

Waterside Shops

The last work on the exclusive Waterside shops was finished shortly before Christmas. More than 60 shops like Tiffany, Cartier, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Hermes and Lacoste have opened. The character of the arrangement has strongly changed by the rebuilding. The primeval forest feeling with waterfalls was substituted with a luxurious shopping atmosphere with architecturally very nice water fountains. Who wants to find a place in season in the Tuscan Grill BRIO, must come either very early or bring a lot (!!!) of patience.



Miromar Outlet Center

In Miromar the fifth stage of development with 16 new stores was opened. That raises the number to approx. 140 stores. The best known brands in the new area are Lacoste, Fila and Puma. In the "old" area a Levi-Store has opened again.

Governor of Florida

Charlie Crist has won the election as governor of Florida in November. The 50-year-old Republican achieved 52 percent of the voices. The brother of the US-president, Jeb Bush, stood after 2 terms of office any more for election.



House insurance

The insurance for houses has lately dramatically risen. Owners of houses which were built before the turn of the millennium received bills with a premium twice as high as the year before. The new governor had this problem on top on his list of priorities. Several law changes which should lead to a reduction of the premiums were decided already. The most important point is the rise of the state catastrophic fund which offers a favorable reinsurance possibility to the insurance-companies. It is also important that there are no more general classifications after the age, but a house inspection has to take place in order to investigate the actual risk group. These changes should become law this year and be in effect for at least three years.

Market development real estates

The Real Estate market has calmed down after the top in the end of 2004 again. The construction and investment boom has led to a buyer market. While the large part of the people, who want to sell their house, has the nerves and the capital to wait, a smaller part has to sell (relocation, too high interest payment) to sell the invest as quickly as possible at all cost. There are some very good opportunities for buyers at this time in almost every price range. Only in the prize group of the very expensive real estates an almost unbroken inquiry is to be seen.

The sales figures are again in the long-standing average, however, the prices are clearly about the level from beginning of 2004. There is furthermore a big interest from buyers. However, some hope to be able to do still a better bargain. As soon as, however, the offer of favorable objects scarce again, it should come sooner or later again to rising prices.

Begin of building at Mercato

Finally the work at the new shopping and residential center Mercato in North Naples (crossroad Tamiami Trail and Vanderbilt Bech Road) has started. The plans were already on the table for a long time. In the area with about 55 acres 90 Condos, numerous restaurants, exclusive retail stores, offices and a modern cinema will be built. The prices of the Condos with one bedroom start with 600,000 dollars. One of the big penthouse apartments with 3 bedrooms on the 5-th floor should cost approx. 1,500,000 dollars. In the second phase 100 more condos are built in the rear part of the area.



Also Whole Foods Market, the worldwide biggest supplier for organic products, offers here a far diversified offer of fruit and vegetables, meat, fish and ready prepared courts.

Private university of Ave Maria

In summer 2007 the first phase of the Catholic private university Ave Maria will be finished. Approx. 30 miles inland from Naples a new town with a university for 6000 students as well as all infrastructure (hospital, sheriff's station, stores, 2 golf courses. .) will be built on an area of about 5000 acres. In 2022 30,000 people should live here. The new town is built by environmental needs. In addition, the developers renounced the building possibilities for bigger surrounding areas.

Moraya Beach-Resort

Directly at the entrance to the Wiggins State park the almost historical Vanderbilt Beach Hotel, which was also known because of the live entertainment at the Tiki Hut Beach bar was sold last year and torn down. On the area a building with 72 luxurious condos will be built The price starts over 3 million dollars. The first condos should be finished in 2008.



New highway exit – Naples airport

At the beginning of March the new I75 exit 105 (Naples airport) should be opened. This creates a direct connection on the Golden Gate Parkway. At the same time the new bridge with which the Golden gate Parkway crosses the Airport Pulling will be opened. These buildings will improve the east west traffic in Naples also on other roads clearly.

Greenfees golf:

Here are the information about the Green Fee on some golf courses in the high season:

The first price is for the expensive morning, the second one for the afternoon.

Arrowhead:	115 / 65 Dollar	Valencia:	99 / 85 Dollar
Lely (both courses):	153 / 65 Dollar	Golden Gate Country Club:	80 / 30 Dollar

New shopping centres Coconut Point and Gulf Town centre

In both big shopping malls almost all shops have opened. Coconut Point is situated directly at the US 41 between Bonita Beach Road and Corkscrew Road. Beside Dillard's many big chains are represented here like Best Buy, Office Depot, Tommy Bahama or Guess. For shoe lovers the probably biggest shoe store in the area Naples has opened with DSW. Gulf Town centre is situated near the airport of Fort Myers (exit 128 direction airport). The biggest department store is JCPenny. Beside different stores like Best Buy or Jo Ann Bass Pro Shop is very interesting. They offer nearly everything in sport equipment, especially for fishermen and hunters. There is also a huge saltwater aquarium with fish from the gulf of Mexico.

New water park

At Livingstone Road (south of Immokalee) a water park with 3 children's slides, a Family pool, baby pool and a Crazy River has opened last year. The price is 10 Dollars a person. The area is very attractive.

Boutique *All about April* in Venetian Village under German management

The child boutique with an exclusive selection of high-quality child clothes from European and American brands is managed by the German, Christiane Conell, since December. She leads the business with heart and a lot of engagement. The best known European brands are: Petit Bateau, Catimini, Pampolina and Margarete Steiff.

