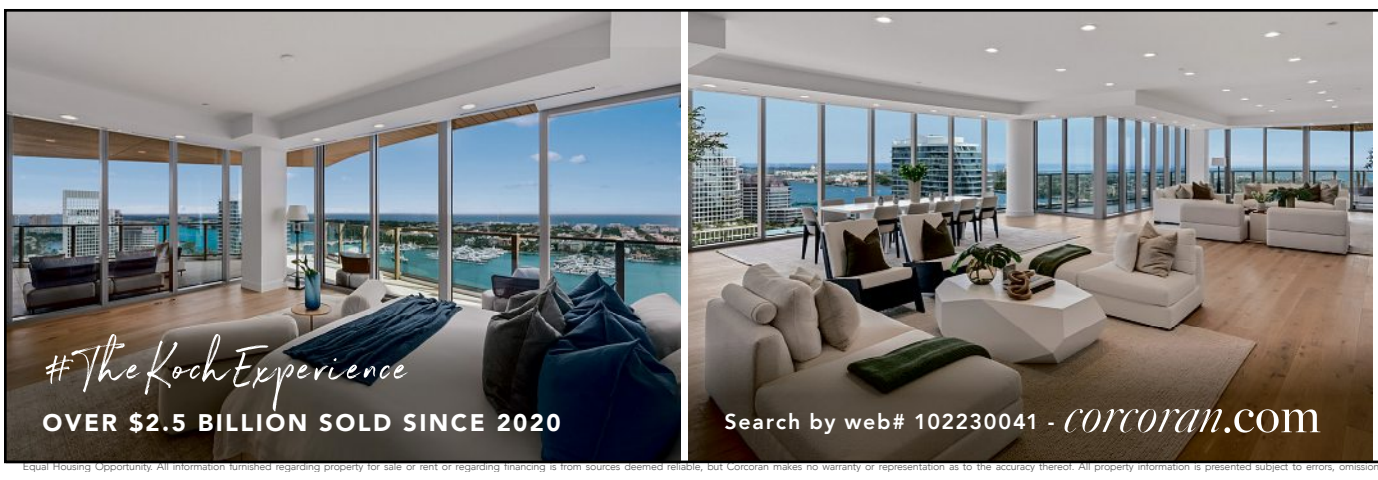

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Palm Beach Chief of Police Nicholas Caristo, seen here at the Memorial Park and Fountain near Town Hall on Aug. 31, was a New York City Police Department detective who worked to find the remains of victims of the terror attacks after the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The cross he is holding is made of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center, given to him by the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation. DAMON HIGGINS/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

Police chief recalls 'devastating' 9/11 work

Caristo identified remains as NYPD first responder

Kristina Webb
Palm Beach Daily News
USA TODAY NETWORK

Nicholas Caristo began that Tuesday morning like so many others in his career with the New York City Police Department: He had breakfast, dressed, went to his Brooklyn precinct under a clear blue sky and settled in for another day as a detective.

It was Sept. 11, 2001, and the world was about to change.

In the weeks following the terror attack on the World Trade Center, Caristo's world shifted from the detective work he had spent years honing to the dogged recovery of human remains. He spent weeks in the morgue, at Ground Zero and at a landfill in Staten Island looking for anything that might be able to identify those who died in the towers.

A quarter-century later, Caristo is the chief of police for the Palm Beach Police Department. Ahead of the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, he shared with the Palm Beach Daily

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Residents remember shock, horror of Sept. 11

Memories remain fresh 25 years later

Diego Diaz Lasa, Jodie Wagner and Kristina Webb
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Sept. 11, 2001, is etched into the memories of many Palm Beach residents, who can vividly recall the shock, fear and anxiety they felt about the attacks, when terrorists crashed planes into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

On the eve of the 25th anniversary 9/11, several residents and others with professional ties to the island spoke to the Palm Beach Daily News about the emotions they experienced during and after the attacks, which killed nearly 3,000 people. The memories presented here focus on the devastation in New York City.

Bridget Moran

For Palm Beach Town Council member Bridget Moran, this Sept. 11 marks more than the 25th anniversary

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Commissioners approve house design on fourth review

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It took four months, but the owner of a vacant lot near the ocean on Palm Beach's North End has won the Architectural Commission's approval for the design of a new two-story house.

Commissioners' unanimous approval, however, came with a list of requested revisions for the Anglo-Caribbean style home proposed for 222 Cherry Lane. Those changes included modifications to the chimney, roof, covered entrance and balcony railing, along with other small changes to architectural details.

"I like this house, and I think it's not going to detract from the neighborhood," Alternate Commissioner David Phoenix said during the board's most recent meeting. "There's more positive than negative about this, in my opinion."

The four-bedroom, 4,013-square-

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