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No Place Like Home What Makes Naples Special

I

arrived in Naples in 1992, shortly after graduating from law school. I moved to town to start my first job as a lawyer and rented a little place at the World Tennis Center. It was like having a gorgeous golf course right in my backyard. The city was a lot different back then. For one, Naples was smaller with not a lot going on. There wasn't much to do as a young person in terms of nightlife. You had to really scope out your spot. At the time, my friends and I had to figure out the best place to go on Wednesday and which spots were best on a Friday night.

Back in the early '90s, Naples was this best-kept secret that quickly became one of the fastest-growing communities in America. Though we're still a pretty small community compared to Miami or Jacksonville, Naples has a lot more going on today. They built the Mercato, Hertz moved in, and the Florida Gulf Coast University is a catalyst for the area's economy and a cultural hub for the community. Ave Maria University did the same with Ave Maria School of Law. When I first moved to Naples, I wouldn't have imagined the area having one university, let alone multiple campuses and a law school.

New buildings aren't what make Naples special, of course. It's the atmosphere that I love about the town. I love living someplace where I get to spend time outside whenever I want to. We can go boating or fishing or just



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hang out on the beach. Plus, the golfing is incredible. You can find a variety of golf courses on every block, each one nicer than the last. Then there's the Swamp Buggy Races, the U.S. Pickleball Championships, and the many artistic and cultural events that come through town.

Above all else, Naples is a safe place where my kids can have a good childhood. For four years in a row, the Gallup National Health and Well-Being Index has named Naples the healthiest city in the United States. All that good stuff really adds up!

But I'm not going to say Naples is perfect. We're still in Florida, where the summer heat and humidity makes you feel like you're melting sometimes. But I grew up in Pennsylvania, where the winters left you frozen to the bone, and my childhood was full of spontaneous nose bleeds. I'll take three months of heat if it means my family and I get to enjoy near-perfect weather for the rest of the year.

Naples has a certain atmosphere that I love. We enjoy 300 days of sunshine, the population is full of Midwestern transplants, and the city has done a lot to make the area look and feel nice. I'm glad being a lawyer brought me down here. I'm proud to practice in Naples, and I'm thrilled to live here. Naples is everything I think of when I think of home.



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Gone Camping

4 Things to Keep in Mind on Your Next Family Camping Trip

While summer is winding down, families are looking to go on a few end-of-season adventures, camping trips included. Before you head out into the wilderness with your family, it's important to be prepared. In fact, "be prepared" is the best piece of advice when it comes to braving the great outdoors. But what does being prepared entail? Here are four key tips.

Have a first-aid kit nearby. A good rule of thumb is to keep one in your car at all times. You never know when you'll need it. Kids may get a few bumps and scrapes while out hiking, or you might encounter poisonous plants, such as poison ivy or poison oak. Having quick access to cold water, soap, antiseptics (hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol), and calamine lotion or hydrocortisone cream can keep infections at bay.

Teach fire safety. When you build a fire, especially with kids, teach them about fire safety. This includes building the fire itself. Pick a spot away from brush and overhanging branches and create a pit surrounded by rocks. Before lighting a fire, have a bucket of water and a shovel nearby so you can quickly extinguish it when ready. Finally, remember to only build a fire as big as you need. A larger fire can be difficult to manage and keep under control.



Keep an eye on the sky. Weather can change at a moment's notice, and sometimes, it doesn't give notice at all. Keep a close eye on the sky and monitor the weather on a radio. If a storm appears, seek shelter immediately and stay out of low-lying areas. When you're in mountainous or hilly terrain, a little rain is all it takes for flash floods to occur. If you're in a ravine when it starts raining, get out immediately.

Always stick together. It's a good idea to hike with a buddy and keep a whistle around your neck or in your pack. You never know what you might encounter or when you'll need help. Hiking with kids is also a great time to teach them to recognize landmarks and be aware of their surroundings. If you have a digital camera or smartphone, show kids how to create a trail of digital breadcrumbs or pictures to help them find their way back to camp.

Before the Storm

Last-Minute Hurricane Safety Tips

Hurricane season is already upon us. Our area of Florida tends to be lucky when it comes to missing out on the worst storms, but in the last few years, even Naples has seen the damaging effects of hurricanes. Here are some important hurricane safety steps that can help protect you and your family during the next big storm.

Restock Your Hurricane Kit

It is important to stock your hurricane kit before a storm starts coming, so you can avoid the crowds and make sure you have everything you need. Hurricane kits are important whether you have to evacuate your home or not. If you can stay in your home but there's a possibility you will be affected by flooding or power loss, the American Red Cross recommends that your kit include:

- One gallon of water per family member per day (you can store this water in your bathtub)
- A three-day supply of nonperishable foods (Marc Shapiro recommends to prepare for at least a month)
- First-aid kit
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Cash
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio



Adapted from a recipe by famed Southern chef Sean Brock, these skewers are seasoned in a Senegalese style and served alongside mustard-flavored onions.



Check out the full supply list at Bit.ly/RedCrossHurricaneKit.

Review Your Insurance

Insurance can be incredibly helpful if your home suffers any damage during a storm. However, you need to be sure you know what your policy covers and what your duties

are to ensure your claim goes through. Review your policy, especially the "Duties After Loss" section so you know the provision you must follow. It is also a good time to update your policy so your property and possessions are insured for whatever it would cost to replace them in full.

Locate a Shelter

You may be forced to evacuate your home as a storm approaches. If you are being told to evacuate, it is vital that you heed the warning and leave. It's also important to know which hurricane shelter you can go to before you have to evacuate. Visit CollierCountyFl.gov or call 239-252-8444 to locate shelters in Collier County. Make sure every member of your family knows what shelter you will go to in case you are separated during the evacuation.

