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Ocean-to-lake estate brings \$27 million, deed shows

By **Darrell Hofheinz**
Daily News Staff Writer

A custom-tailored ocean-to-lake compound in Manalapan, south of Palm Beach, has sold for \$27 million, according to Palm Beach County

Courthouse records. The property at 1340 S. Ocean Blvd spent about three years on the market, originally carrying a price tag topping \$40 million. The 2-acre estate — with about 270 feet on the ocean and intracoastal

Waterway — was last listed at \$29.9 million. In 2017, it was marketed at just under \$44 million. The Mediterranean-style estate was sold by David and Margaret Lumia, who have ties to New Jersey and whose

fortune stems from Excelsior Medical Corp., a medical-products manufacturing firm they founded in the 1990s. In addition to selling the house, Dave Lumia last week paid nearly \$5 million for a waterfront

home about a mile away on South Atlantic Drive on Hypoluxo Island, according to records in the multiple listing service. And earlier this month, Margaret Lumia bought a home on Rhodes Villa Avenue in Delray

Beach for a recorded \$5.6 million. The buyer in Manalapan was a Florida limited liability company managed by Eric Thompson

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Police to add second drone to toolbox to fight crime

Chief says \$4,500 device also will help Fire-Rescue find hot spots

By **Adriana Delgado**
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Palm Beach Police will add another drone to its force in a move to expand its crime-fighting ability. Unveiling the plan recently to the Public Safety Committee, Police Chief Nicholas Caristo said the technology would make patrolling the town more efficient, especially at night. Caristo said the department already has a Mavic Pro drone, which is equipped with a 4K video system, and an HD camera that has the ability to zoom in and record in daylight.

The department is buying a specialized DJI Enterprise Dual drone, which has a camera lens system that includes FLIR/infrared capabilities to search for people in the dark, plus spotlights and a loudspeaker to hail people in the surrounding area.

The new drone costs approximately \$4,500, Caristo said. Neither of the drones is in use yet, and Caristo did not say when they would be.

In addition to helping officers do their job, the drones will prove valuable in helping the Palm Beach Fire-Rescue Department find hot spots in a burning building, Caristo said.

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Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens seeks share of \$2M, wants your help



Ann Norton's studio at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. (DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM)

Museum one of 20 sites nationally competing for preservation prize

By **Carol Rose**
Daily News Staff Writer

The Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens wants your vote to help it secure a share of \$2

million being offered by Partners in Preservation, a joint effort of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, American Express and National Geographic.

Money will be awarded to sites that receive the most online votes through Oct. 29. Ann Norton was one of only 20 sites chosen nationwide and the only one in Florida to

participate in the 2019 Partners in Preservation: Main Streets campaign, according to a news release.

Ann Norton kicked off its Think Big campaign Tuesday at its West Palm site, 253 Barcelona Road, in its bid to garner votes for a share of the money.

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Board OKs North End house, despite Araskog's objection

Architecture panel votes 4-3 in favor of guest house in council member's cul-de-sac

By **William Kelly**
Daily News Staff Writer

A divided Architectural Commission approved Wednesday a

contemporary-style house for a North End cul-de-sac after hearing opposition from representatives of neighbor and Town Councilwoman Julie Araskog.

The commission voted 4-3 to approve the structure, intended to be used as a guest house for the home next door to it. The house would be

built at 1485 Via Manana on a stand-alone lot owned by Jason and Josephine Kallsman, who live in the house immediately east of it at 1480 N. Ocean Blvd.

With an indoor-outdoor focus, the white stucco two-story house would look across a swimming pool to the main residence, which has similar

architecture, materials and color schemes.

The majority of commissioners liked architect Daniel Kahan's design and found it doesn't violate a code provision that structures should not be "excessively similar or dissimilar" to those nearby.

Commissioner Alexander Ives, who motioned to

approve the house, rejected arguments from Araskog's attorneys and expert witnesses that the design would be too similar to the Kallsman residence and, at the same time, too dissimilar to the other houses on the Via Manana cul-de-sac.

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Getting some air



Michael Dobbelaere of Lake Worth kite surfs in Palm Beach earlier this month. Today will be mostly sunny but northeast winds will only hit around 10 mph. (GREG LOVETT/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM)

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THE WEATHER

Today will be mostly sunny with a high of 84 and a low around 76, according to the National Weather Service in Miami.

The marine forecast calls for east/northeast winds 5 to 10 knots, and seas at 2 feet.

Lake Worth inlet: High tide will be at 7:04 p.m.; low tide will be at 12:38 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:10 a.m. **Sunset:** 7:12 p.m.

TOP PICKS

Clematis by Night: Groove along with Dante Vargas and the Cat Band starting at 6 tonight at 100 Clematis St. in downtown West Palm Beach. For more information, call 561-822-2222.

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STUDIO

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Ann Norton Chief Executive Officer Cynthia Kanai said this year Partners in Preservation opted to focus on historic places that celebrate the contribution of women to honor the

upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote in 1920.

