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## THEY DID IT!! AND THE STANLEY CUP COMES TO NURMI ISLES. AGAIN!

On June 17, 2025, the Florida Panthers defeated the Edmonton Oilers 5–1 in Game 6 at Amerant Bank Arena, clinching their second consecutive Stanley Cup and securing their place in NHL history as the first back-to-back champions since 2021. While fans across South Florida celebrated, here in Nurmi Isles the victory felt especially close to home — because **Matthew Tkachuk**, the Panthers' alternate captain, helped bring the Cup back, and he shares his life with someone many in the neighborhood have come to know and admire: **Ellie Connell**.

In Game 6, Matthew delivered a signature performance, scoring a critical goal late in the first period that gave the Panthers early momentum. He played with grit, intelligence, and heart — the same qualities neighbors recognize in him off the ice.

Ellie Connell, founder of the boutique travel company Travel Untethered, brings a calm, thoughtful approach to everything she does. While the spotlight often shines on Matthew, Ellie's warmth and grace have made her equally admired among those who know her. She has built a business focused on crafting meaningful, highly personalized travel experiences, all while remaining approachable, humble, and kind.

The morning after the championship win, a few friends and neighbors stopped by the couple's home to share in the excitement. Amid all the

buzz, Matthew was out back getting a haircut by the pool — a perfect snapshot of post-Cup chaos meets everyday life. In the middle of it all, Nurmi Isles HOA President Harry Rozelle offered some light-hearted but sincere advice to the freshly trimmed champ. He remarked that while holding the Stanley Cup was surely an incredible feeling, it didn't compare to the life partner standing beside him. "The Cup may be shiny and historic," Rozelle said with a smile, "but it doesn't laugh at your jokes, plan your future, or stand by you when the cameras are off. Ellie's the real trophy — don't screw that up."

The group laughed — but the message landed.



*A very happy Matthew Tkachuk*

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**Harry Rozelle**  
**President**  
*Nurmi Isles Home Owners  
Association, Inc.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

In the bag with this newsletter, you'll find a special booklet introducing the Living Seawall Initiative at The Church by the Sea—a project that's deeply personal to me and promises to make an impact.

When I was a child, I swam in these same canals that surround our isles, and I remember being able to see straight to the bottom. The water was clear, inviting, and a central part of life here. But times have changed.

A few years ago, my 12-year-old son, Cruz, became seriously ill after swimming in those same waters. He was hospitalized with both E. coli and salmonella infections. That experience was terrifying—and it opened my eyes to just how unhealthy our waterways have become.

Determined to act, I connected with two of our neighbors, Suzee Bailey and Trish Halliday, who introduced me to Kind Designs, a Mark Cuban-backed startup using robotic 3D printing to build Living Seawalls—structures that don't just protect shorelines, but actually clean the water.

These panels mimic mangrove roots and are seeded with oysters, each capable of filtering up to 50 gallons of water per day. Multiply that by thousands of oysters, and we have a natural, scalable solution to restoring our canals.

We're now working to build the largest Living Seawall in the United States—860 feet of environmentally restorative seawall right here in Fort Lauderdale, complete with a Discovery Deck where families, students, and visitors can learn and be inspired.

Here's where we stand: we've already raised \$959,000 toward our \$2 million goal—an incredible start. But we still need to raise the remaining funds to bring the full vision to life. I'd love for Nurmi Isles to be part of this special effort. If you

feel inspired, please visit [livingseawall.org](http://livingseawall.org) and consider sponsoring a foot or more. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly pledge, every contribution brings us one step closer to cleaner, safer water for everyone.

Let's finish this together. Let's bring back the water we remember—and protect it for generations to come. Because no matter where we stand on other issues, we all agree on clean water.

With appreciation,

*Harry W. Rozelle*

Harry Rozelle  
President, Nurmi Isles HOA



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## THEY DID IT!! AND THE STANLEY CUP COMES TO NURMI ISLES. AGAIN!

Nurmi Isles is proud to celebrate this remarkable moment with Matthew and Ellie. The Stanley Cup is a symbol of excellence, but it's their humility, kindness, and connection to the people around them that make this victory feel especially close to home.

