



**RETAILERS HOPE MALL TRANSFORMATION WILL GIVE PORT CHARLOTTE TOWN CENTER NEW LIFE**

According to Dave Gammon, the director of [Charlotte County's Economic Development Office](#), a real estate development company out of Miami plans to build 250 apartments where the Macy's and nearby parking lot are now. He says it's an important step in bringing new life to the Town Center.

"Malls were the way you did things in the 70s, 80s and 90s, when the poor Charlotte Town Center was built. That was the way people shopped. They don't do that anymore. That's not how we shop today, it has to be a new type of shopping experience," said Gammon.

Gammon says he expects to see significant change at the Charlotte Town Center in the next three years. That change will likely be a mixed-use space — joining a rapid national trend since 2020 in construction that blends spaces to live, work, and play.

"A lot more walkable, urban, vibrant, exciting type experience," says Gammon. "There would be entertainment complexes, absolutely more restaurants — easier to get in and out of restaurants. And then of course your traditional shopping experience, like the mall already has. So, you take the best of what's already there and expand on to it. It could really be exciting." Courtesy Sandra Viktorova/[WGCU](#)

**SUNSEEKER RESORT CHARLOTTE HARBOR IS NOW OPEN**

*Florida's Newest Premier Gulf Coast Oasis Is Now Welcoming Guests As They Opened Their Doors On Friday, December 15, 2023.*

Opened on December 15, 2023, Florida's newest luxury resort located in Charlotte Harbor is the first resort property of Sunseeker Resorts, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allegiant Travel Company. Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor occupies over 22 waterfront acres with 785 guestrooms, including 189 Signature Sunsuites™. Set upon the Peace River and Florida Gulf Coast, this premier resort offers 20 original dining and bar concepts; including seven stand-alone restaurants and a 25,000 square foot food hall. Additional hotel amenities include a waterfront boardwalk, two unique rooftop and waterfront pool experiences, 60,000-square-foot of combined convention space, full-service spa and salon, a 7,100-square-foot state-of-the-art fitness center with four group exercise studios with specialty instructor lead classes, three retail and market shops, and an 18-hole championship level golf club exclusive to hotel guests only. The resort is conveniently located within a short drive of Punta Gorda, Fort Myers, Tampa, St. Petersburg-Clearwater, and Sarasota airports. Courtesy [Valley News Live \(12/18/23\)](#)

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**SUNSEEKER RESORT CELEBRATES OPENING DAY IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY**

One of the biggest resorts opens its doors, the Sunseeker Resort is welcoming its first guests in Charlotte County Friday (12/15/23).

“Emotional day for all of us being here from day one, this is a long time coming,” Senior Vice President Jason Shkorupa said.

Five years after breaking ground on the Sunseeker Resort project, an opening day has finally come to open it up to visitors.

“We went through a pandemic, we went through a little small storm called Hurricane Ian that devastated SWFL,” Shkorupa said.

Now, the ribbon is cut at the 22-acre resort overlooking the Charlotte Harbor. Allowing anyone to fly or drive here for a stay.

“You don’t put 20 facilities for food and beverage in a hotel unless you also are interested in attracting the local crowd,” President of the resort Micah Richins said.

The restaurants and food court are keeping it local with produce grown right in Charlotte County.

Something many have not seen before. Bringing a piece of Vegas to the SWFL coast.

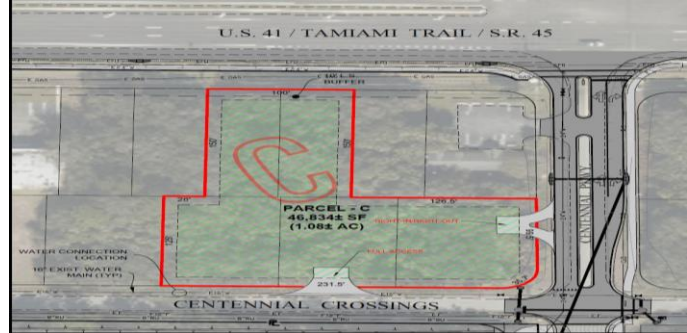
“We wanted ‘wow’ moments for our guests, we wanted this to be a campus of discovery,” Shkorupa said.

“We are really excited about the additional economic impact that individuals that have never been to SWFL will be coming to have their meetings and conventions here at the resort,” Executive Director of Sales, Service and Experience Annette Bales said.

The resort’s campus is open to anyone.

Courtesy Alexia Tsiropoulos/ABC News 7

**SOLD!**  
**683 TAMIAMI TRAIL, PORT CHARLOTTE**  
**Closed 12/20/23**  
**1.08 Acres**  
**North of the West Port Subdivision**



**SOLD!**  
**21175 Olean Boulevard, Port Charlotte**  
**Closed 12/22/23**

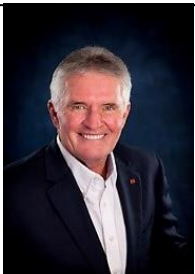


**Thought For The Day:** “If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit, you’ll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards.” [Bear Bryant](#)

**PLANNED AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN CHARLOTTE COUNTY**

The Charlotte County Interactive Map App Gallery is comprised of various interactive maps created by specialists in many departments within the County. The contributors include GIS, LIS, Community Services, Public Works, Utilities and more. Courtesy Charlotte County Florida [Interactive Map App Gallery](#)

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