

Community of the Week: Beaulerc: A tree-lined spot

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Straddling the eastern bank of the St. Johns River at one of its widest points and nestled between Mandarin, San Jose and Baymeadows, lies Beaulerc, an idyllic, tree-lined neighborhood conveniently located with easy access to greater Jacksonville.

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San Jose Country Club, which offers golf, tennis, swimming and more, was built in 1925. The club has a distinctive architectural design and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mark E. Grisham/Special Sections staff

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Beaulerc homes have proven to be a great investment. Values tend to be greater than those of Jacksonville as a whole. The area's larger lots translate into homes with more floor space and bigger yards, some encompassing more than half an acre. Though many homes date from the 1970s, most homeowners steadily have updated interiors, giving most properties a modern touch with few renovations needed.

Home styles range from traditional to contemporary to Colonial, the variety of architecture stemming from the many different builders who constructed homes through the years. Many houses feature brick construction. Homeowners' well-manicured lawns and flower gardens full of color, nicely complement the area's abundant trees.

With a multitude of stores and dining establishments within easy driving access, Beaulerc is centrally located for residents' shopping needs. Beaulerc's proximity to Interstate 295 allows residents easy access to many other parts of the city. The St. Johns River marks the neighborhood's border, and is convenient for recreational boating and watersports.

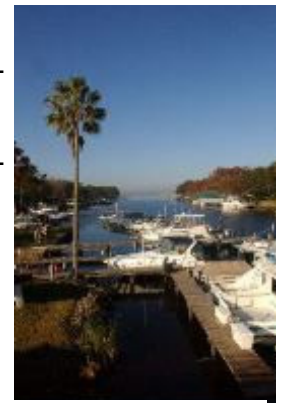
A number of marinas dot the area, including the Epping Forest Yacht Club, one-half mile north of the neighborhood. The club's centerpiece is a beautiful Spanish Renaissance-style mansion, originally built by a duPont family heir in 1927.

Home buyers with children are attracted to the quality and proximity of local schools. Beaulerc also is home to The Bolles School San Jose campus. The private school, founded in 1933, serves grades 9 through 12. The area also boasts a YMCA and several public parks.



The Bolles School, located in Beaulerc, is a co-educational, college preparatory school with more than 1,800 students in early kindergarten through 12th grade. Bolles was founded in 1933 on 52 acres on the banks of the St. Johns River.

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Beaulerc residents have several marinas nearby, including those on Goodbys Creek on San Jose Boulevard. Mark E. Grisham/Special Sections staff