

Love at first sight for a home on Venetian Way

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This fully renovated, 6-bedroom estate has over 8,000 square feet of luxury living space and panoramic views of Lake Maitland. (Orange County Property Appraiser)



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When a home on Venetian Way in Winter Park came on the market, it instantly caught a buyer's eye.

"They stumbled upon it online & requested to see it [and] fell in love in person immediately. [It] checked all their boxes," said Jacqueline Hughes with Premier Sotheby's International Realty, who represented the buyer.

She agreed with the buyers and said she thought the house was spectacular when she first saw it.

The 8,082-square-foot home just sold for \$9.14 million. It was listed in October at \$9.995 million and Thomas Bonner with Coldwell Banker Realty represented the sellers.

Built in 2002, the sellers completely renovated it in 2021, planning on the place to be their forever home.

“They brought it to a very modern aesthetic, just absolutely beautiful. I mean, no detail was left undone,” Hughes said.

But instead of staying forever, they fell in love with an area out of state and decided to move, which turned out to be good for the buyers.

“They absolutely love the design. They love the floor plan. It’s literally got a panoramic view from the second you enter the house,” Hughes told GrowthSpotter. “The dining room has a full window that opens up and the entire living room area is just a panoramic door that gives you a full opening from inside [to the] outside.”

Public records show the sellers as Shane and Michelle McGuiness and the buyer as a trust with Mathew Steinberg as the trustee.

The home’s primary interior color scheme is white with several chandeliers and other aesthetic elements, all of which blend the inside with the outside. Hughes said the buyers plan to keep things much the same but add their own touches, with the help of a designer.

One custom feature is apparent as soon as you walk into the house.

“When you’re coming into the home, where the foyer is and the staircase kind of sweeps up, [a] fish tank is built in on the left side on that wall,” Hughes said. “It’s a saltwater fish tank. It’s beautiful. It looks like you’ve got *Finding Nemo* right there.”

There are six bedrooms and seven full bathrooms, with one of each being part of a guest apartment.

“[There’s a] separate entrance and a little kitchenette and a separate bedroom with a bathroom that has all been renovated,” Hughes said. “It’s a nice little mother-in-law suite right above the garage area.”

Sitting on almost two acres, the home has 200-feet of waterfront with a sandy beach.

“The lot location is so unique on the chain. Being on Lake Maitland is nice too because it’s the largest lake so you can really get out and do a lot of activities,” Hughes said. The home has a dock with a covered lift.

Outside, an outdoor kitchen has a built-in grill with a waterfall island and a large television. The pool is 70-feet with a spa overlooking the lake, with what Hughes said are gorgeous sightlines.

“You don’t get that full beating from the sun but you get picturesque sunsets,” she said. “That whole entertaining area is absolutely breathtaking.”

It also has two fireplaces, a beer tap, a misting system, and automatic shades to keep bugs out.

The home is also near all of the amenities Winter Park has to offer.

“It’s wonderful, right in the Vias on Venetian so you just have easy access to get to Maitland and easy access to get to Park Avenue, so it’s prime location.”

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