Remember that not all shelters allow pets. If you have a family pet who will have to evacuate with you during a storm, find a pet-friendly shelter in your area and register in advance. Hurricanes are a powerful, frightening force of nature. Take time to make sure your family is prepared before the next storm hits.

How Are We Doing?

Realistic Expectations for Positive Outcomes

"When I needed an attorney in Florida, I called my brother, an attorney practicing in another state. After extensive research, he recommended I contact Marc Shapiro in Naples. I took his advice, and I am glad I did for the following reasons:

- My case was a slip and fall. Even though I had severe injuries, Marc and the attorney he assigned to my case gave a very clear explanation of how difficult such cases are to win in Florida, especially in Collier County. And since we were going against a hospital with a mega law firm and very deep pockets, Marc was realistic in informing me of my chances of success. I much prefer this approach instead of giving me an unrealistic promise of a very large payout.
- Marc assembled an unbelievable team of support personnel consisting of paralegals, legal assistants, researchers, accountants, investigators, and others. Although I had only a few interactions with them, they all showed a high degree of competence.
- Although I wish I received a larger award, I was satisfied with the outcome. It even was much higher than what the mediator (with 37 years of experience) thought the final figure would be.

In any review of a personal services firm, three questions must be answered: 'Were you happy with the service provided?', 'Would you use this firm again?', and 'Would you recommend this firm to others?' Based on my experiences with the Law Offices of Marc L. Shapiro, my answers are 'Yes!', 'Yes!', and 'Yes!'"

-Frank ★★★★★

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Senegalese Lamb Skewers

Inspired by Food & Wine magazine

Ingredients

For the lamb

- 2 lbs trimmed leg of lamb, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tbsp peanut oil, plus more for grilling
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

For the onions

- 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tbsp agave nectar
- 1 yellow onion, thinly sliced
- Salt and white pepper, to taste

Directions

1. In a bowl, coat lamb with 1 tbsp oil and generously season with salt and pepper.
2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together vinegar, mustard, and agave nectar. Toss in onions and season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat a grill or grill pan to medium and oil the grates.
4. Thread lamb on skewers and grill for 6–8 minutes.
5. Serve alongside onions.

Equipment

- Bamboo skewers

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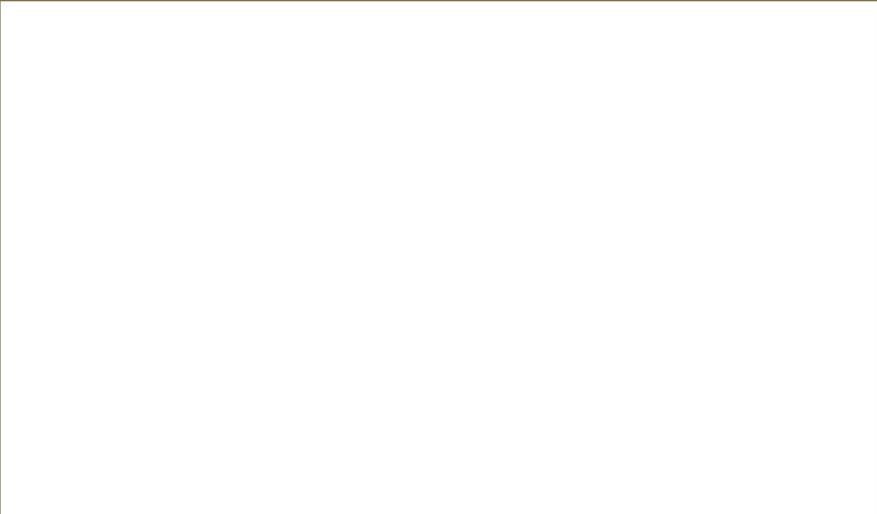
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The Art of Stargazing

Helping Humans Slow Down and Look Up

Modern humans are stuck in a routine of expected and constant industriousness. But with all this rushing, people often drag themselves home at night with no energy left to enjoy the most splendid show nature has to offer: the wondrous night sky.

Most people go through life looking straight ahead, but if they would stop and peer skyward, they'd bear witness to a massive, unexplored frontier made up of the moon in all its phases, burning stars sailing through the sky, constellations with epic origin stories, and meteor showers bright enough to warrant sunglasses. If you're looking for a hobby to help you slow down and appreciate the world around you, stargazing is a great option. Here are some tips to get you started.

1. The Higher, the Better If you're a city dweller, meander a little way out of town or try to find a tall building to keep the light pollution to a minimum.

2. Extra Set of Eyes While novice stargazers often want to immediately throw their money at a new telescope, astronomy experts recommend starting with binoculars instead. You'll need to identify several anchor planets or constellations to help you navigate the sky before using a telescope.

3. Utilize Assets

Put your phone to good use by downloading apps like Stellarium, Starwalk, and Google Sky Map. Each of these apps offers a unique benefit for aspiring stargazers. For example, Starwalk lets you point your phone at the sky to see stars, constellations, and planets in real time based on your location.

4. Mark Your Calendar In 1972, beloved singer-songwriter John Denver wrote about a meteor shower he witnessed during a camping trip in Colorado. He describes the scene by singing, "I've seen it raining fire in the sky." The "fire" he recounted was actually the Perseids meteor shower, the most recognized shower on Earth. This astrological wonder takes place every year from July 17 to Aug. 24. During this time, viewers should be able to see shooting stars associated with the Perseids, but the shower reaches its maximum rate of activity on Aug. 12-13 this year. Grab some friends and family, and head outdoors to put your newfound stargazing knowledge to work.

