations to come. Her efforts are truly commendable, and I'll be sure to visit www.residentsforresilience.com to register and support their initiatives. She is thankful for Trish Halliday's help as well as the entire R4R team.

On a more somber note, my deepest condolences go out to Jim and Stacy Scott for the loss of their beloved dog, Rambo. Losing a treasured family member is never easy, and I hope they find comfort in the cherished memories they shared with him.

Any other great news or notables you would like to share? Please email me at: nurminews@nurmihoa.com



## Strengthening Bonds: Street by Street Neighborhood Gatherings

As Co-Chairpersons of the Nurmi Isles Safety & Security Program, we are deeply committed to promoting a safe and interconnected community. Recent discussions with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department have highlighted that the greatest deterrent to crime is the significant role that neighborto-neighbor connections play within a neighborhood.

Understanding the importance of fostering these connections, we are thrilled to announce an initiative aimed at bringing our community closer together. We have allocated a small portion of our Safety and Security budget to each of our three streets for individuals to cover the costs of hosting various gatherings. These funds are intended to facilitate events where residents can meet, socialize, and strengthen bonds with one another.

Why are these gatherings important? The Fort Lauderdale Police Department and criminology experts across the country consistently believe that neighborhoods with strong social ties among residents are less susceptible to crime. Simply worded, when neighbors know and trust each other, they are more likely to look out for one another, report suspicious activities, and collectively address safety concerns.

We encourage individuals on each of our three streets to consider hosting various types of gatherings. The goal is to create opportunities for meaningful interactions and foster a sense of belonging within our Nurmi Isles.

#### Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Coffee and Chat: Host a morning coffee event. Provide coffee, tea, and some light refreshments, and invite neighbors to drop by for a casual chat. This low-key event is perfect for mingling and getting to know one another in a relaxed setting.

**Pizza Party Social:** Plan a pizza party! Arrange for pizza delivery or set up a DIY pizza station with pre-made dough and various toppings. Encourage neighbors to bring their favorite toppings or sides to share, such as salads, appetizers, or desserts.

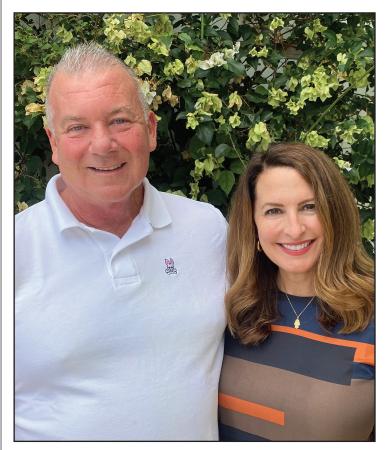
Walk and Talk: Organize a walk on your street. Set a meeting time and place, and invite neighbors to join you for a leisurely stroll. Walking provides a natural opportunity for conversation and connection, and it's a great way to encourage physical activity while getting to know your neighbors better.

Remember, the success of these gatherings relies on your involvement and enthusiasm. We encourage you to take advantage of these funds and reach out to your neighbors to plan these events collaboratively.

If you're interested in hosting a gathering and would like to request funds or seek assistance in organizing your event, please reach out to us at **security@nurmihoa.com**. Let's work together to create as many neighbor-to-neighbor events to make Nurmi Isles a place where safety, camaraderie, and community spirit thrive.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Lowsky and Harry Rozelle Co-Chairpersons Nurmi Isles Safety & Security Program



Harry Rozelle Co-Chairperson

Elizabeth Lowsky Co-Chairperson

## Purification of the Soul

Announcing the release of "Purification of the Soul," a captivating piece by the renowned artist Lucio Carvalho. As part of his latest collection, "Rebirth of Venus," this artwork transcends boundaries, inviting viewers to embark on a journey of introspection and renewal.

This creation has a way of reaching into the depths of our being, whispering secrets of self-discovery and growth. The necessity of a new us and a rebirth. May you find comfort in knowing that you're not alone on this journey of inner transformation.

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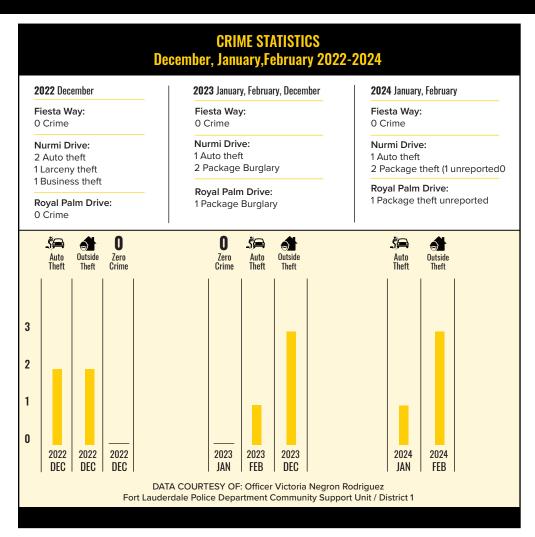
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02/01/24	122 Fiesta Way	3	3/0		1953		\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000	\$3,500,000
07/11/23	2 Fiesta Way	6	7/2	5,926	2020	\$1,771.85	\$10,995,000	\$10,995,000	\$10,500,000

Home Sales Data Courtesy of Matt Bertanzetti - Florida Luxurious Properties



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We are using a text application that allows each member to choose the information they would like to receive from our Safety and Security Committee and opt-out anytime if desired. To limit chatter, this application is a one-way messaging service and does not give users an option to "Reply to All". Choose Only One (1) Keyword to Text: SECURITY or SECURITY 911

## TEXT THE WORD: SECURITY to 954-335-2704 to receive the message types below:

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- Safety and Security Meeting & Event Date Info
  - HOA Meeting & Event Date Information

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- Receive ONLY Alerts of great importance such as Eminent Danger
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