The Ann Norton has applied for \$150,000 to match a grant the organization secured to restore

founder Ann Norton's studio, which is on site. The money will be used to restore its window and doors, the release said.

To support the Ann Norton, members of the public can go to www.VoteYourMainStreet.org or WestPalmBeach.org or text MAINSTREET to 52866 (charges may apply). Each person can cast up to five votes daily for the sculpture gardens.

Kenai also announced that the Ann Norton will kick off its season with a free community open house Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature refreshments and music as well as the chance for visitors to cast their votes in support of the Ann Norton.

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DRONES

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Officers who will operate the drones will receive extensive training in the operation, maintenance, and legal aspects surrounding the use of the drones, the chief said. He also said that all operators will be licensed in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration to operate the drone day or night.

"The police department is developing a department policy that will be statutorily compliant and cover permitted uses to include evidence collection, photographing traffic crash scenes, crowd control, person searches and



The Mavic Pro drone is already in the town police arsenal. (PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT)

other warranted situations," Caristo said.

"In all, the police department believes the implementation of both drones will allow for a better response to critical incidents and enhance the safety within the boundaries of the Town of Palm Beach."

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West Palm Beach Marine unit cancels Mar-a-Lago ball

By Christine Stapleton
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Bad optics has prompted a West Palm Beach Marine Corps reserve unit to cancel its plans to celebrate the Corps' 244th birthday at Mar-a-Lago even though no tax dollars would have been spent, no discounts had been given and no money would have been raised at the president's private club.

The controversy and cancellation has left the 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, also known as the 4th ANGLICO, with no alternative but to host the annual birthday ball in its warehouse-like quarters off Belvedere Road.

"We went from dinner tables at Mar-a-Lago to picnic tables in a gymnasium," said a senior officer with the 4th ANGLICO and former member of the planning committee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The unit already had advertised tickets online and hired shuttle buses to ensure ballgoers got home safely. "We can't plan another ball now."

The controversy about the Nov. 16 event began after the Miami Herald published a story detailing the unit's plans.

Newsweek reported that U.S. Marine Commandant Gen. David H. Berger became angry about the optics of hosting the ball at Mar-a-Lago. The unit got so much blowback that it pulled out of Mar-a-Lago.

The Herald raised accusations from watchdog groups that Trump's businesses profit from groups seeking White House favor. The story asked but didn't answer a question about whether Mar-a-Lago would give the Marines a discount or even host the event for free.

The senior officer said the unit would have paid full price to use the club. Officials from the unit were on their way to

the event, now expecting to host 700 guests, had outgrown the golf clubs, the officer said.

The unit got the idea for holding the ball at Mar-a-Lago from the Palm Beach Police Foundation's annual Policeman's Ball, which has been held at Mar-a-Lago for years.

Military-affiliated organizations also have held events at Mar-a-Lago. Navy SEALs make an entrance at Mar-a-Lago every year during the Navy SEALs Foundation's annual tribute. This year, SEALs conducted a live demonstration that involved parachuting out of a plane and saving a fictitious ambassador.

Other Trump businesses also are being used by military-affiliated events. The Palm Beach Council of the Navy League is hosting its birthday ball and fundraiser at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach on Oct. 19.

What distinguishes the 4th ANGLICO event is that it is not a fundraiser and it is not being sponsored by a non-profit organization.

Instead, the event is supported by a local resort in Doral.

Events at Mar-a-Lago have been under scrutiny since nearly more than 20 of Palm Beach's highest society charities canceled events after Trump stated his belief there were "very fine people on both sides" at a deadly white nationalist rally in Charlottesville in August 2017. The void, however, was quickly filled by newly formed groups representing Trump's base, covered conservative voting blocs and Republican fundraisers.

The 4th ANGLICO have held past birthday balls at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens and Broken Sound Golf and Country Club in Boca Raton. But

the event, now expecting to host 700 guests, had outgrown the golf clubs, the officer said.

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Instead, the event is supported by a local

non-profit called West Palm Beach Marines and the Marine Corps League, a congressionally chartered Marine Corps veterans organization.

Other local donors have contributed tens of thousands of dollars to defer the additional expenses of hosting the event at Mar-a-Lago this year, the officer said. Marines buy their own tickets, based on a sliding scale by rank. Wherever the event is held, no tax dollars will be spent.

Maj. Roger Hollenbeck, a Marine Corps spokesman, said in a statement that the 4th ANGLICO was "considering" celebrating their ball at Mar-a-Lago and that the unit "is not yet committed to any specific venue." Hollenbeck declined to comment on Newsweek's report.

The irony for older members of the 4th ANGLICO is that for years they attended the Red Cross Ball at Mar-a-Lago, where guests entered under a sword arch created by the unit's color guard while other Marines escorted ladies in tiaras and ambassadors' wives to their tables.

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