### WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Cape Coral offers some pretty impressive communities. With waterfront living, spectacular homes and access to a variety of amenities, homeowners are choosing Cape Coral over many other areas in Southwest Florida. Perhaps one of the most desirable communities in Cape Coral is Cape Harbour, a gated waterfront community located in Southwest Cape Coral. With its very own marina, Cape Harbour is perfect for avid boaters and boat enthusiasts to enjoy the tranquil waters with ease. Take advantage of owning a slice of paradise! Cape Harbour offers custom builds, estate homes, waterfront homes, condos and more, which overlook the beautiful Gulf waters.

Cape Coral features many canals, so if you're looking for waterfront living at its finest, this is the place for you. Fort Myers and surrounding areas also offer stunning properties in high-class communities such as:

- Caloosa Preserve
- Cape Royal
- Serrano
- Bonita Bay
- The Brooks

Many of the communities located in Cape Coral and Fort Myers offer homeowners world-class golf courses, waterfront living, and many other highly sought-after amenities. No matter how you plan on living your Southwest Florida lifestyle, there's something available for you in these upscale communities.



Have you ever wondered why more and more people are flocking to Cape Coral and Fort Myers? In addition to the perfect weather, tranquil waters and copious amounts of activities to partake in, there are also top-rated schools, beautiful communities, and so much more. In fact, Cape Coral was just named the eighth-largest city in the entire state of Florida, surpassing the state's capital of Tallahassee. That's quite the accolade! When it comes to the ultimate Southwest Florida lifestyle, perhaps nothing can compete with the offerings found in this area of Florida. So, what is all the fuss about? We'll let you in on some of the bestkept secrets in the area. Here is our ultimate lifestyle guide to Cape Coral and Fort Myers.





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## **TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION**

When it comes to finding the area that works for your family, education can play a big role in where you decide to put down roots. Cape Coral and Fort Myers are perfect for families, featuring many high ranking schools. Top level schools in Cape Coral include:

- Oasis Charter Elementary oasiselementaryschool.net 3415 Oasis Boulevard, (239) 542-1577
- Christa McAuliffe Charter Elementary cmecharter.net 2817 SW 3rd Lane, (239) 283-4511
- Trafalgar Middle School tfm.leeschools.net 2120 Trafalgar Parkway, (239) 283-2001
- Ida S. Baker High School *ibh.leeschools.net* 3500 Agualinda Boulevard, (239) 458-6690

With manageable class sizes and various extracurricular activities offered, you can see why more families are choosing this area of Southwest Florida to call home. Get access to a higher level of education. Many of these schools have long surpassed state averages on standardized tests. Oasis Charter Elementary, for example, boasts well above average test scores with Math being at a 79% proficiency rate (state average is 57%) and English being at a 75% proficiency rate (state average is 54%). *Continued on page 7...* 

### UNDER THE SEA

You may not be aware, but this area features many artificial reefs and shipwrecks to explore just beneath the surface from Charlotte Harbor to Fort Myers Beach! Over 20 artificial reefs are maintained by Lee County, which attracts copious amounts of fish and other sea creatures, giving divers the chance to experience this sea life in their natural habitat. Divers have the chance to explore several shipwrecks off the coast of Fort Myers including The Bayronto and The Baja California. Snorkelers and divers alike will have the opportunity to view underwater life such as:

- Grouper
- Snapper
- Stone Crabs
- Shrimp

Many of these artificial reefs are easily accessible from Cape Coral and Fort Myers and the calm, temperate waters off the Gulf make for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Few places offer this type of activity, and to think...it could be right in your backyard!



### ON THE WATER

If you're dreaming of living your Southwest Florida lifestyle on the water, then you've come to the right place! Many Cape Coral homes offer impressive views of the Caloosahatchee River, which not only provides an element of beauty to the home, but it's also a perfect destination for fishing, boating and kayaking. Several canal systems don this waterway, offering a private and peaceful fishing experience. Caloosahatchee Regional Park is nearby, featuring 768 acres of wooded preserve and 18 miles of trails, making it perfect for biking, hiking and horseback riding.

Fort Myers Beach is a short drive away and offers the perfect 'home away from home' vacation destination. The long, sandy beach overlooks the Gulf of Mexico, and whether you're looking for fun in the sun or a lazy day at the beach, Fort Myers Beach delivers. Relax on the beach, then explore the various shops and dining establishments on the boardwalk. No matter what you get into, Fort Myers Beach is perfect for the whole family.





