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Dear Readers,

As we welcome the vibrant month of June, the Treasure Coast Home & Living team is thrilled to present to you our latest issue, brimming with inspiration, tips, and ideas to elevate your living experience.

June heralds the arrival of summer, a time for outdoor gatherings, beach adventures, and making cherished memories with loved ones. This month's issue is dedicated to capturing the essence of summer living on the Treasure Coast, from refreshing home décor ideas to delicious seasonal recipes that will tantalize your taste buds.

As we revel in the joys of summer, we also take a moment to honor the special men in our lives. Father's Day, a celebration of paternal bonds and fatherly love, falls this month. It's a time to express gratitude to the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who have shaped us with their wisdom, guidance, and unwavering support. Whether you're planning a heartfelt gift or crafting a memorable experience, let's make this Father's Day one to remember.

In this issue, you'll find a variety of articles tailored to enhance your summer living experience. From tips on creating the perfect outdoor oasis to exploring local hidden gems for family-friendly outings, we've curated content to inspire and delight readers of all ages.

As always, we invite you to explore, engage, and embrace the spirit of community that defines the Treasure Coast. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your journey as we continue to celebrate the beauty of home and the joys of coastal living.

Wishing you a June filled with sunshine, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Warm regards,

Angie Schepers
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This exquisite residence has undergone a complete transformation with top-to-bottom renovations, bringing European elegance to the Atlantic Ocean. The moment one enters the foyer, the attention to detail is evident at every turn, from custom lighting to designer woodwork and tailor-made closet systems. The kitchen is a chef's dream with LG stainless steel appliances, natural granite counter tops and sleek espresso cabinetry. Both bathrooms feature modern floating vanities, German Duravit commodes and fixtures and ample lighting. This corner unit is both stylish and functional, offering a unique layout with floor to ceiling windows, gorgeous 24x24 porcelain tile throughout and views of the ocean from its wrap around porch. Barclay Beach Club offers resort-style living with direct beach access, heated pool, fitness center, clubhouse with social activities, shared tennis courts and so much more! Indulge in luxury coastal living at its finest!

2355 NE Ocean Boulevard # 4A Stuart • \$699,999



Welcome to Beachwood Villas, where Key West vibes come to the Treasure Coast. This renovated 2/2 condo overlooks the pristine Atlantic Ocean. Immaculately maintained, this unit has wood plank tile, crown molding and plantation shutters throughout. The kitchen offers nautical elegance with wood cabinetry, granite counters, SS appliances and full size Washer/dryer. Downstairs, the primary bedroom and ensuite that will wow you as will the guest quarters. Enjoy serenity from the private balcony with impact windows/sliders allowing for uninterrupted views of the coastline. BWV offers resort-like amenities including a heated, saltwater pool/hot tub, private grilling area, and a private beach entrance from the balcony. Bonus: covered parking, extra storage space and pet friendly. With its ability to command premium rental rates both in and out of season, it's a savvy investment for those seeking luxury and potential rental income. Don't miss out on this idyllic beach retreat!

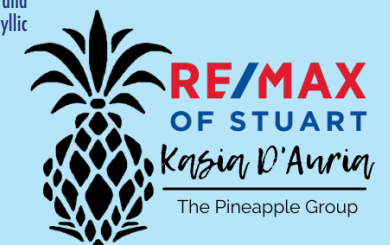
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Twin Lakes / Stuart



This lakefront 2BR, 2BA, 2nd floor condo has been maintained in top notch condition with an upgraded island kitchen and a fully renovated guest bathroom. The property has newer air conditioner, water heater and ceiling fans and features all impact windows except for the "Florida Room" patio. Detached carport for one vehicle. Living room couch, main bedroom dresser and guest bedroom queen bed with linens convey. Twin Lakes is a vibrant 55+ community with a very active event calendar with various activities and many amenities including a community pool, library, pickleball, weight room, ping pong, shuffleboard, and more! Plus, a low monthly maintenance fee. MLS#M20043250 **\$249,000**



