

## Luxury Builders By The Sea SEASIDE BUILDERS

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Luxury has no bounds when it comes to Seaside Builders. This Delray Beach Residential General Contractor specializes in luxury custom home construction, renovation and restoration. And they just happen to love Delray Beach (and its surrounding areas) and believe it is no accident that it was recently voted the Most Fun Small Town in America.



"Delray Beach is a very friendly and welcoming town. We take pride in hiring local professionals from engineers and architects to designers and landscapers. The Materials we use are also sourced locally - including cabinetry, appliances and flooring," said Tom Laudani, co-owner of Seaside Builders with partner Patrick J. Whyte.

Both Whyte and Laudani are strong believers in Delray Beach and the surrounding communities. So much so that in the past five years they have been buying and developing beachside (or near beachside) property in Delray Beach and Gulf Stream because of its "remarkably strong presence," said Laudani. "Seaside Builders owns six large estate lots of one-acre each in Gulf Stream and one spectacular ocean front parcel."

"On January 13th we will start building three 8,000-sqare-feet homes that will be in the West Indies and classic Bermudian-style design," said Laudani.

The homes will range in price from \$4 million to \$6 million, and will have white tile roofs and separate carriage houses with guest suites above them. They will also be beautifully landscaped to fit the location with lush native vegetation such as Live Oaks. Silver Buttonwoods and other glorious foliage.

Seaside also acquired the Bacheller family Property across the street from the Vanderbilt property. They plan to build a Bermudian style classic 10,000-square-foot spec home on the beach that will sell for \$15 Million. The estate, being designed by Delray Architect Richard Iones, will have deeded beach access, grand entry with dual stairway, 12-foot ceilings, 20foot high foyer and wood flooring. The theme of the house is Island chic with gourmet kitchen (Wolfe appliances), subzero refrigerators on the main floor, six bedrooms, a three-car garage, wine cellar, private study, butler pantry, very large outdoor loggia with summer kitchen, see-through fireplace and 50-foot heated swimming pool.

Seaside also recently completed their Seaside Estate project on Lowry Street, just one block from Atlantic Avenue and two blocks from the ocean. There are four homes in all. ranging in price from \$2 to \$2.4 million (and three are already sold). This cluster of homes was built in the British West Indies style design with bright colors, 4000-square-feet of space and a slate-like roof. The homes were designed by Delray Architect Gary Eliopoulos.

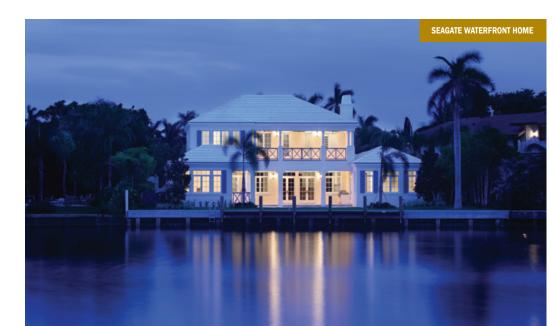
Upcoming projects for Seaside Builders include eight Townhomes on Venetian Drive and Ingraham Avenue (two blocks from the beach and two blocks from Atlantic Ave). They are set to break ground on February 2013. Each



townhome will be 3,000- square-feet in size and have elevators and individual pools and garages (the prices will range from \$1.2 million – to \$1.4 million).

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As a way to give back to the community, that has been so good to them. Seaside Builders use as many local suppliers as they can. "We use local tile companies, wood companies, flooring companies, vendors, cabinetry vendors, appliances and the granite is all purchased locally to help stimulate the local economy," said Laudani, a native New Englander.



But they're not satisfied to just sit on their laurels. Seaside will continue building more custom homes in 2013 - eight to be exact. These homes will be custom built in Beachside neighborhoods in Delray Beach, Gulfstream and Ocean Ridge. "We are not only general contractors, but we self-perform all

Seaside Builders also went above and beyond (literally) by building Santa Claus a new cottage at the site of the 100-foot Christmas Tree in Old School Square. They provided the labor, materials and expertise to complete the entire project in two weeks. "While a new house for Santa was not a top priority for us in terms of budget, we wanted to make this year as special as we could for Delray Beach for our Centennial, and we just couldn't let Santa down," said Sarah Martin of the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative. "Thanks to the generosity of Seaside Builders, that dream has come true. Santa no longer has a house, but a spectacular luxurv home."

Laudani and Whyte expressed their excitement in being a part of this history. "Having the honor of creating such an important element in the Delray Beach Christmas tradition has been very satisfying. We take great pride in Delray and we hope families will enjoy Santa's home for years and years to come."

Not only did Seaside Builders donate the Santa house but they provide financial assistance to the Garlic Fest, the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Seafood festival and other Chamber of Commerce ventures. "We are also offering to volunteer some of our labor and materials to build a new beach pavilion - once that gets under way," said Laudani, who is on the Board of Directors of the Delray Beach Owners Association.

To hear about Seaside Builders from a client is a true testimony to their work. "Tom Laudani and Pat Whyte are truly master builders. Their years of experience make handling the many details of a project second nature. They have a great ability to focus on clients' objectives and deliver a completed project that exceeds anyone's expectations," said Pascal Liguori of Premier Estate Properties Inc.

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