

# Quality of Life

Welcome to Port St. Lucie—“A City for All Ages.” The subtropical climate (ranging from 63 to 83 degrees) and an abundance of housing, healthcare, shopping and dining, sports and recreation, arts and entertainment opportunities make Port St. Lucie the crown jewel of the Treasure Coast region.

New residents will be delighted by the City’s outstanding range of neighborhood and housing options. There is something for every income, taste and lifestyle. From small town charm to the convenience and sophistication of urban living, golf course community to deepwater access, yacht club to airpark, apartments for 20-somethings to active adult communities, Port St. Lucie has what you are looking for. The affordability of homes is outstanding with single family homes starting in the high \$100’s. In 2006, *Money* magazine identified Port St. Lucie as one of the best places to retire, and in 2007, *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* named Port St. Lucie as one of its “Best Cities for Every Stage of Your Life”.

The healthcare facilities in the area are some of the best in the country. St. Lucie Medical Center features its Orthopedic Center of Excellence, considered one of the top facilities in the country for joint replacement, and the



*Port St. Lucie is served by three hospitals, two of which operate full cardiac care centers.*



*Special events and festivals are a favorite destination for families.*

hospital is ranked nationally for neck and back surgery services. Martin Memorial Hospital’s St. Lucie West facility is highlighted by premiere cancer care programs and a state of the art fitness center—open to the public. Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Center specializes in cardiac care, has extensive emergency services and has a dedicated children and women services floor. According to HealthGrades, Lawnwood is ranked among the top 10% of hospitals in the nation for overall cardiac services and has received 5-star ratings for cardiology, cardiac interventional procedures, valve replacement surgery, and treatment of heart failure.

Shopping and dining is always on the menu in Port St. Lucie. There are a variety of traditional



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regional malls, outlet centers, specialty shoppes, upscale boutiques, shopping districts and shopping centers. Residents also enjoy browsing the farmers markets for fresh fruit and vegetables. Port St. Lucie is creating new “mixed-use lifestyle centers” that will offer unique combinations of malls, retail, office, restaurants and housing with many amenities of a traditional downtown. The area has many chain and locally-owned restaurants mixed with sidewalk cafes, upscale eateries, pubs, and ethnic grills. Locations of dining options are diverse, from tree lined sidewalk sandwich shops to dockside dinners. Port St. Lucie



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continues to expand its shopping and restaurant destinations and looks forward to the opening of several new developments, including the 600,000 square foot Landings and 350,000 square foot Village Pointe both located in Tradition, the planned 400,000 square foot Tanger Outlet Center located off Interstate-95, and the 300,000 square foot retail component of City Center located within the growing Community Redevelopment Area.

Port St. Lucie can easily be described as “Park” St. Lucie with the area boasting more than 54 public parks, 2 community centers, 3 state preserves, 10 boat ramps, 13 public beaches, and a variety of neighborhood parks. These facilities provide for an endless number of activities, including softball, basketball, traditional playgrounds, rugby, lacrosse, baseball, soccer, football, basketball, tennis, boxing, recreational classes, youth programs and summer camps to name just a few.

Port St. Lucie is a golfer’s dream come true. They can swing into action with a selection of 125 golf courses within a 30 minutes drive. Golfers have an array of public and private courses to tee off from, including the City-owned Saints Golf Course. The PGA Golf Club and Village also calls Port St. Lucie home and is the first PGA facility open to the public and the most advanced golf learning center in the country.



*Port St. Lucie is a boater’s and fisherman’s paradise, boasting miles of beautiful riverfront and the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean.*

The City is a fishermen’s paradise. Anglers can cast their lines in countless fresh water and saltwater fishing holes. But many find that the excitement of fishing the world class St. Lucie River, Indian River Lagoon and off shore waters cannot be beat. If it has fins, you have a good chance of catching it. Local catches include marlin, sailfish, swordfish, dolphin, wahoo, kingfish, cobia, grouper, snapper, tarpon, snook, pompano, red fish, trout, and flounder. If you don’t like to fish, you can still enjoy the water. Area waters are also home to boaters, canoes and water skiers. Beachcombers can enjoy the weather of the Treasure Coast and hunt for shells on the untamed sands, or swim and surf in the warm waters.

The Port St. Lucie area is home to the PGA museum, and the Treasure Coast enjoys a number of cultural destinations, including theaters, amphitheaters, galleries, museums, and performing art

centers, such as the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, the Lyric Theatre and the Sunrise Theatre which host an exciting array of performing arts and exhibits.

Special events and festivals are on a grand stage in Port St. Lucie. From its Art and All That Jazz, Freedomfest and Taste of St. Lucie events to cultural festivals like Oktoberfest, the City has a full calendar of things to do. Tradition Field is located in Port St. Lucie and is home to the N.Y. Mets spring training camp and the 2006 Florida League State-Single A Champion St. Lucie Mets. There are also a variety of fairs, downtown nights, and historical festivals to keep the whole family busy.

There is also a nice selection of entertainment options including family fun centers, planetariums, casino cruises, movie theaters, botanical gardens, and zoos. Plus, Port St. Lucie is a short drive to major attractions such as the Kennedy Space Center, Sea World and Walt Disney World.

Residents have many churches, temples and places of worship to select from, and there are dozens of non-profit groups and civic associations for citizens to join. The service organizations and auxiliary units—mixed with a vibrant veterans presence from the branches of the military—build a strong sense of community in Port St. Lucie.

The public facilities showcase the quality of life in Port St. Lucie and the neighboring areas. There are three area library systems, highlighted by the Florida Atlantic/Indian River Community College public library located in St. Lucie West.



*Port St. Lucie is the spring-training home of the N.Y. Mets and the year-round home of the Port St. Lucie Mets, the 2006 Florida State League champions.*



*The 100,000 square-foot Civic Center will consist of a grand entrance lobby, banquet hall, multipurpose gymnasium, exhibition space, art gallery, racquetball courts, fitness center, café and terrace overlooking a lake and the adjacent Wood Stork Trail.*