

Palm Beach homes for sale: Townhouse at the lake on the near North End listed for \$7.5 million

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The elegantly appointed, three-level townhome, No. 7 in Villa Plati is listed at at \$7.5 million.

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After real estate agent Ashley Copeland married Julian Stoopler five years ago, the newlyweds decided to buy a townhouse at Villa Plati on Bradley Place in the near North End of Palm Beach.

“Julian was renting at Breakers Row, and I said to him, ‘You should buy a condo. I’m a Realtor. It hurts me to see you pay all this money for rent.’ So, I looked around and found this townhome in Villa Plati. I thought the development was undervalued at that time for a waterfront property,” Copeland says.

Although Villa Plati was developed in 1992, the townhomes don’t seem dated, she adds.

“They have high ceilings and spacious interiors,” she says, “and they are on three levels with underground parking.”

The couple recently bought a waterfront property with a dock in West Palm Beach, and so they are selling their three-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bath home with 4,578 square feet of living space, inside and out. Copeland, who is affiliated with Brown Harris Stevens, has listed the townhouse — No. 7 at 236 Bradley Place — for \$7.5 million, with the furniture available through separate negotiations.

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Villa Plati stands on a lakefront site at the corner of Atlantic Avenue. Its 20 units are configured in a U-shape around a common garden area. Copeland and Stoopler's unit is on the northeast corner of the development.

On the main level is the two-story foyer, which is crowned by a skylight and home to the staircase and elevator. The kitchen is to the south and the dining room and living room are to the west. The den and a powder room lie to the north.

"The living and dining rooms are an open area, which views out to the patio," Copeland says. "You can see the fountain in the community courtyard garden and glimpse the Intracoastal (Waterway) from the dining area and patio. You can also see the water from the master bedroom, which has a large covered balcony," she says.

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Decorative elements include wrought-iron railings on the stairway along with a chair-rail and molding embellishments on the walls in the main rooms and foyer. In the living room are a gas fireplace with a stone mantel, a built-in lighted display cabinet and a wet bar with an onyx countertop and wine cooler.

The dining room features a hand-painted mural on the main wall, with a mirrored flanking wall to reflect the garden view. Floors on the main level are covered in white marble, while those upstairs are hardwood.

The couple had the paneling in the den finished in a rich gray to contrast with the predominantly white scheme elsewhere in the house.

The eat-in kitchen is finished with custom cabinetry, professional-grade appliances, marble counters and mirrored backsplashes. The space is anchored by a center work island.

"We loved living at the townhouse and have done a lot of entertaining. Dinner for eight is easy," she says.

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On the upper level, the master suite stands west of the stair hall with the two guest-bedroom suites to the north and south. One of the master bathrooms is appointed in onyx with a shower and whirlpool tub. The other bathrooms feature granite finishes.

On the lowest level is garage parking for three cars, a storage area and the laundry.

In the years that Copeland and Stoopler have lived in the townhome, they have installed a new air-conditioning system.

“We also put in one impact window, because the windows were already protected by electric shutters,” Copeland says.

Villa Plati has a lap-size pool facing the waterway, a tennis court, a full-time manager and maintenance personnel.

The townhouse’s location is among the unit’s prime selling points, Copeland says.

“I will miss the convenience of being less than five minutes from everything. The townhome is beautiful. That I’ll miss, too,” she says.

But at the same time, she’s looking forward to life in their residence across the bridge: “A new home becomes your home once you fill it with friends, laughter and good energy.”