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Naples, Florida

Located in Collier County in southwest Florida, Naples history spans thousands of years. The Calusa Indian civilization once flourished here, and before the turn of the century, pioneer settlers braved the eastern scrub lands to build cattle ranches while others fished, farmed and hunted the wilds of the Ten Thousand Islands. Beginning in the 1920s, wealthy Northern and Midwestern settlers came to the region to relax on the beach and fish for tarpon.

In addition to white sand beaches, more golf holes per capita than anywhere in the U.S., and an average temperature of 75 degrees, the aura of this tropical paradise attracts artists, too. With over 130 art galleries, Naples was recently named the #1 Small Art Town in America.

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is the premiere performance hall in the region and is home to the Naples Philharmonic. The Naples Players, one of the top community theaters in the nation, has two performance stages in their state-of-the-art theater on Fifth Avenue South in downtown Naples.

Shopping is an art form in Naples too. Stroll Fifth Avenue South with its boutiques and art galleries, then head a few blocks away and do it all again along Third Street South – home to Gallery Row, fashion boutiques and interior design stores. Waterside Shops features flowing fountains, Tin City has a nautical flair and the Village at Venetian Bay provides an elegant waterfront ambiance.

Finding the perfect spot to watch the sunset is a daily ritual for locals. The Turtle Club at the Vanderbilt Beach Resort has become a favorite “secret spot” for local Neapolitans to gather in hopes of seeing the elusive green flash while enjoying fine dining on the waterfront.

With a population of 20,976, the median household income in Naples is \$83,830, and the cost of living index is 103.7, 5th highest in Florida. With an economic downturn over the past two years, the current real estate market in Naples is challenged with an abundance of foreclosed property and short sales.

HERE Decatur, IL



3055 Greenlake Drive
Price: \$155,000

Square Feet	2058
Bedrooms	4
Baths	3
Type	2-story

Lakeview, patio, screened porch, master suite.
 Family room, fireplace, game room w/wet bar.

THERE Naples, FL



2761 Longboat Drive
Price: \$155,000

Square Feet	1778
Bedrooms	3
Baths	2
Type	Ranch

Short sale. Golf course view, canal frontage,
 northern rear exposure, in-ground pool.

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