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## 'Your own sanctuary'

\$6 million estate in Coconut Grove spotlights unusual feature in Florida — a basement

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There are plenty of mansions on the market in South Florida, but a newly constructed \$6 million home in Coconut Grove has one feature you're not likely to find in the others: a full basement.

The 6,890-square-foot Tropical Modern home, at 3230 Crystal Court, was built on a ridge 21 feet above

sea level. That elevation allowed the architect and developer, Charles Treister, to excavate and include the 1,370-square-foot finished basement.

"The basement gives you a huge amount of air-conditioned space that you can use for storage or for a Pilates studio, wine storage or a man cave," said Lisa Treister, Charles's wife and a real estate agent with Beacon Realty Advisors in Coconut

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Grove, who holds the listing along with Michelle Kauffmann of Keller Williams.

The home is located in the North Grove neighborhood of Coconut Grove, a section of Miami that's known for its lush landscap-

ing and eclectic restaurants, boutiques and businesses.

"Coconut Grove is very desirable because it's charming and close to everything," Treister said. "You feel like you're in your own sanctuary, but you can take public transportation to enjoy all the things that Miami has to offer."

The gated two-story estate has seven bedrooms, seven full and two half baths and a kitchen with custom

Italian cabinetry, imported Calacatta Oro marble countertops and top-of-the-line Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances. Additional features include an elevator, home automation system, whole-house generator, pool, spa, covered patio, outdoor kitchen and a separate apartment with its own entrance.

And then there's the basement.

"In addition to all the

other bells and whistles, the house has this unique bonus basement space, which is incredibly rare in Miami," said Treister. "Everybody is thrilled when they see it."

Charles Treister, who owns the property in the name of an affiliated entity, TDD Crystal Court LLC, purchased the 9,375-square-foot lot in July 2017 for \$850,000. He designed the house and completed it in 2020.



## Pandemic has changed how consumers feel about gig companies, survey finds

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NEW YORK — When ride-hailing heavyweights Uber and Lyft and delivery giants Grubhub and Instacart began making shared rides and meals available with a few taps on a smartphone, they transformed the way people work, travel and get food delivered to their homes.

But the pandemic shuffled the deck for the so-called gig economy as fear of contracting the coronavirus led many who once traveled in shared vehicles to stay home, and grocery delivery services struggled to keep up with demand from people who didn't want to risk stepping into a store.

A new survey from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy

and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows how consumer attitudes about using ride-hailing and delivery services have changed.

It also highlights a wealth divide, where Americans with higher incomes are able to utilize the services to help reduce their risk of infection.

"People are worried. We know that," said Dmitri Koustas, an assistant professor at the University of Chicago Harris School. "They're worried about themselves and their families, and they're concerned about the virus, and they're also worried about workers."

Among the people who used ride-hailing before the crisis, 63% said they have not taken a ride since March.

At the same time, people with higher household in-

comes had many more groceries delivered to their homes.

Those with household incomes about \$100,000 a year were roughly twice as likely to have increased their use of grocery delivery services than those in households earning less, the survey found.

Overall, the percentage of people using delivery services remained about the same since the pandemic began, with those increasing their use balanced out by those cutting back, in some cases because of the cost.

In Auburn, New York, few grocery stores offer delivery, and those that do are more expensive, said Patricia McAvaney, 49, who is disabled and living on a fixed income of \$920 a month.

She's not comfortable going to the grocery store, but feels she has no other

choice.

"I'm on a budget, so it's really not feasible to get everything delivered from that store," McAvaney said.

Many Americans have been uncomfortable with delivery services during the pandemic.

About 6 in 10 say they are very comfortable picking up food from a restaurant, compared with about 3 in 10 using delivery.

Roughly another 3 in 10 said they are uncomfortable getting food delivered.

A majority — 54% — said they feel uncomfortable using a ride-hailing service during the coronavirus outbreak, preferring their own cars for travel.

A similar percentage was uncomfortable with taxis, public transportation and air travel, suggesting people are shying away from all forms of transportation where they share space with others.

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