



FORT LAUDERDALE CURRENTS

BERMUDA RIVIERA

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Bermuda Riviera, nestled between the Intracoastal Waterway and A1A, and between Oakland Park Boulevard and Commercial Boulevard is one of Fort Lauderdale's hidden neighborhood gems. Ask even long time city residents where BR is, and they will be puzzled! With only one entrance off of A1A, people often don't realize we are here!

But ask any of the residents of our 252 homes and they will tell you they love our location, our quiet streets and our sense of community.



Bermuda Riviera is one of the older communities in Fort Lauderdale and its history includes well know names in Fort Lauderdale history. Originally developed by Coral Ridge Properties, developers of Coral Ridge Towers to our south, property owners in BR included members of the Galt family- developers of the Galt Ocean mile.

Long-term residents remember when there were far fewer than the 252 homes we have today. They remember when you could stand on 40th Street at our entry and see through to the beach- through the empty lot where the Galt Ocean Marketplace now exists.

They remember when there were 3 entries, a north and south entry onto 34th Avenue, which were both closed to cars and landscaped more than a decade ago and the only remaining entry on 40th Street. The entry on 40th street showcases our newly renovated guardhouse, monument entry sign and landscaping, courtesy of a Fort Lauderdale neighborhood improvement grant.

But enough of the history! Today, Bermuda Riviera is a busy community with both part-time and full time residents. We have a mix of ages, from babies and preschoolers to grandparents (even some great grandparents as some of our neighbors proudly 'brag'). With 90% of our homes on the water with direct ocean access and no fixed bridges, we are a boating community. Two of our streets are actually islands, with short connecting bridges to our main

street. These bridges were recently painted and landscaped by the HOA and include decoratively tiled benches perfect for sitting and watching the water.

Cruise the BR canals sometime and you'll see kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, large motor yachts and everything in between. Our proximity to the beach also promotes the water-focused lifestyle. It's just a short walk to the beach entry at Oakland Park Boulevard or Lauderdale-by-the-Sea; but the quickest route is through our deeded right of way at Flamingo Avenue from A1A to the beach.

Our Homeowners Association is active. In addition to the annual meeting, the HOA sponsors cocktail parties and neighborhood get-togethers. Recently, the HOA sponsored a community wide garage sale, with many homes participating. Many of our neighbors are active in local charities and/or are members of City Advisory Boards.

A new initiative for the HOA is encouraging and promoting homeowner participation on Nextdoor.com. With more than 50 homes already signed up, we see lots of potential to further improve communication and participation. This 'hidden neighborhood gem' is constantly striving to beautify and improve our community... we may not stay hidden for long!