**Congratulations, Matt and Ellie. Your neighbors are cheering for you.** 🌴



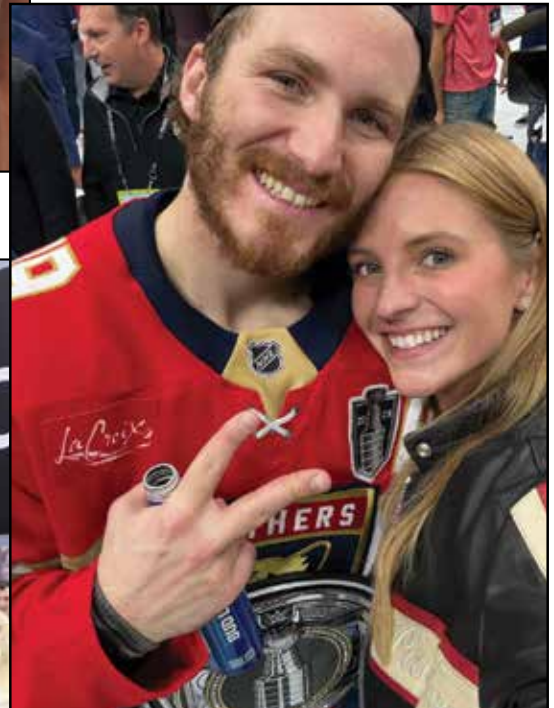
*Matthew and Ellie—at teh Nurmi Isles holiday party*



*Matthew Tkachuk (getting a haircut!), Harry Rozelle and Ellie Connell*

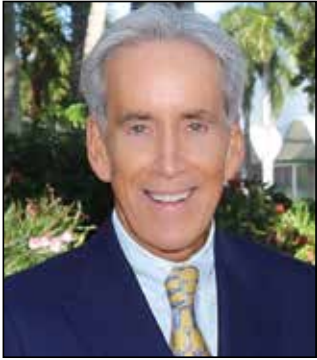


*Matthew and Ellie celebrate the Panthers victory*



*Matthew and Ellie — love also wins...*

# VICE MAYOR GLASSMAN'S UPDATE



*Vice Mayor Steven Glassman*

## **The Barrier Island-Today, Tomorrow and Beyond**

The beach is the economic engine of District 2 and the City and there are so many accomplishments to be proud of. During the past several years (and some in the past few months) the major projects that have come to fruition are just mind blowing! The Aquatics Center, A1A Streetscape, DC Alexander Park, Marina Village at Bahia Mar and Las Olas Marina truly exceeded my expectations of what we were able to achieve as a City, and right in District 2! Now, moving ahead to tomorrow's landscape on the beach, we can look forward to even more exciting projects coming up. I want to share just a few of the innovative projects that we have to look forward to on the City's most precious asset, the beach.

## **International Swimming Hall of Fame**

The International Hall of Fame is moving quickly and in the right direction. Hall Of Fame Partners recently made modifications to address many of the concerns expressed by neighbors and stakeholders. Specifically, the building height was reduced from 120' to 85' by removing two levels of parking and privacy concerns were mitigated by removing direct views of the Aquatic Center from the interior of the West Building. Thank you to all of those who have taken the time to provide input on this project - especially the swimming and diving community and the project's closest neighbors. We will all work together to make sure that this peninsula is programmed in a way that works for all

## **Water Taxi Terminal**

In September of 2024, the City Commission approved a comprehensive agreement with Water Taxi of Fort Lauderdale, LLC to construct, operate, and maintain a new terminal at 1001

Seabreeze Boulevard. The project was first proposed in May 2023 and will include space for a dockmaster, ticket office, waiting area, public restaurant, and event space. The comprehensive agreement includes a 50-year term with a base rent of \$120,000 annually with a 5% escalator each year. As part of the project, the developer will make improvements to the seawall and Fire Station 49. This project could not come at a better time with the opening of the Marina Village just to the north. Water Taxi is providing a tremendous service that will increase mobility options and assist in decreasing the number of vehicles on the Barrier Island.

## **Breakers Avenue Streetscape**

At the May 7 meeting, the City Commission adopted a resolution approving a \$3,000,000 grant agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction of the Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project. The project aims to transform Breakers Avenue into a safer, more connected, and climate-resilient corridor by incorporating streetscape upgrades such as pedestrian lighting, landscaping, shared-use street design, and water and sewer utility improvements. Originally designed with community input, the project has secured just under \$9 million in funding to date and remains a priority under the City's strategic transportation and mobility goals. The design is advancing from 90% to final completion, with construction anticipated to be finished by December 2027, provided the remaining funding is secured.

