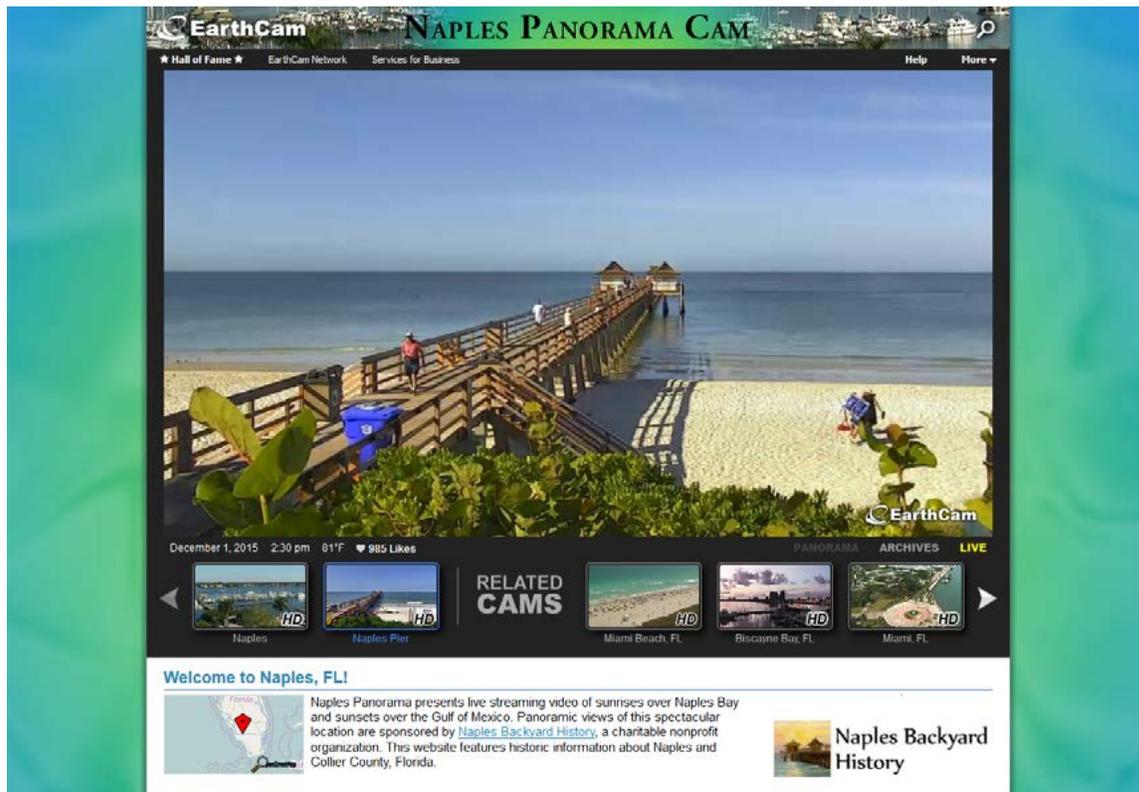


Pier reopens in Naples; Surfing Santa set for Manalapan

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The newly renovated Naples Pier. Contributed by EarthCam.

Anyone who has ever spent any time in Naples knows how special the Naples Fishing Pier is for fishermen and tourists and anyone who enjoys watching the sunset. First built in 1888 as a freight and passenger dock, the pier quickly became a community landmark.

A section of the pier and the post office located on it was lost to a fire in 1912.

The pier was rebuilt after hurricanes damaged it in 1920, 1926 and 1960.

On Nov. 13, after a four-month, \$2.5 million facelift, the pier reopened again. [EarthCam's](#) live Web camera, sponsored by Naples Backyard History, is documenting the pier's ongoing history.

To connect with EarthCam and to see what's happening at the pier now, visit www.naplespanorama.org.

Surfing Santa

On Florida's southeast coast, snow is a no-go, but spotting Santa is still an option. At AquaNuts Kids Club at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, visitors can see Jolly Ol' St. Nick catching some waves on Mondays and Fridays starting Dec. 14.

Surfing Santa is expected to be off shore on stand-up paddleboards, surfboards and the occasional kayak enjoying some relaxation before his big night delivering toys to good girls and boys.

For \$30, someone you know (or you your kids!) can join him in as he hangs 10. If you go, be sure to bring your selfie stick to capture the magical moments with Surfing Santa.

And after working up a sweet tooth, guests are invited to enjoy an "Après Surf" thirst-quencher oceanside at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa. The specialty Peppermint Ginger Mocktail includes grenadine, ginger ale, an edible peppermint straw and a crushed candy cane along the rim and is included with the package price.