Whispering Sound / Palm City



Welcome to Whispering Sound, a vibrant 55+ gated community. Nestled in a serene setting with a view of the clubhouse & pool, this "Grande" villa is the largest 3 BR model at 1577 sf with 3 BR, 2 BA & 2-car garage. Vaulted ceilings, freshly painted interior, all tile floors & open floor plan. Spacious main BR suite with large walk-in closet. Large Pantry & tons of cabinets in Kitchen. Whispering Sound boasts a community pool & clubhouse, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard and other recreational activities, including a monthly pancake breakfast. 2 pets under 35 lb ok. Close to shops, restaurants and cultural attractions. MLS#M20043843 **\$380,000**



775 SW Alton Circle / Port St. Lucie



Welcome to this stunning two-story home on Alton Circle in Port St. Lucie, with no Homeowners Association. Enjoy a custom granite kitchen with ample cabinet and counter space, tile floors on the ground floor and hardwood floors on the second level. The home boasts 4 bedrooms, with room for a 5th, and 3 full bathrooms. The downstairs bathroom conveniently connects to the laundry room with extra storage. You can work from the in-home office, entertain family and friends in either of the two living rooms, and relax and unwind on the beautiful screened patio. Centrally located near the Florida Turnpike, I-95 and Tradition Parkway, with great shopping and restaurants nearby, your dream home awaits! MLS# RX-10962022 **\$499,999**



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It is no secret that the way people are buying and selling real estate has been different since 2020. Yet, the need for experienced mortgage lenders is stronger than ever, despite the trend in cash sales that have been recorded for the past four years.

Now with a new company to support their expertise and product demand, Shannon Pohl and Lucy Kranker and team are excited to unveil their new office and portfolio to the realtors and future customers they serve throughout the Treasure Coast.

For the past 22 years, these ladies have been able to collaborate side by side. "It is a crazy market, has been before and will again, yet we have been by each other's sides every step of the way and are always here to strategize out-of-the-box solutions," Shannon shares. In fact, they started at a community bank Harbor Federal together back in 2002 and have always believed in the power of local. Perhaps that is what made them fall in love with Union Home Mortgage. As a private company that services its own loans, the new Treasure Coast team will continue to serve their clients before, during and after the closing.

For many the purchase of a home is the biggest investment of their lifetime, and this is an aspect of the business that the ladies enjoy because they have been there themselves and love being a trusted, local resource for their clients. By phone, email, or for an impromptu walk-in visit with a fresh cup of coffee, the team at Union Home Mortgage knew that being an entirely virtual office was not a reality for them nor something their realtor partners would expect in the tri-county area.

The team is thrilled to announce their new office at 93 Royal Palm Pointe in Vero Beach. Excited to show off the new space and educate friends and supporters of the various offerings they will have to provide, there is a fun filled ribbon cutting set for June 11th. Hosted alongside the Indian River Chamber of Commerce, the event will take place at their new location and will start at 5pm with food, drink, prizes, and a commitment to the community to be a valued mortgage industry resource throughout the Treasure Coast.

One of the aspects that has always set Shannon and Lucy apart, is their commitment to providing consistency for referral partners and clients alike. Keeping up with the latest technology, market trends and industry updates are just the beginning. They use local appraisers who know and live in our towns. "Our appraiser panel is hand selected with local appraisal experts we have had a relationship with for quite a while and know they are responsive, deals get done faster and more accurately as a result, we are really proud of this." In fact, many times these lending aficionados are asked to "save a deal" and they are confident that being locally headquartered, using local appraisers, and backed by a company that truly cares helps reinforce those relationships.

Since its inception in 1970, Union Home Mortgage has built a world-class company where people come first. With a culture that stands out in the mortgage industry, it's no surprise that Lucy and Shannon felt the move to UHM team was the perfect fit. Lucy expressed, "After all these years together, our team feels like family, making it essential to join a company that prioritizes its people."



Lucy Kranker and Shannon Pohl

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As to be expected, UHM has all the conventional and government products that are seen in the mortgage world. However, with new construction on the rise, the duo is excited to be able to offer CP and renovation loans with minimum down payments: 5% for conventional, 3.5% for FHA, and zero down for VA. Additionally, there is a solution to second home/investors at a very sharp price not offered via the secondary market, plus HELOCS and more. Setup for a complimentary consultation and save the date for June 11th, these ladies are known for throwing a good party and providing even better service.