Other city initiatives including the Wave Wall lighting, Las Olas Garage lighting, and Sunrise Lane redesign are all front and center and I am in discussions with city staff on a regular basis to move them forward to completion. Together, we have worked and will continue to work tirelessly to make our city an amazing place to live, work and play today, tomorrow and beyond. 🌴





Photography: Guillaume Raberin



## Meet Your Neighbor: **Latitude Key**

Devon Miller, the owner of Latitude Key, alongside his wife and two daughters, has wholeheartedly embraced the enchanting Venice of America lifestyle in Fort Lauderdale. After owning property in the area for a few years, in 2018, he became dissatisfied with a property management company and resolved to create a service that embodied his high standards. This was the inspiration for Latitude Key – Curated Vacation Properties.

Latitude Key ensures meticulous property care, welcoming only the finest guests through rigorous guest screening, a minimum age requirement, and mandatory breakage

insurance. The properties are maintained with 24/7 door camera surveillance and noise monitoring, along with 24/7 on-call managers and maintenance, all designed to provide peace of mind to owners, guests and neighbors. Through Devon's passion and dedication, Latitude Key has become synonymous with exceptional property management and the quintessential South Florida experience, transforming each visit into a lavish escapade along Fort Lauderdale's scenic waterways and coastal elegance. Owners of these managed properties also relish the same exceptional services.

We're always happy to meet with you. Join this elite portfolio, and we'll be honored to care for your property.

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# TOGETHER, WE MADE NURMI ISLES SAFER

Less than three years ago, Nurmi Isles was experiencing an unsettling wave of criminal activity. In just six months, residents reported seven car thefts, multiple package thefts, property break-ins, and a pattern of suspicious nighttime visitors that left many feeling vulnerable.

In response, the community took decisive action. The Nurmi Isles Homeowners Association (HOA) launched its Safety & Security Program, which included the installation of 24/7 license plate recognition cameras, continuous loop surveillance, alert signage, and nighttime patrols in a clearly marked “Nurmi Isles Security” vehicle. But perhaps the most meaningful progress came not from technology, but from neighbors working together—and building trust with local law enforcement.

A turning point occurred during a community luncheon hosted by Pam Tindall, where officers assigned to patrol the isles had a chance to meet residents face-to-face. That informal gathering laid the groundwork for a lasting partnership and fostered open communication that continues today.

The results speak for themselves: Nurmi Isles has now gone nearly seven straight months without a single reported incident of property or vehicle-related crime. “Nurmi Isles has become a model for how a neighborhood can take charge of its own safety,” said Fort Lauderdale District 2 Commissioner Steve Glassman. “The city is proud to support this kind of proactive, community-driven effort.”

HOA leaders say this kind of success can only be sustained through continued participation. Dues for the 2025–2026 fiscal year which begins in June, have been reduced by \$120, bringing the annual cost of the Safety & Security Program to an all-time low of \$1,569. Flexible payment options are available—annual, bi-annual, or quarterly billing.

“The partnership between the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Nurmi Isles community is one of the strongest we’ve seen,” said Sergeant Jason Reich of FLPD. “What sets this neighborhood apart is the leadership of its HOA Board—an amazing team led by Harry Rozelle, who brings out the best in every member by playing to their strengths. Their strategic, organized, and community-first approach makes our work more effective—and honestly, they’re fun to work with. The leadership here should be a model for all HOAs. Combined with real-time surveillance and nighttime patrols, this is public safety at its best.”

“We’ve proven this works,” added Elizabeth Lowsky, Chairman of the Safety & Security Committee. “But it only works if we all stay committed. Every new member makes us safer and helps keep the program affordable for everyone.”

Residents are reminded to look for the Safety & Security yard sign in front of homes. If a neighbor doesn’t have one, it may mean they haven’t yet joined the program. Officials encourage friendly outreach and conversation.

As participation grows, costs drop—and security strengthens. For Nurmi Isles, the message is clear: working together works.



