

Regional MLS adds "Street"

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Regional MLS, who serves the greater Palm Beach County, has added recently released 5 public fields to IDX for web sites. They are as follows:

- Street Number = allows the Street Number to be publicly displayed
- Street Name = allows the Street Name of the property to be publicly displayed
- Street Directional = allows the Street directional (N, S, E, W) to be publicly displayed
- Street Suffix = allows the Street Suffix (ST, AVE, DR, LN, TERR) to be publicly displayed
- Total Baths =allows the total number of Baths to be displayed.

REGIONAL MLS RECENTLY ADDED 5 FIELDS These fields are added to attain greater accuracy with the Address. Previously, there was just one address field. Now there are 4 fields that create the whole address. For example:

Address = 100 N Main St

now becomes

Street Number = 100

Street Directional = N

Street Name = Main

Street Suffix = St

In addition, the TOTAL BATHS field was added. Before it was just FULL BATHS & HALF BATHS.

The Regional MLS (and other MLS's across the country) have a terrible habit of changing items without notifying their constituents. This causes issues with web sites that use IDX, or direct feeds from the MLS. These changes caught us off-guard and caused a few hiccups with our IDX web sites.

Since there is no forewarning of changes happening, the issue becomes that we don't know there is a change until it actually happens. In our experience, Regional MLS usually has issues implementing these changes causing a disconnect between MLS and the IDX. The Regional MLS RETS server becomes unavailable for various reasons. It usually takes Regional MLS a few days to hammer out these types of additions.

In this case, there was no downtime.