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HONORING DAD: CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

Every year, on the third Sunday of June, families around the world come together to celebrate Father's Day—a special occasion dedicated to honoring and appreciating the remarkable men who have played pivotal roles in our lives. Whether it's a biological father, stepfather, grandfather, or father figure, Father's Day offers an opportunity to express gratitude for their love, guidance, and unwavering support.



Father's Day is more than just a date on the calendar; it's a heartfelt celebration of paternal bonds and the enduring influence of fathers in shaping our lives. It's a day to reflect on the countless sacrifices they've made, the lessons they've imparted, and the memories they've helped create. From teaching us how to ride a bike to offering sage advice during life's challenges, fathers leave an indelible mark on our hearts that lasts a lifetime.

Father's Day celebrations come in many forms, ranging from intimate family gatherings to grand gestures of appreciation. Some may opt for a leisurely brunch or barbecue, complete with Dad's favorite dishes and desserts. Others may plan outdoor adventures, such as fishing trips, hiking excursions, or rounds of golf, to create lasting memories together. Whether it's a simple gesture or an elaborate surprise, the essence of Father's Day lies in spending quality time with Dad and letting him know just how much he's cherished.

While gifts are not the essence of Father's Day, they serve as thoughtful tokens of appreciation and love. From personalized keepsakes to practical gadgets and tools, there's no shortage

of gift ideas to delight Dad on his special day. Whether it's a handmade card adorned with heartfelt sentiments or a carefully selected gift

that speaks to his interests and passions, the most meaningful gifts are those given with love and thoughtfulness.

While Father's Day is officially celebrated on one designated day each year, the spirit of appreciation and gratitude extends far beyond a single day on the calendar. It's about recognizing and honoring the invaluable contributions of fathers every day—through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, and moments of shared laughter and love. Whether it's a simple "thank you" or a heartfelt embrace, let's take the time to celebrate the remarkable fathers in our lives not just on Father's Day, but every day.

For many, Father's Day is also a time to remember and honor dads who are no longer with us. While their physical presence may be missed, their love, wisdom, and cherished memories continue to live on in our hearts. Father's Day offers an opportunity to pay tribute to these beloved fathers, celebrating the profound impact they had on our lives and the lasting legacy they left behind. Whether through sharing stories, visiting their favorite places, or simply taking a moment of quiet reflection, let's remember and honor the fathers who have passed with love and gratitude on this special day.

As Father's Day approaches, let's take a moment to celebrate the extraordinary men who have shaped us into who we are today. Whether near or far, let's reach out to Dad and express our love, appreciation, and gratitude for all that he does. Happy Father's Day to all the incredible fathers out there—you are truly appreciated and loved more than words can express.

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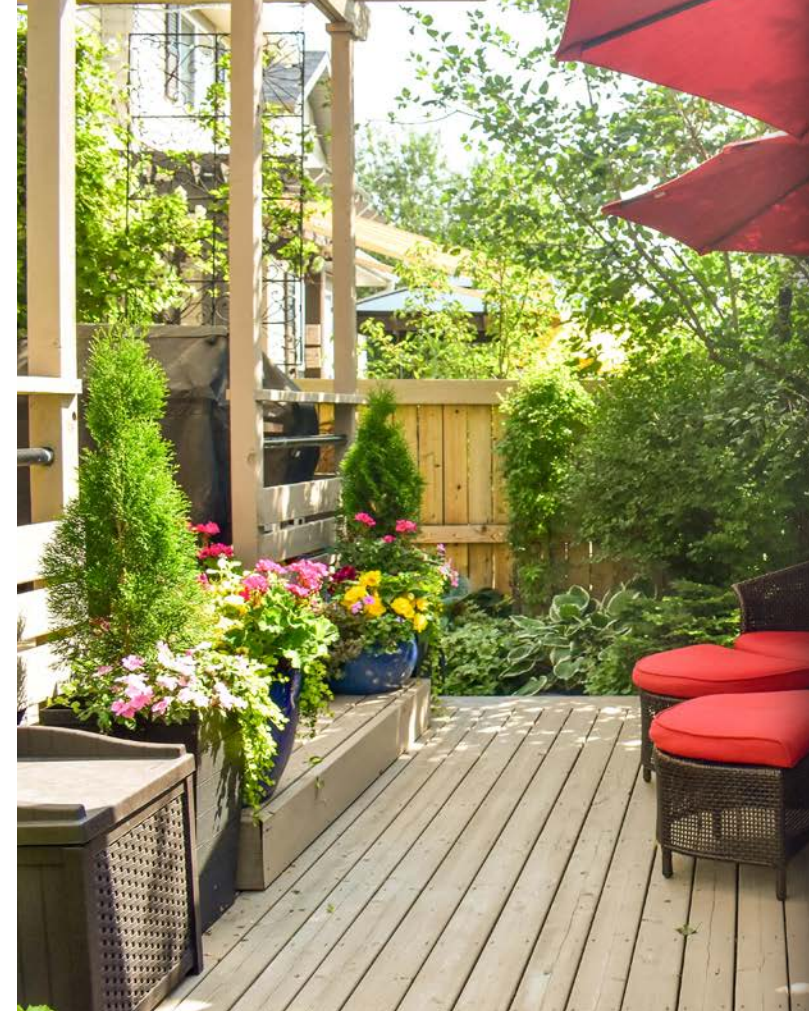
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Define Your Vision: Before diving into the details, take a moment to envision how you want your outdoor oasis to look and feel. Let your imagination define your vision.