*Fort Lauderdale Police Officers*



*Elizabeth Lowsky  
Chairperson, Nurmi Isles Safety and Security Committee*



# Nurmi'sles NEWS & NOTABLES



## ROYAL PALM DRIVE

by Teri Cole

First off, we would like to welcome new Neighbors to Royal Palm, Dr. Amarin Kongchalalai and Stephen Kemplken have moved here from San Diego.

As the school year comes to an end, we can look back at charitable community events:

Many of our Royal Palm Neighbors attended the annual fundraiser for the Jack and Jill's Children's Center. The event, "Flip Flops on the Dock", held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, raised \$300K for the care of children in need. "Kudos" to Elizabeth Lowsky for serving as President of Jack and Jill's Friends Board this year. Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of the children in Broward County. Recognition goes to Pam Tindall and Marsha Levy for their work on behalf of children in the Guardian Ad Litem program.

On May 23, "handy", a local organization that has helped needy children with after school care and mentoring for 40 years held their annual breakfast. This well-attended event, celebrated the accomplishments of the students that they serve. Marsha Levy has been an integral part of this organization for all 40 years and many neighbors have joined her in supporting these young people.

Now that Summer is back, we transition into the summer fishing season. With mahi running just off our coast, most anglers will tell you it is the best time of year to fish in South Florida. Marty Cole and friends, including former neighbor, John Hofmann caught a large wreck fish, (pictured) large mahi and black and yellow fin tuna on a recent trip to the Bahamas.

Just a note, when going away this Summer you may want to let the security detail know that you will be out of town.

As I write this, neighbors are entranced watching our Florida Panthers quest for another Stanley Cup. Let's go Panthers!!!

*Any other great news or notables you would like to share? Please email me at: [nurminews@nurmihoa.com](mailto:nurminews@nurmihoa.com)*



*Marty Cole and friend John Hofmann (pictured) with a wreck fish*



*Lola Lowsky, their adorable new mini daschund*



## NURMI DRIVE

by Harry Rozelle

I'm skipping the usual highlights—no birthdays, no new grandbabies, no updates on who's off to Italy, who just got promoted, or who finally made it back from St. Barts. No neighborhood gossip either (and

believe me, it pains me not to gossip). Instead, I'm taking you on a personal tour of the past—to show how Nurmi Drive became one of the most thoughtfully designed and desirable streets in Fort Lauderdale.

It all began in the 1920s, during Florida's original land boom. A Boston-based developer named W.F. Morang purchased a string of mangrove-covered islands with plans to turn them into a luxury waterfront development. He dredged the canals and created the filled land that would one day become our neighborhood. These were called the Morang Isles, and they were among the earliest man-made islands in Fort Lauderdale.

But just as quickly as the boom rose, it collapsed. The bust of 1926 hit Florida hard, and the Great Depression followed close behind. Morang's project stalled. For the next couple of decades, the land sat mostly empty, with canals dug but few homes built.

Eventually, ownership of the land transferred to the Wells brothers—Preston A. Wells and John Wells—two businessmen from Chicago who had moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1931. The Wells brothers were savvy investors who acquired large portions of property across the area during the economic downturn. They held on to the Morang Isles for over a decade, waiting for the right time—and the right buyer—to bring the dream back to life.

That buyer arrived in 1944. Detroit-based architect and developer Dr. Victor Nurmi purchased the land from the Wells brothers with a bold new vision: to transform this dormant tract of filled land into an elegant, modern waterfront community.

Dr. Nurmi's plan was ambitious. He designed wide streets, deep canals, reinforced concrete seawalls, and underground utilities—all forward-thinking infrastructure in the 1940s. He prioritized yachting access, privacy, and architectural style. The homes he helped build or inspire featured clean lines, circular windows, white stucco walls, and hand-wrought ironwork—hallmarks of coastal modernism.

My family's story runs parallel to this timeline. My father was born right here in Fort Lauderdale and later became a Broward County schoolteacher. My father's parents—my paternal grandparents—moved here from Alabama in the late 1920s, just before the Depression began. My grandfather came to Fort Lauderdale to sell uniforms to the Merchant Marines at Port Everglades and later opened a retail store called Rozelle's Men's Wear. My grandmother was a teacher her entire life at Hollywood Central Elementary School.

