

Updated Housing List

Hey 2013ers,

Here is an updated addendum to last years housing guide. Please note that ratings given to each apartment complex are personal opinions, and therefore a place may be better/worse depending on the standards of the person who has lived there. If possible, we recommend taking the time to look around for yourself, both online and in person.

Before you start your search, please make sure to thoroughly read the first three pages of the Housing Guide – the area around USF isn't necessarily the greatest and we can not stress enough how important it is to live in a safe area.

If you would like to live with a roommate, the wonderful Linda Krausman has volunteered to match incoming students with other incoming first years or second/third/fourth years. Please send her all of your info (if you have a place to rent/are looking to move in with someone, gender preference, move in dates, etc) directly via email (lkrausma@health.usf.edu).

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- Lisa (lsander@health.usf.edu)

Please note:

Sunscape Apartments (pg 11): not safe, don't move there!

Village Oaks (pg 11): Will not be converted to condos and is considered to be a great place to live by several classmates.

Updates added by second year students:

Bay Oaks on Bayshore Blvd (pg 4)

- Great apartment. The staff is really nice. The apartments are older but very affordable. The 1-bedroom apartments are pretty spacious.
- The commute is consistently only 20 minutes with or without traffic. If you want to live in South Tampa during your first year then Bay Oaks is an extremely affordable place to look.

Bristol Place (pg 4)

- Several of the second year students will be living there. It is very close to school and often offers great move-in deals.

The Preserve at Temple Terrace (pg 10)

- Thumbs Down!
- The upside is that rent isn't that bad. It's a good, quiet place to live if you are on the top floor; it is not heavily student-populated, since it is right next to a few business parks.
- However, the walls are very thin, and it is easy to hear footsteps from the occupants upstairs if you are on the first or second floor.
- The management staff is very unresponsive, and so it takes a very long time to get a hold of them to fix any issues.
- The apartment complex gym is horrible - the equipment is either old or broken. It is also a bit isolated from any grocery stores.

New Places:

Addison Park/Andover Place Apartments

- Location: New Tampa: Cross Creek Blvd off of Bruce B. Downs
- Price: Reasonably Priced
- Drive Time: 30 minutes in the morning
- Pros: extremely quiet, located in the suburbs, all families, close to shopping/parks
- Cons: a little farther from school than most places

The Club at Hidden River

- Location: Fletcher and I-75; between Wendy's and Dunkin' Donuts
- Address: 8201 Hidden River Pkwy
- Phone: 813-977-6931
- Website: <http://www.drhorton.com/corp/GetCommunity.do?pr=42130>
- Travel Time: 10 min
- Cost: Variable depending on size
- Comments: Brand new condos with all granite countertops and tile floors in kitchen and bathrooms; 10 ft ceilings and 8 ft doors in all the condos on the top floors; other amenities include pool, spa, sauna, and gym

Interested in moving to South Tampa?

- Check out the following websites:
 - o Craigslist.org
 - o Gasparproperties.com
 - o Hydeparkapartments.net