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#### THINGS TO DO IN CAPE CORAL & FORT MYERS

From family-friendly activities to adults only, Cape Coral and Fort Myers has something to appeal to everyone. Head to the Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery (131 SW 3rd Place, (239) 242-5244, wickeddolphinrum.com) for a tour and a taste. Familyowned and operated, Wicked Dolphin ranks high among some of the best attractions in Cape Coral. Take the family to Sun Splash Family Waterpark (400 Santa Barbara Boulevard, (239) 574-0558, sunsplashwaterpark.com) for a day of sun and fun. From some serious water slides to a calming lazy river, Sun Splash has something for every member of the family. Get a history lesson at the Southwest Florida Military Museum & Library (4820 Leonard Street, (239) 541-8704, veteransfoundation.org/military-museum), where you'll have the chance to explore exhibits of military memorabilia and gain some firsthand accounts from military veterans.

Perhaps one of the most popular tourist destinations in Fort Myers, the Edison and Ford Winter Estates (2350 McGregor Boulevard, (239) 334-7419, edisonfordwinterestates.org) is open daily for visitors to enjoy the Edison Botanical Research Lab, the Edison Ford Museum and more than 20 acres of exquisite Continued on page 7...

### **DINING OPTIONS**

Looking for the ideal spot to relax and grab a bite to eat? Cape Coral and Fort Myers are alight with options to satisfy even the pickiest eater.

- Rum Runners Restaurant (5848 Cape Harbour Drive, (239) 542-0200, rumrunnersrestaurant.com) helps you to escape and unwind. With waterfront dining and incredible views, Rum Runners is a popular destination for locals and visitors alike. Offering fresh seafood, impressive steaks, and a relaxed environment, you'll find what you're looking for here.
- For a romantic evening out, try The Veranda Restaurant (2122 Second Street, (239) 332-2065, verandarestaurant.com). Nestled in Downtown Fort Myers, The Veranda offers an impressive wine list, top-notch service, and a beautiful setting.
- If you're looking for something a little unique, take a drive to Captiva and enjoy some fun at the Bubble Room (15001 Captiva Drive, (239) 472-5558, bubbleroomrestaurant.com). This eclectic, fun dining experience will have you discovering something new every time you visit.

### **PREMIER SHOPPING**

This area includes bountiful shopping venues.

- Edison Mall (4125 Cleveland Avenue, (239) 939-5464, shopedisonmall.com), which features over 130 stores, restaurants, and entertainment options.
- Located in nearby Estero, Coconut Point (23106 Fashion Drive, (239) 992-9966, simon.com/mall/coconut-point) provides the ultimate shopping experience. This picturesque outdoor mall features over 140 stores and restaurants.
- Miromar Outlets (10801 Corkscrew Road, (239) 948-3766, miromaroutlets.com) is another terrific shopping destination with stores like Saks OFF 5TH, Neiman Marcus Last Call and many more.
- Head over to Gulf Coast Town Center (9903 Gulf Coast Main Street, (239) 267-5107, gulfcoasttowncenter.com); it's an ideal location for shopping and entertainment in Southwest Florida.
- And don't forget about Sanibel Factory Outlets (20350 Summerlin Road, (239) 454-1974, sanibeloutlets.com), which features brand-name and designer stores at fabulous prices.





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- Bishop Verot Catholic High School bvhs.org 5598 Sunrise Drive, (239) 274-6700
- Canterbury School canterburyfortmyers.org 8141 College Parkway, (239) 481-4323
- Renaissance School montessorichild.org 37 Barkley Circle, (239) 275-2022

From public institutions to private, you'll find the perfect solution for your child's needs in this ever-growing area of Southwest Florida.

*Continued from page 5...* botanical gardens. Known as Thomas Edison's vacation home, the Edison and Ford Winter Estates will not disappoint! Explore Fort Myers' haunted history at the Haunted History of Fort Myers Walking Tour, or if you prefer to sit back and relax, grab a seat aboard the History & Eco River Cruise. Here you'll be able to learn about Fort Myers' unique history and say hello to some friendly wildlife.

Featuring fine crafts, paintings, jewelry, photography and more, the Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival held in January is perfect for the whole family! Browse various art vendors and enjoy live music at this popular Cape Coral Festival. Cape Coral also offers a variety of farmers markets, including:

- Downtown Farmers Market Every Saturday (October-May) from 8 AM until 1 PM
- Surfside Sunshine Market
  Every Tuesday from 1 PM until 6 PM
- Cape Coral Farmers Market at Cape Harbour Every Saturday (May-September) from 8 AM until 1 PM



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When you choose to make Cape Coral or Fort Myers your home, you choose to be nestled among some of the most impressive backdrops in the country. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of waterfront living, a wide array of activities and so much more when you choose to call paradise home.



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