My mother came down from New York City when her father was stationed at Port Everglades. She later worked as a lab technician at Broward General Hospital. My parents both attended South Broward High School together. They raised six kids, including me—I was born at Broward General 62 years ago.

Growing up in Fort Lauderdale in the 1960s was a magical time. I remember when gas was 29.9 cents at the Hess Station on Davie Boulevard. We'd roll down the towering sand piles used to build I-95 and treat them like our personal mountains. Riding the escalator at Burdines was a thrill for us kids—and trust me, with six of us, there was a lot of up and down. When the Henry Kinney Tunnel first opened, we'd try to hold our breath all the way through it. I can still picture my oldest sister, Donna, driving us through as Petula Clark's "Downtown" played on the radio—windows down, laughter loud.

Las Olas Boulevard felt like a world of its own. My mom would take us to The Chemist Shop, which felt fancy and grown-up. It's where I had my very first bacon cheeseburger—and I still remember how big of a deal



that was. Lum's, though? That was over on US-1, not Las Olas, and it was legendary for its hot dogs steamed in beer. And no trip downtown was complete without a stop at Toy's International, a place where you could stare for hours and leave with a dream (and occasionally, a toy). I came across one of Dr. Nurmi's original brochures recently titled "Vital Factors That Make Nurmi Isles Unsurpassed." It's a gem from another era: bullet points proclaim "no unsightly poles," "highest rock fill in Florida," and "sea breezes tempered by the Gulf Stream." There's even a rendering of a sleek duplex with rooftop terraces and lush tropical landscaping.

These weren't just amenities—they were part of a lifestyle being sold to Americans in the optimistic postwar years. And it worked. In the 1950s and '60s, Nurmi Isles began filling with beautiful homes, many of which still define the character of the neighborhood today.

Over the years, Nurmi Drive has attracted some impressive residents—including Academy Award-winning actress Susan Hayward, who owned a home at 220 Nurmi Drive in the mid-1960s. Known for her iconic roles in *I Want to Live!* and *Valley of the Dolls*, Hayward was one of the most acclaimed actresses of her era. Her presence brought a touch of Hollywood glamour to our already

polished shores, and longtime neighbors still remember the elegance she brought to the street.

Today, nearly 80 years after Dr. Nurmi's purchase, his original layout and vision still shape our lives. The wide canals, tropical medians, elegant curves, and generous lot sizes all reflect his 1940s blueprint. Sure, the homes have changed and the landscaping has matured, but the core of this community remains rooted in his dream.

So the next time you turn onto Nurmi Drive, try to imagine it as it was back then: undeveloped land, breezy optimism, and a man with a very big idea. For those of us lucky enough to live here today, that vision lives on.

And yes—I'll return to birthday shoutouts and who's back from Paris in the next edition.

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**Isle of Venice** Nurmi Isles Elite Apartment Sites

**"Gate Way to Fifth Avenue-Park Avenue Grandeur of Sunny South"**

Isle of Venice (Miami Isle #4) has been set aside for the most exclusive, secluded, picturesque island for apartments. The picture above is designed for the purpose of creating a commanding, monumental entrance to the island. Planned Isles apartment designs will be approved architectural masterpieces so that the island will become nationally famous for its beautiful creation.

Isle of Venice adjoins the city's finest residential area. The delightful view of beautiful homes and gardens surrounding this island create an unsurpassed value. The Venetian waterways also assure you a feeling of spaciousness—never that feeling of being crowded to that one finds in commercial apartment districts.

Luxurious atmosphere will command top incomes. To live on this beautiful island completely surrounded by water, deep Venetian waterways—in enjoy the atmosphere of an estate home and in the same time, a life that means, in an opportunity unsurpassed in the best investment ever offered. Through the association restrictions, the finest people, socially and culturally, will create an environment that is bound to not only pay top rentals but become your second occupation—in time have a "Social Register" waiting list.

Owners become one of permanent value. Tourists coming to Florida every season have learned of this value and demand it. The life of Venice runs north and south ending prevailing ocean breezes east to west through every apartment. This is a value very few apartments can offer. The deep, wide waterways permit the largest yachts that travel the Island Waterways, to dock at any apartment unit.

We have developed many beautiful plans for the convenience of those interested in starting construction at once in so to be ready for this season's move. Every plan is an architectural masterpiece with exclusive outdoor designs.