Embrace Nature: Consider adding lush greenery with potted plants, hanging vines, a vertical garden and a water feature to infuse the space with the sound of water.

Comfort is Key: Invest in quality outdoor furniture that looks stylish and provides ample comfort and support. Opt for plush cushions, cozy throws, and soft outdoor rugs.

Set the Mood: The right lighting can transform your outdoor space from day to night, creating a magical ambiance that enchants and delights.

Create Zones: Divide your outdoor space into distinct zones for different activities and functions, allowing you to maximize the functionality of your outdoor oasis.

Personal Touches: Infuse your outdoor oasis with personal touches and meaningful details. Incorporate elements that resonate with you to make it feel like home.

Embrace the Season: By embracing the season, you can ensure that your outdoor oasis remains a welcoming retreat year-round.

Creating the perfect outdoor oasis is all about crafting a space that speaks to your soul and soothes your senses where you can escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and reconnect with the beauty of the great outdoors.



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Market Value: \$725,000
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Market Value: \$725,000
Taxes: \$6,657



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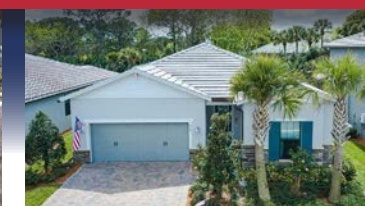
628 SE Monteiro Drive
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Meticulously maintained home features 3bd, 3bth, plus den/library, 3-car garage Gourmet kitchen KitchenAid appliances, wall oven, gas cooktop w/hood, quartz countertops, 12' island, designer lighting. Spacious open concept living/dining/kitchen, crown molding, plantation shutters, blinds, ceiling speakers, impact windows, doors, 8ft doors, hardwood floor, French doors, A/C, alarm system. Enjoy the sparkling long lake view from spacious screened lanai.



701 SE Villandry Way
\$690,000

Exquisite 4 bd, 3 bth, 3 car garage w/ epoxy floor, den/office w/French Doors, DiVosta Palm model features private screened-in saltwater pool, surrounded by lush landscaping and breathtaking lake view. Relax poolside on extended covered roof patio. Island, Quartz countertops, s/s app, pendent lighting. Master is a private oasis. Impact Windows and Doors, Whole House Generator, Security System. Seize the opportunity to make this exceptional property your new home.



600 SE Villandry Way
\$549,000

Fabulous Prestige Model features 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, w/gourmet kitchen, large island, quartz, gas cooktop w/hood, ss app, soft close drawers, glide out shelves, backsplash, designer light fixtures. Open concept living with gathering room w/ wood plank tile floor opens to enlarged patio w/fans, lights, tv mount, gas hookup and tranquil view. 10'+ ceilings, 8' solid doors, IMPACT windows & doors, built-in drop zone, utility room, tankless water heater, Smart Home.



