



2006 Neighborhood Report

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Neighborhood/Subdivision Report

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Neighborhoods and subdivisions listed in this report are included because 3 or more graduate and/or professional students responded about the neighborhood/subdivision in the 2006 Off-Campus Housing Survey.

2006 Off-Campus Housing Survey

*Duke Community Housing conducts the off-campus housing survey annually.
Previous years' reports are available on the Community Housing web site.*



**2006 Off-Campus Housing Survey
Neighborhood/Subdivision Report**

Rating system is 1-4 where 1=Very Unsatisfied and 4=Very Satisfied

American Village

of Responses: 6
Graduate Students: 4
Professional Students: 2

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	3.7	Yes: 6
Safety	3.5	No: 0

Comments:

“Great neighborhood, backs onto Duke Forest, great for walking.”

Burch Avenue

of Responses: 3
Graduate Students: 1
Professional Students: 2

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	3.3	Yes: 3
Safety	3.3	No: 0

Comments:

“I would not necessarily recommend this neighborhood to someone who wants to live alone (without a dog) in a super-safe neighborhood, but it is a great colorful neighborhood. I would recommend it highly for people who like to live in a *neighborhood* with porches that people actually sit on. Neighbors are very friendly and there is a good share of artists and musicians. There is a very small amount of door-to-door panhandling and sketchy characters... Just depends on your comfort level.”



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Forest Oaks

of Responses: 5
Graduate Students: 1
Professional Students: 4

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	3.6	Yes: 5
Safety	3.6	No: 0

Comments:

“Forest Oaks is a great subdivision with nice townhouses. There is also a pool, recycling, and a club house available to residents. Additionally, the location is excellent -- less than 1.5 miles from school.”

“Neighbors here are nice and friendly.”

Old West Durham

of Responses: 6
Graduate Students: 1
Professional Students: 4
Other: 1

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	3.7	Yes: 6
Safety	3.0	No: 0

Comments:

“There are lots of rentals in this neighborhood, many grad/professional students, walking distance to Ninth St., hospital, etc.”

“Old West Durham rocks!”



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Trinity Park

of Responses: 12
Graduate Students: 5
Professional Students: 7

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	2.8	Yes: 12
Safety	3.2	No: 0

Comments:

“The Noise is from traffic on Duke Street but its well worth the location.”

“I feel safe inside my home, second level duplex, but if I was on the first level I would feel less safe. I feel safe outside my home during the day but unsafe at night due to criminal activity in adjacent alleyway.”

Walltown

of Responses: 5
Graduate Students: 3
Professional Students: 1
Other: 1

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	3.4	Yes: 5
Safety	3.4	No: 0

Comments:

“I LOVE the house I live in. It is a house that is split up in to four apartments. I have a W/D, security system, front porch, HUGE fenced in back yard for my dog, and 10 ft ceilings, all for just \$500/month. And I am only 30 sec. from Duke East campus, 5 min. from West campus. Bob Schmitz properties are wonderful older homes that have been restored for the benefit of graduate and professional students at Duke. He takes pride in his properties, doing things such as planting flowers/trees or building a deck off the back of your house (which he's currently doing to mine) to add a feeling of home to the rental properties. I have been very pleased with my living situation and would HIGHLY recommend looking at Bob Schmitz Properties... The price is right, the location excellent, and the staff very friendly and ready to fix any problem/concern you have...”



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Watts Hillandale

of Responses: 4
Graduate Students: 1
Professional Students: 3

Rating Category	Mean	Recommended by students
Noise	3.5	Yes: 5
Safety	3.5	No: 0

Comments:

“Watts-Hillandale is an excellent neighborhood, I would highly recommend it for graduate/professional students. Our quality of life here is so much higher than it was when we lived in an apartment complex.”
