

## **Live Like a Baseball Legend in St. Petersburg, FL., Hometown of Tampa Bay Rays**

*West Coast Florida homes now on the market are former residences of professional baseball's legendary Babe Ruth and Al Lang, the pioneer who brought spring training to Florida, and are exclusively listed by Tampa Bay Engel & Voelkers property shops*

**Oct. 12, 2008** - [PRLog](#) -- Two new residential listings for properties with historic ties to professional baseball, as well as scenic locations near downtown St. Petersburg's Tropicana Field which is home to the American League Division Series winners the Tampa Bay Rays, have been listed exclusively with Engel & Voelkers Tampa Bay property shops.

A penthouse previously occupied by the legendary Babe Ruth has just been listed by the newly opened Engel & Voelkers St. Petersburg real estate office. And a waterfront estate once owned by former St. Petersburg Mayor Al Lang, who was instrumental in introducing major league spring training to Florida, is offered by the Hyde Park office of Engel & Voelkers.

Maddy Krasne, managing broker for the St. Petersburg Engel & Voelkers that is now open in its newly renovated space at BayWalk, said the location and history behind this penthouse unit would make it an appealing primary residence or second home for sports fans who want to retire in Florida or have a place to stay will visiting.

The condominium where Ruth first resided when he reported to Florida for spring training is the historic Flori-de-leon, which was built circa 1925. Teammate Lou Gehrig was a neighbor who occupied the building's other penthouse during the 1930's spring training season.

The 1,420-square-foot, newly renovated two-bedroom, one-bathroom unit is listed for \$199,900. Located at 130 Fourth Avenue North, the Flori-de-leon is a Mediterranean-Revival style building that is occupied by residents 55 and older.

For more information about this listing, call 727-570-9000 or go to [www.engelvoelkers.com/stpetersburgdowntown](http://www.engelvoelkers.com/stpetersburgdowntown).

A stunning waterfront home formerly owned and occupied by Lang, located at 2199 S. Serpentine Circle in St. Petersburg, offers buyers a more luxurious lifestyle. The two-story estate overlooks Tampa Bay and the iconic Sunshine Skyway Bridge that connects Pinellas and Manatee counties. Built in the 1920s, the parcel was purchased by Lang in 1933. Beautifully renovated, the four-bedroom, four-bathroom home is currently listed for \$2,449,000.

Largely due to Lang, Florida – and St. Petersburg in particular – became magnets for teams from across the Northeast who needed a warm weather destination to get ready for the regular season ahead. St. Petersburg was declared “America's Winter Baseball Capital” in the 1940s when both the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals trained there.

“Historical significance aside, this is a home that must be experienced to really be appreciated. The scale of the lot, the incredible views and the exquisite interiors make this one of the area's most desirable places to live,” said Douglas Swain, managing broker of the Tampa Hyde Park Engel & Voelkers property shop. For more information, call 813-258-9000 or go to [www.engelvoelkers.com/TampaHydePark](http://www.engelvoelkers.com/TampaHydePark).

Over the past 30 years, Engel & Voelkers Group has become one of the world's most respected names for

upscale residential real estate. Its worldwide presence encompasses more the 320 offices in 26 countries and four continents. With the addition of the newly opened St. Petersburg property shop at 165 2nd Ave. N., joining the South Tampa location in Hyde Park Village, Tampa Bay area buyers and sellers now have two locations where they can meet with Engel & Voelkers real estate professionals to access and list homes geared for an upscale, global audience.

With many European-style property shops soon to be open throughout the state, and an anticipated 200 more debuting over the next 10 years, Engel & Voelkers Florida is rapidly exposing the Florida residential market to its elite international network of agents and buyers, offering premium property representation. The company was recently cited in the National Association of REALTORS (NAR) International Real Estate Report as bringing “European Culture to U.S. Industry.” International Service Check, a renowned worldwide customer service quality analysis firm, has rated Engel & Voelkers Florida as one of the top five real estate companies in the state in regards to its dealings with European investors.

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