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Looking at Delaware Beach Locations. Want low cost tax state.

also depends on my two girls
Will be looking in Central-South America

I am actually buying a network of vacation rentals, which we will use in the off peak season for housing, and use the income from peak rentals to pad our retirement. They are diverse in r

Will likely move to a 1 story condo
I wish there were a very pet-friendly community where one could build custom homes on decent sized lots, without a lot of HOA regs, a central dining option, and on-site health care.

My preference is single story, detached home with managed exterior maintenance in a golf cart friendly community. The ability to park down to 1 car (and use a golf cart to get around is ve

A big reason for choosing a 55+ community is that we are moving where we don't know anyone so the lifestyle will be very conducive to making new friends.

After having a accident 6 years ago that put me in a wheelchair for 3 months, I discovered how important it was to be on a single story house. As we get older, stairs become more of an iss

I have been searching for a long time to get as much information about mobile homes in Florida (insurance, new vs old, resident owned park vs other option, what parks have to offer). We have

Strong emphasis on single floor housing. Many of the areas I'm considering do not have single floor houses anywhere.

We have found the 55+ community to be wonderful. I read all the stuff about the downsides and have yet to experience any of those. Yes, the HOA fees can be higher but you get what you p

my wife and I are actually trying to get a non-profit coop started for musicians, artist, and anyone who loves music and the arts. We call it Rock TEE TEE You Drop.

Finding low maintenance, beautiful view, stimulating opportunities for volunteering and learning will impact our final housing choice.

We wanted to live on the first floor no steps, we wanted extra room for the kids and grandkids to visit, we wanted to downsize enough so we were able to afford a new home.

My preference is a place near water without the extreme heat, warm winters and low humidity year round. Also something affordable for the average retired couple.

I just want a small town in a beautiful area. Plenty of land to garden and not too close to anyone else. A lower cost of living than I am accustomed to (East Coast).

If it is community, over 55 or all age, in a dangerous weather area, have a "safe" clubhouse for emergencies or at least as safe as possible.

Q3 was hard. I want urbanized suburbia or large city either age targeted that has a college, but not a small college town.

Amors of the best of all worlds are greatly appreciated. There will come a time when you will need family to assist.

I would like a SMALL home, made of block or brick in a good neighborhood, safe and quiet. I have lived in gated communities and have not been happy with the HOA and dues.

I can't drag choices on my iPad, so I stopped the survey. Better to have allowed people to number their choices.

I feel that the concept of "niche" communities is of vital importance to me so I'm trying to insure their ongoing vitality and life interests. It would make for a far better retirement experience to be

While many prefer to own their home when they retire, I decided that as a single retiree...the overwhelming responsibility and expense of a House are more than I and my budget can han

One story low maintenance in a nice development, with loads of amenities/services/activities relatively close to existing family would be perfect. If Sun City Anthem was close to family I w

Affordable, in a safe area, close to the Gulf.
Thinking seriously about full-timing in an RV

No snow.
Yes, you don't list my preference. I want a stand alone townhouse. One that is not attached to another one. Been there, done that with common walls. One where all outside maintenanc

1. good climate / sunshine
2. safety
3. cost control

Prefer one floor living about 2,400 sf (downsizing from 4,500 sf) in a community of couples and single adults with lots of green space and varied activities. Would consider a villa or detach

We live in the NE and have relatives in FL and SD. FL is not an option because of the extreme humidity, and the monotony of basically one variety. We want an area with some level of fo

It's going to be complicated when finally sell but we've got a basic plan for at least a couple years. So many issues to balance and we'll certainly be renting for a good long time before ever

TTTT That's all folks
Would like to see more "age in place" facilities where residents can start in independent living and add services for assisted living, moving to an attached skilled nursing facility (with a hosp

We look at housing that is at price level not just the MBR. We are also wanting handicapped accessible hallways (wider for wheelchairs)grab bars in showers, etc. Bigger space in the MBR

Other things would be handicapped features in the common areas of the community. (Indoor pool and spa are musts due to arthritis). Warm climate!! No snow to shovel for us-ever aga

We want a decent amount of space and /or privacy in the back yard and space for a fenced in dog run and dog park. Pet friendly community is a MUST. We would not consider a place th

RV parking on site. Walking trails for us and the dogs. Golf cart community with access to shopping, restaurants, etc.

A MAJOR concern is medical facilities, with military medical facilities readily available, along with specialties and down the road, assisted living if necessary.

Of course, we also want a variety of shopping, restaurants, and activities to do both outside and inside, so that we can have a community that is about 2-3 thousand homes! :-) Believe it or not we feel

we are planning to move to the South for retirement. We are looking for a nice backyard and a community with social options but without excessive pressure to participate.

