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2021 residential deals top \$4B

According to Frisbie’s Q4 report, town’s home sales nearly doubled record set during previous year

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Palm Beach real estate marked a banner year in 2021 — and that banner might as well have been sewn from the most-expensive fabric available. Residential sales in Palm Beach last year for the first time broke the \$4 billion mark and nearly doubled the dollar tally for 2020, which had set its own town record at \$2.4 billion. Such is the word from the fourth-quarter sales prepared by agent Suzanne Frisbie and her Frisbie Palm Beach team at the Corcoran Group.

Frisbie’s overall finding — that 2021 was a year like no other in Palm Beach real estate — was backed up by several other end-of-year sales reports, including a separate analysis from Corcoran itself. The analyses were released last week by real estate agencies that do business in Palm Beach. The reports not only examined sales in October, November and December but some also recapped sales of houses, land, condominiums and co-operative units throughout 2021. The sales boom last year was an extension of the real estate boom that began after the coronavirus pandemic hit the nation in early 2020, the reports showed. Buyers have descended on Palm Beach with a desire for homes offering expansive spaces for outdoor living, even as executives and entrepreneurs have seen they can work remotely from almost anywhere, said

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According to a new sales report, residential real estate sales in 2021 hit a record-setting \$4 billion in the town of Palm Beach, which includes Everglades Island in the foreground. In 2020, sales totaled \$2.4 billion. MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS



Kelsey Serge, a sales assistant at Only Authentics on Worth Avenue, cleans one of the new heavy-duty display cases delivered to the store Thursday. PHOTOS BY DAMON HIGGINS/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

More bags stolen from shop

Owner: Brick-bearing thief returned on Christmas; total loss tops \$1M

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Days after 13 Hermes handbags valued at nearly \$1 million were stolen in a smash-and-grab incident, a store was hit again early Christmas morning and robbed of eight more handbags. Virgil Rogers, the owner of Only Authentics on Worth Avenue, said his loss is now way in excess of \$1 million. He told the Daily News Friday that security footage from the boutique and the Everglades Club captured a woman during the first incident on Dec. 14 shattering the window where the purses were being displayed. Detectives believe the same woman — who can be seen carrying three bricks in a bag — returned at about 4 a.m. on Dec. 25 and broke the window that was installed after the previous incident, Rogers said. “This is not supposed to happen on Worth Avenue. It’s just not,” said Rogers, who said a total of 21 Hermes bags have been stolen. “I’ve never seen anything like this in my life.” Several of the bags, he said, are worth six figures each. Rogers said as far as he knows, no arrests have been made. The case is “still an open and active criminal investigation,” Palm Beach Police spokesman Capt. Will



Only Authentics employees help to unpack two of the new display cases that will now be used in the Worth Avenue boutique. Two smash-and-grab thefts have seen a total of 21 Hermes handbags stolen. Rothrock said, adding that progress had been made in the investigation. Rogers has stepped up his security measures, including hiring private security to guard the boutique from late hours of the night until early morning. On Thursday, a Daily News photographer saw FedEx delivering display cases that Rogers said cost

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Sollis Health to open medical concierge service

Royal Palm Way location slated for March debut; care currently available at nearby pop-up clinic

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A members-only, medical concierge service offering year-round, continuous care will welcome Palm Beach patients beginning in March. Sollis Health, which provides basic to advanced urgent care with no wait times, will open a flagship location at 324 Royal Palm Way. The new location will be the eighth for New York-based Sollis, which also operates medical centers in New York City, Long Island, Los Angeles and Miami. A ninth location is planned for San Francisco, the company said. The 4,000-square-foot Palm Beach facility, which will be staffed by emergency room physicians, is equipped with comprehensive on-site labs and advanced diagnostic imaging capabilities including MRI, CT scan, Ultrasound and X-ray. Sollis can handle any medical need, including 90% of what a typical emergency room treats, with no appointment and no wait, said Andrew Olanow, co-founder of Sollis Health. Sollis locations also offer COVID-19 testing,

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Sollis Health, a 24/7 members-only VIP medical service, will open a state-of-the-art flagship location at 324 Royal Palm Way in Palm Beach in March. An exam room is pictured here. [COURTESY OF SOLLIS HEALTH]

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vaccinations, point-of-care testing and IV medication therapy.

“We are here for emergencies, simple complaints and anything in between,” Olanow said. “With diagnostics and care all under one roof, our comprehensive services ensure a streamlined experience. There are many private medical services out there, but none are 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, with incomparable VIP amenities.”

The company’s service approach is personalized, discreet and empathetic, Olanow said.

Sollis locations are designed to imitate residential living with first-class finishes and thoughtful amenities.

“We really believe in infusing our health-care experiences with hospitality,” he said.

“You go in with less of a medical industrial feeling and more of a high-end residential feeling. The lights aren’t all bright and fluorescent, but instead it’s softer lighting with more attractive furnishings to make you feel calmer in stressful situations.”

Sollis chose to open its newest location in Palm Beach because of an overlap with patients at its four centers in New York, Olanow said. Three are in New York City and one is in The Hamptons.

“Many of our patients in New York and Los Angeles have homes in Palm Beach,” he said. “For us, the

main reason we chose to expand there is the belief that there is a similar sense of values for best-in-class medical care and really attentive customer service.”

Sollis has about 8,500 members nationwide, Olanow said, with about 6,000 of those in New York.

He said the Palm Beach location is expected to service about 1,500 members when it opens.

Until then, Sollis patients on the island can access concierge medical care at a pop-up clinic at 350 Royal Palm Way.

The facility, which is open daily from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., offers basic to advanced urgent care. It also provides vaccinations, point-of-care testing and premium house-call services in Palm Beach County.

Olanow said the company looks forward to continuing to provide high-level medical care in the short-term, with a long-term goal of increasing its national presence.

“We’re really proud of the medical care that we provide, and we want to be able to share it with more communities,” he said.

Individual pricing for Sollis Health memberships start at \$3,000 per year. Membership includes unlimited access to all Sollis Health medical centers, unlimited physician visits at no cost, expedited access to premier specialists, round-the-clock telemedicine, access to on-site advanced imaging and lab, unlimited COVID testing, member privileges from exclusive partners, patient advocacy and care navigation.

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PSALM 15

A psalm of David

¹Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

²The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

³whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

⁴who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind; So

⁵who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus (Messiah),

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness.

I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead.

I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life.

I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.

In Your Name,

Amen.

JOHN 3:3 and JOEL 2:32

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