

WHERE TO RETIRE

March/April 2016 Editorial Calendar

Closing Date: December 11, 2015

On-Sale Date: February 16, 2016

CITY PROFILES

DESTIN, FL

In 1835, Leonard Destin left Connecticut and arrived in this Gulf Coast spot on the Florida Panhandle, quickly discovering its bountiful fishing. Today, the town hosts Florida's largest charter fishing fleet and a growing number of retirees. The Destin Boardwalk, completed in 2012, bestows a panorama of white-sand beach scenes. Boats dock and people flock on the harbor, replete with pubs and restaurants, many with inviting decks and patios.

GREATER ALBUQUERQUE, NM

This city in central New Mexico is difficult to spell, but easy to embrace. One retiree here says, "It's hard to find a spot in the Albuquerque area that doesn't have something beautiful to look at." Greater ABQ has a population of nearly 1 million, but has miles upon miles of mountains, forests and desert. Four seasons unfold here — it's not hot year-round — and the lively local cuisine celebrates chilies, from mild to fire-alarm.

FEATURES

BICYCLING BEAUTIES: 8 PEDAL-POWERED CITIES

Shedding the car (and rush-hour commutes) is a perk of the retired life, but getting from point A to point B still is necessary. Hopping on a bicycle nails two goals at once: exercise and breathing in the outdoors. Some cities support cycling more than others, with bike lanes, rider encouragement and more. These eight towns "get" the two-wheeler: Ann Arbor, MI; Cary, NC; Chattanooga, TN; Fort Collins, CO; Gainesville, FL; Las Cruces, NM; Mesa, AZ; and Sioux Falls, SD.

HELPING HANDS: FINDING VOLUNTEER WORK THAT SATISFIES

When retirees find the right volunteer work, it isn't work at all. Rather, it's a chance to do some good, stave off isolation and utilize self-satisfying talents. In your new city, volunteering helps assimilation. Boomers are "the best-educated, healthiest generation to cross that traditional time of retirement," says Edwin Tan, director of Senior Corps.

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

Texans from Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio cherish their getaway spot, but others are invited, too. The south-central part of the Lone Star State is known for its hilly terrain, mature trees, flowing rivers and calming creeks. In spring, wildflowers such as the showy bluebonnet carpet the landscape for miles. Here's an introduction to five of the best Hill Country locales: Boerne, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Lakeway and Marble Falls/Horseshoe Bay.

WINCHESTER, VA

About 75 miles northwest of Washington, DC, Winchester, established in 1752, changed hands more than 70 times as Civil War battles raged nearby. Still known for its place in American history, Winchester has an 1840 courthouse as the centerpiece of a charming downtown pedestrian mall. The Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival attracts thousands each spring, and dog walkers in the town — population 27,000 — often stop for friendly chats.

DEPARTMENTS

Financial Consultant: The Inside Track on Home Upgrades

Building your empty-nest home is the chance to get a made-to-order residence. Developers offer an array of home upgrades, ranging from hardwood floors to custom woodworking. Which ones translate into more resale value? Environmentally-friendly options may cost more, and fee requirements vary. Our story down-loads upgrade choices.

Roads to Retirement: Southeastern Florida: Port St. Lucie, Lake Worth, Boynton Beach

Best Neighborhood: Black Creek Mountain in Chattanooga, TN

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