Nurmi Isles offers, through their competitive service, to superior construction, landscaping and furnishing of these apartments. We have a department to manage the work of Nurmi Isles apartments. This brings you top income without personal responsibility.

Nurmi Isles' exceptionally low introductory prices of lots makes them highly desirable investments. The number of lots are limited because only one island is available for apartments. The life of Venice is the only highly exclusive apartment area because of the Association restrictions. Read for special brochure on apartment designs today.

**Isle of Venice** Nurmi Isles

**Vital Factors that Make Nurmi Isles Unsurpassed**

- Highest rock fill in Florida. Seven years, more proven Nurmi Isles road high and dry—no more mud flats.
- Exquisite concrete canals, designed to last a life time, are around all lot islands.
- Ultra-modern, streamlined bridges with walls, creating a commanding monumental entrance to each island.
- Special thirty-foot wide paved streets with curbs.
- Naturally famous, special low-lying controlled landscape and bridge lighting creating "Moonlight" effect.
- Minimum depth of waterways is eight feet at low tide and ten footed twenty feet in width. With accommodation for larger yachts that travel the International Waterways, in any one on Nurmi Isles.
- Thirty footed four wide bridges leading all points of the four islands connects with the International Waterway.
- All utilities and services are underground. No ugly poles to mar the beauty of island life.
- Tree circling water surrounds all islands—one of the major points of value—no dead end streets.
- Right conditions guarantee protection of your investment. Association formed to insure social and cultural environment.
- Pathways are landscaped with Royal Palms and tropical shrubbery.
- Every lot a waterfront lot—a "Venetian" atmosphere for every one.
- Overall depth of lot is one hundred thirty feet from curb to seawall. Frontage ranges from one hundred feet to one hundred seventy feet on Royal Palms Unit and Second Drive. Eighty-five feet to one hundred thirty feet on Third Way and sixty feet to one hundred twenty feet on Isle of Venice.
- Nurmi Isles run north and south, winding prevailing ocean breezes from east to west through every lot.
- Nurmi Isles have unsurpassed strategic location. Secluded Venetian island located in the very heart of the city, surrounded by the finest residential section—in within walking distance of schools, shops, churches and the ocean beach.

**Fort Lauderdale is Known as the Fastest Growing City in Florida**

*Original 1940s newspaper ad used to market lots on Nurmi Isles—offering sea breezes, yacht basins, and South Florida sophistication.*



## FIESTA WAY

by Irene Mopps

Congratulations to Fiesta Way — we're officially soon to be the test site for something big (literally): a brand-new 48" x 36" solar-powered LED flashing security sign.

This upgraded sign is designed to boldly alert everyone that our neighborhood is patrolled and protected by 24/7 surveillance and license plate recognition cameras.

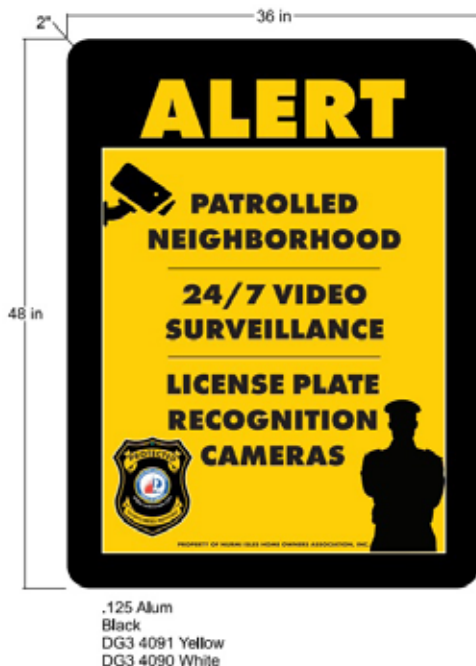
The existing sign will be removed soon, and the new one installed. If it performs well, similar signs will also replace the current ones on Nurmi Drive and Royal Palm Drive. It's another step forward in our HOA's efforts to make our streets safer, brighter, and harder to overlook.

A big thank-you to the HOA for continuing to raise the bar on safety. Fiesta Way is setting the pace — and we're lighting the way!

In the next issue, I hope to include a few photos of residents out and about. I'll be walking the street with chocolate in hand and a camera at the ready.

Consider yourself warned — and sweetened.