Housing choices will be affected dramatically by self-driving cars currently being developed by Google. These will change the ability of seniors to live in surroundings that give them more

Straight Ranch...warm weather...gated community...close to shopping.

Desire energy efficiency and low maintenance. Desire some open space and privacy. Want stand alone building and no shared walls with other units. Newer and more up-to-date the bet

Concerned about spending now vs. later (and holding majority of funds for possible CCRC residence).

Energy efficient, Green
two locations would be ideal but most people will not be able to afford that option.

We are looking for a newer retail area with a younger population of retirees - MBR on first floor, total of 3 bedrooms- a guest bedroom, a bunk room for grandchildren, and an o

Even though I own several properties, some of them are income producing, I may rent in the future. I am not sure where they might end up and would like to "test" the area(s) prior to purch

I don't like humidity but a place that is over dry like Western MT where we lived for awhile is too dry and also prone to forest fires. It was totally beautiful, though. If you have an active lifes

So a balanced weather pattern with opportunities for outdoor activities figure high on my list.

During the boom city planners restricted how small a house could be in a new community. Property was also expensive, so builders made large houses on small lots, and relied on multiple

smaller, well built, energy conscious, one story, close to shopping and amenities

I would like to find some place where you have the space between the houses and not on top of one another but yet alot of amenities in a community. Not necessarily huge houses but on

Don't want houses that are to close together.

Our first choice of where to move is based on going to a warmer climate (we live in New England) and somewhere less expensive. Beyond that motivation is the fact that we know where v

Been here 8 months and really liking this choice. Housing options directly designed for retirees and maintained for you so you have lock and leave capability for travel is a real big thing for

Walk-ability and access to outdoor spaces is important, as is the friendliness of the place. Not too cold in the winters and not furnace-like temperatures in the summer - I've had enough of t

mid year round climate; single story home; flat terrain(mostly for walking, biking, etc.); low taxes; culturally diverse; easy access to transportation (airports, trains, etc.).

It does seem that in some of the 55+ communities, the activities are being revamped to the baby boomer lifestyle. We are a more active group seeking more physically intense activities ar

I think adult community developers should start thinking outside the box in how they approach their market in the future. The Sun City approach sure doesn't appeal to me -- and I know pe

Would like a retirement community that has lots of activity options that you could select and only pay for those you are interested in. We wouldn't want to pay extra because a community h

One story homeliving area that will accommodate for wheelchair or motorized cart for mobility and also correct plumbing fixtures, door knobs, shower or tubs all are necessary to allow for

A smaller home, in a small town or rural area, relatively close to a larger city with amenities. Maybe even a modular or mobile home. Between my pension, 401k, and hopefully social secu

Q&3 College town first, mid sized city second, active adult community third.

Q4 One story (or first floor master) first, condo second

I'm glad that you should as the location one has an interest to retire, southeast, northeast, midwest, etc. although this question has been ans. in many a survey

A yard big enough for a garden is becoming more important to seniors I think. We want to grow our own vegetables and not rely on GMO'd vegetables we find in the stores.

Our plan is to retire to a lake near a college town. Our house will have a lower level that is set up for guests. I want to be in a place that my kids and future grandkids will want to come and

I imagine they will change as we age. Single family home in a small town, then a walkable community, and finally assisted living if needed or we live that long.

My top things that I considered before selecting a retirement destination:

- things to do
- good libraries, restaurants, shops, etc

- opportunity to meet people and make friends / close to friends who have not yet retired

- weather considerations (no hurricanes, floods, tornados, etc)

- bugs & critters...don't like snakes or flying lachses

- cost of living
- traffic
- crime

Nice but smaller housing is still the future trend

I'm sure you can't live with the majority of people who want to live in a warm, inexpensive, and secure community.

While downsizing has it's advantages I decided to upsize with interest rates, low cost and low house choices great. Did not wish to live in a sardine can for the rest of my life.

Manageable as one ages.
I want to be in a community where I can walk to restaurants, movies, activities, etc. The place I plan to move to is in FL. I don't want to live in the North East any longer because of the cold

Definitely a single story home in a warm climate. Good medical care nearby. Lots of urban amenities around: shopping, groceries, theaters, etc.

Costs of utilities and taxes may make a difference in what we do. Also, the locations of our sons and their families are important.

Fairington Village is an example of the type of community I would prefer.

Living in N.Y., I've gotten accustomed to "doing" things. I want to live like a regular resident in a regular neighborhood, except it has to be in a warm city.

