

LPGA commissioner buys Winter Park lakefront estate

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The four-bedroom brick home has a private boat dock on Lake Osceola, part of the Winter Park Chain of Lakes. (Orange County Property Appraiser)

For her new home, the new commissioner of the LPGA chose water access over golf course.

Public records show Mollie Marcoux Samaan and her husband, Andrew Samaan, just bought a house in Winter Park for \$2.9 million.

The home on Alberta Drive has 5,449 square feet and was built in 1991, although it has been renovated since.

“I think it is a really rare and unique find,” said listing agent Alison Mosley with Premier Sotheby’s International Realty. “Most of the living space is on the main floor which is incredible to find a single story with so much space, which I think is really appealing.”

Two of the bedrooms, including the main bedroom suite, are on the main floor with the other two being on the second floor along with two bathrooms.

The house doesn't have typical Florida styling, Mosley told GrowthSpotter.

"It feels like a more northern home, we call it a European influence home. All the brick is unusual, the copper gutters, and the estate is fenced in with brick wall around the whole piece of property with a hand-forged iron gate. It has so much with so many details that are pretty incredible."

There is also a double-circle driveway with a three-car garage.

Public records show Steven and Amy DiClemente are the sellers. Mosley said they are staying in the area and did a lot during the years they owned the home to make it more appealing to buyers.

"They did some updates that helped it live and function better for today's family. They opened up the kitchen and made it more inviting for a lot of people to be in it," she explained, adding there are now more cabinets and a seating area with a lake view. "They did some really nice things to make it appeal to a wider audience."

The home sits on three-quarters of an acre near Lake Osceola, which Mosely said is a rarity. It happened because back when the house was built, the builder/owner purchased the home behind this one as a teardown as well as a small parcel across the street leading to the water to create an assemblage and allow a dock.

A brick walking path leads from the house to the dock across the street.

"You have Winter Park Chain of Lakes access, which is incredible and it's a really big estate piece of property," she said, adding it was large enough to hold the children's weddings there. "I don't think there is another piece of property like this in Winter Park."

The home has an indoor/outdoor feel with the indoor family space opening into a covered porch with a summer kitchen looking out to the pool and yard.

Mosley said there is enough room within the brick property wall if the new owners wanted to build a guest hose or cabana.

Mollie Marcoux Samaan became the LPGA's ninth commissioner last year after being Princeton University's athletic director for seven years.

The Samaan family bought the home about a week after it went back on the market.