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## ZERO CRIME IN NURMI ISLES – A HISTORIC FIRST!

For the first time since the inception of our Safety & Security Program, we are proud to report that from December 2024 through February 28, 2025, not a single crime was reported in Nurmi Isles.

This is an unprecedented achievement—our first crime-free quarter on record. It's not a coincidence. It's proof that our program is working.

The Nurmi Isles HOA and the Safety & Security Committee have worked tirelessly to create and maintain a robust, proactive security initiative that includes:

- **Flock Safety Cameras at every bridge**
- **Nighttime Security Patrols every night of the year**
- **24/7 Crime Alert System keeping residents informed**
- **Community Engagement & Awareness through our 'Know Your Neighbor' program**

This success would not be possible without you—our paid Safety & Security members. Your participation funds the security patrols, cameras, and emergency communications that keep our neighborhood safe. When we work together, we see real results.

### Renew Your Membership – New Lower Rate for 2025!

To keep this momentum going, we're making membership even more accessible. The Safety & Security Program renewal period begins in April, and we're pleased to announce that the annual fee will be lowered.

With a safer neighborhood than ever before, now is not the time to let our guard down. Stay part of the program, renew your membership, and help us keep Nurmi Isles crime-free.

Let's continue this streak—because safety isn't luck, it's leadership.





# Advertiser Spotlight

## Ultra Technologies: Trusted by Your Neighbors, Powered by the Pros

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# HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE – PLEASE READ

## Be Ready Before the First Storm Forms

Hurricane season officially runs from June 1 through November 30, and while our beautiful waterfront neighborhood is lined with yachts, backup generators, and fortified homes, it's important to remember storms don't check net worth before they hit.

We are fortunate to have resources—smart home systems, and a dedicated Safety & Security team—but preparedness is still our best defense. Please take a few minutes now to review your readiness plan.

## What Every Nurmi Isles Home Should Have on Hand:

### Food & Water

- One gallon of water per person per day for at least 5 days (don't forget pets!)
- Non-perishable food (canned goods, protein bars, dry snacks)
- Manual can opener

### Power & Light

- Fully charged power banks and extra batteries
- Flashlights or lanterns
- Solar-powered or hand-crank radio

### Medical & First Aid

- At least a 2-week supply of prescription medications
- First-aid kit
- Copies of all IDs (passports, Driver Licenses, etc), medical info, and insurance stored in a waterproof pouch

### Home Prep Tools

- Fire extinguisher
- Multi-tool or basic toolkit
- Tarp and duct tape
- Fuel for your generator (stored safely)
- Trash bags and disposable gloves

### Comfort & Communication

- Cash
- Books, games, or offline activities
- Cooling packs or fans
- Printed list of emergency phone numbers

### Pet Supplies

- Food, leash, crate, and vet records
- Waste bags and medications

## Additional Reminders for Nurmi Isles Residents

- Test your generator now to ensure it's working.
- Secure your yacht or watercraft with storm tie-downs.
- Sign up for text alerts by emailing [security@nurmihoa.com](mailto:security@nurmihoa.com).
- Update your emergency contacts with the HOA.
- If you'll be away for the summer, ask a trusted full-time neighbor to check on your home.
- If a storm is approaching from the east, Nurmi Isles may be asked to evacuate. Make cancellable hotel reservations west of Federal Highway as soon as our area falls within the forecast cone—hotels fill up fast.

Recommended 4-Star (and Up) Hotels West of US-1:

Renaissance Fort Lauderdale West Hotel – Plantation  
The Westin Fort Lauderdale – Near Cypress Creek  
Fort Lauderdale Marriott North – Cypress Creek Area  
The Dalmar, Fort Lauderdale – A Tribute Portfolio Hotel – Downtown

These inland hotels are well-equipped and more storm-resilient. Be sure to check their cancellation policies.

As always, members of our Safety & Security Program may request a property check if away. Our guards patrol every night from 9:15 PM to 5:00 AM and will do our best to assist during emergencies.

Let's stay safe, smart, and neighborly this hurricane season.