343 SE Courances Drive
\$629,999

This home is a dream come true for families! The DiVosta Citrus Grove Model offers a fantastic layout, with a large loft that can serve as a fun hangout or game room for kids, along with 3 bdrms and a full bath upstairs, providing plenty of space. Primary suite on the main level. Den/office with French doors for work or relaxation. Features impact glass windows and doors, designer 42" kitchen cabinets, quartz countertops, a large island, and wood plank tile floors. HUGE screened-in covered patio offers the perfect spot to enjoy lake view and outdoor activities. It truly is an ideal place to create lasting memories with loved ones!

Veranda Gardens is a Gated Community known for its warmth and hospitality with a Clubhouse resort-style heated pool, spa, lap pool, cabanas, pickleball, tennis, basketball, fitness center, dog park, playground, sidewalks and streetlights. Low HOA. Close to the Turnpike, I-95, Dining, Beach and Shopping.



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(Everglades)

Everglades via Miami River 105-113

A 40' foot aluminum houseboat was our weekend getaway for my husband, Michael's, birthday. In taking the back roads, we made it into the Everglades National Park eastern entrance outside of Florida City in about 4.5 hours from our front door. With our son and his buddy, Ryan, driving separately from us in my car, we paid \$35 per vehicle upon entry then drove another 40 minutes to get to Flamingo Adventures. It is the southern most tip of Florida's Everglades civilization with an array of offerings for activities and lodging.



Once loaded and a whole lot of rules and paper signing, we were on our way. A captain helped usher us to the Coot Bay, where another smaller boat followed behind. As we approached the middle of the bay, the captain hopped off onto the other boat and we were left to our own devices equipped with 15 gallons of backup fuel and big goals of hitting 7 rivers.

With the wind at our faces, we made it all the way into the large Whitewater Bay and veered to the west to hit the Joe River before nightfall our #114. The two massive anchors at the helm of the houseboat weighed a ton, yet once they hooked in the shallow waters of the water's bottom; it was time to relax and prep for dinner. The tiny, round grill was on the back of the boat where the teens hung out. So, Charles, our son oversaw the grilling the burgers and hot dogs for our first night's dinner. We shut off the generator and opened the windows, played a



few hands of cards and fished a bit after dinner. Soon, the sun began to set and hundreds of bugs, way out in the middle of the bay, swarmed upon us! We all hustled to combat them and close the windows; what a lesson we learned.

Next morning it looked as

if a massacre of sorts had occurred. Thankfully, the sun was shining and the goal to circle the bay and hit the mouth of each of the other six rivers kept us outside on the porches. At multiple spots throughout the day, we were guided by beautiful dolphin that enjoyed our company so much, they brought friends. It was incredible to witness up close and for long periods intervals. Halfway through the day, Charles grilled chicken thighs for sandwiches; they were delicious. In fact, we have decided to leave our boy in charge of the grill whenever he wants as we continue our family's mission of going down each river in Florida. With perseverance, we hit all the rivers on our list and strategically anchored out to put ourselves as close to the mouth of the bay as possible for an easy departure the next morning.

Good news, we learned from our mistake the night prior and had all the windows closed and generator back on prior to nightfall. The boy's fished a bit while the grownups played Bananagrams and listened to music. With the waves from the water, we all slept well and enjoyed a leisure morning prior to tool back to Cootie Bay for pickup. Flamingo Adventures was running late for the captain to bring us in by more than an hour, we felt lucky to have enough gas to get back. Captain Nick jumped onboard and topped us off with the bit of fuel left for the generator, he was a fun character to end the trip. Clearly a man who enjoys maritime adventures and full sun, he even shared a story how he saved a man from his small sailboat that had capsized and was crocodile bait, never a dull moment in the Everglades!

Headed home we took the Turnpike and I95, big shout out to Pawprints in Vero for staying open a bit

longer for us to bring home our dog. Charles helped ensure he was picked up by 3:30pm and his buddy, Ryan was able to be home in time for dinner too. Dad and I stopped off at Trader Joes' off the Turnpike and grabbed a pizza from Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza to share; perfect ending to a wonderful trip adding checkmarks to rivers 105-113.



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