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## Ormond Beach named a top place to retire

Looking for the perfect place to retire?

One national magazine says it's Ormond Beach.

In its forthcoming edition, Where to Retire magazine has picked Ormond Beach as one of eight ideal places to relocate when looking for coastal real-estate bargains in the United States. The other golden spots for the golden years are: seven villages on Cape Cod, Mass.; Hilton Head, S.C.; Naples, Fla.; Galveston, Texas; Oceanside, Calif.; Florence, Ore., and Whidbey Island, Wash.

Mary Lu Abbott, the magazine's editor, said Wednesday that "scores of places" were reviewed, and Ormond Beach was selected because of its "exceptional good buys" in housing and natural beauty.

"It's a desirable smaller city with many amenities, without the hassle of bigger places," she said. "It's really an attractive area that has all the perks, and real estate is thousands of dollars less than a few years ago."

City Commissioner Lori Gillooly called being listed by the 220,000-circulation, Texas-based magazine "a tremendous honor.

"I agree with it 100 percent," she said with a smile, adding, "maybe it can help our real estate market."

-- Ray Weiss