I want to do things that I could not do as often as I like, say tennis for instance, or enjoying nature and of course the beach.

Yes, I am always disappointed in your reports, because the assumption seems to be that everyone will buy a home. We sold ours 3 years ago and have no plans ever to buy again. We like Ne

I am looking for a more cost effective community. Lower taxes and maintenance fees, etc.

A good level of residence of 1500 to 2000 SF is more adaptable to progressive physical limitations.

Before I knew I'd be helping my mother and staying with her, I visited a great Del Webb community in Reno. I loved the idea of a gated 55+ community, with affordable NEW homes (1-sto

I appreciate the adult community concept since we all generally have much in common and thus can empathize and support each other.

Would like to see more single story housing available and communities where there is shopping close by and shuttle service.

Mobile Home RV -- need more info about these on website.

Sometimes, the Site seems more like Real Estate Marketing more so than anything else ...

Who wants a 30 year mortgage at age 65??????
no

I like ranch houses.
First floor master, few steps in and out of home. We are retired and live in a regular town (fairfield ct) in a single family house w/ first floor master suite. Couldn't rank Q3&4 on iPhone.

Prefer slower paced lifestyle - without stress of maintenance of a house and noise of a city.

Definitely do not want to do much maintenance once I'm past 75 so either a townhome, condo or cheep labor for yard care will be needed.

no thanks

I am not looking in the 55+ communities for manufactured homes, need a small house with a back yard, or a town home with a back yard. These are hard to locate in Florida. May need a

I want privacy, a nice backyard and a community with social options but without excessive pressure to participate.

Prefer a single story owned home in a large metro city.

Would like to rent an apartment somewhere in Florida, and see if I want to stay.

55+ communities seem to be more in FL & AZ

Being somewhat close to family I think is VERY important ...there will come a time when you will need family to assist.

Smaller, nice kitchen with island, den. Don't want or need formal dining room or formal living room. Preference would be one story and ensure it meets future needs if limited in mobility. Will

Certainly builders need to offer better options in existing communities for a transition from a large two story to a more modest one story home. Wider door ways for one thing i

Doing more to help people in a home that exists during those aging needs would be smart.

Do more to help people transition out of their existing large homes - and stay in the community would make sense.

I would prefer to live in a gated community with recreation facilities. I would like to live in a gated community with recreation facilities. I would like to live in a gated community with recreation facilities.

Prefer mid or larger size city, and/or perhaps active 55+ community. V impressed w/ vintancia at peoria, "Trilogy" community. Hope to live near recreation, as we both plan to live active, ie, hike, bik

After Sally Mae, Freddie Mac and Wall Street Street American homeowners...why not take your little pension and get out of USA to third world country and stay there...A King. Younger

- Close to children (at least one) and grandchildren.

- Non-challenging walking trails.

- Close proximity to shopping in order to minimize the purchase of gas for vehicles too often.

- Low incidents of crime.

- Excellent healthcare systems (hospitals, clinics, etc.)

- Low or minimal cost of income and retirement earnings.

- Noted for being Christian, Catholic and conservative.

- Good year round weather

I love renting - as a single woman who does not want to worry about maintenance and yard work - I have better uses for my time. I love calling the office and saying "your faucet is leaking

Small to medium sized town, walkable, with traditional mixed age neighborhoods, sidewalks, parks, library, grocer, eatery, low crime, good healthcare, ...

3. Mid to large city / regular town or suburb. Not sure how to define Tampa, FL

One-story home...steps are difficult for us at times.

Like the coastal area of the South for retirement - I can't take the New York winters anymore NOR the intense crowds. So as much I don't want to be living in isolation somewhere

Preferences in Q 5. Some friends say what I want may not exist, year around temps of about 80 degrees, moderate humidity, access to swimming and walking and biking but also access to activities and eating spots. NO Gulf course. I do not play and do not want to pay for upkeep of same. I now rent a

Too much to ask? Explored but discarded international locale.
Small town and single story home.

Our aim is self-sufficiency and independence, hopefully for our whole lives. My parents lived in their nineties until each of their thankfully short final illnesses. With a good r

So much good....it is difficult to fit in to a retirement housing community when you don't play golf.

interested in manufactured homes--less expensive than traditional home/condo.

I hope to find an active community which provides a sense of community with outdoor recreation, and cultural activities as well.

One floor living, warm climate no ice and snow, affordable
RV

We are looking for a location with alot of easy access walking. A place where when we can no longer drive, we can get to where we need to go. Would like 2+bedrooms and 2+bathrooms

Prefer high "walk score," easy access to natural, cultural and social assets, green/sustainable

I'm not a fan of these homeowner/community organizations.

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