CITY OF  
**FORT  
LAUDERDALE**

# FREE Sandbags for Residents

First Saturday and Sunday  
of every month  
May through November  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



The City of Fort Lauderdale is here to help you prepare for the rainy and hurricane seasons. Sandbags will be available for residents at the following locations:

## Distribution Sites

- George English Park  
1101 Bayview Dr.
- Holiday Park  
1150 G. Harold Martin Dr.
- Mills Pond Park  
2201 NW 9th Ave.
- Floyd Hull / Morton Center  
2800 SW 8th Ave.

## Distribution Details

- Prefilled sandbags provided (5 bags per vehicle)
- Fort Lauderdale residents only
- Proof of residency required
- While supplies last

## More information:

- [fortlauderdale.gov/stormready](http://fortlauderdale.gov/stormready)
- Questions? Call 954-828-8000



See reverse side  
for a detailed map  
of each of the sites.



## A Living Seawall is coming to life in our waterways.

The Living Seawall at The Church by the Sea is a bold step toward restoring the waterways that are so much a part of our way of life in South Florida.



The Living Seawall at The Church by the Sea is more than a concrete seawall. It will be an 860 ft., mangrove-inspired ecosystem filled with marine life—specifically oysters. And one oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day—every single day! It won't just protect our shoreline—it will be restoring it. Check out our website for more information about our Living Seawall project.



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## KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE Get Your Reflective Safety Cones Today!

### Attention Nurmi Isles residents!

The Nurmi Isles Home Owners Association is offering Extra Large, Heavy Duty Reflective Safety Cones at our cost — **just \$39.00 each!** These cones are available exclusively to paid HOA members and proudly display our Safety and Security Shield.

You may have already noticed these bright yellow cones along Nurmi Drive, standing tall and ensuring safety day and night. Now, you can own your very own!

### WHY PURCHASE?

**Enhanced Visibility:** With reflective features, these cones are visible from afar, even in low light, making them perfect for nighttime use.

**Heavy Duty Design:** Built to last, these cones can withstand tough weather conditions and are durable enough for regular use.

**Safety First:** Ideal for directing traffic, marking hazards, or creating a secure zone for outdoor activities—keeping our community safe is our top priority.

### Community Pride:

Featuring our Safety and Security Shield, these cones represent our commitment to keeping Nurmi Isles secure.

### Get Yours Today!

To place an order, simply email: [admin@nurmihoa.com](mailto:admin@nurmihoa.com). Let's work together to keep Nurmi Isles safe and sound!

### \*Note:

These cones are only available to paid members of the Nurmi Isles HOA. See the photo for a closer look!

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# RECENT HOME SALES FOR NURMI ISLES

DATE	ADDRESS	BED	BATH	SQ. FT.	YEAR BUILT	PRICE SQ. FT.	LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE
MAR 2025	41 Nurmi Drive	6	8	7,050	2004	--	\$12,900,00	\$12,200,000.
MAR 2025	76 Royal Palm Drive	5	6	5,925	2003	--	\$7,900,000.	\$7,300,000.

Home Sales Data Courtesy of Matt Bertanzetti - Florida Luxurious Properties

## CRIME STATISTICS March, April, May 2025

### March 2025

Fiesta Way:  
0 Crime

Nurmi Drive:  
0 Crime

Royal Palm Drive:  
0 Crime

### April 2025

Fiesta Way:  
0 Crime

Nurmi Drive:  
0 Crime

Royal Palm Drive:  
0 Crime

### May 2025

Fiesta Way:  
0 Crime

Nurmi Drive:  
0 Crime

Royal Palm Drive:  
0 Crime



Auto  
Theft



Outside  
Theft

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2025  
MAR

2025  
MAR



Auto  
Theft



Indoor  
Altercation



Outside  
Theft

2025  
APR

2025  
APR

2025  
APR



Auto  
Theft



Outside  
Theft

2025  
MAY

2025  
MAY

DATA COURTESY OF: Officer Victoria Negron Rodriguez  
Fort Lauderdale Police Department Community Support Unit / District 1

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ACTION  
NEEDED!

## PLEASE SIGN UP AGAIN FOR TEXT ALERTS

Dear Safety & Security Members,

Our SMS Text Security Alert Provider has changed. We kindly request that you sign-up again by asking all family members to immediately text the word **Join** followed by one space and your email address to **530-719-8484** to keep receiving these important alerts. You will immediately receive a text back from us confirming that you have been subscribed. **SEE EXAMPLE** 