



2008 Housing Survey Comments from Duke Homeowners

The following are comments from Duke homeowners in the Duke community who responded to our annual housing survey. The comments are divided into four sections:

- Real Estate Agents and Companies
- Moving Services
- Buying a Home and Financing
- Neighborhoods

Real Estate Agents and Companies

“FMRealty (Fonville Morisey) has the best site for searching real estate. Whether you go with them or not, use their site to find houses.”

“Recommend Ganna Fisher with Fonville Morrissey in Durham if your looking for a real estate agent.”

“Jordan Lee (Fonville Morisey) was my agent and I would recommend him.”

“I recommend Rosie Bolin, a Realtor with Fonville Morisey. She was my buyer's agent and will get you the best deal possible. She knows the entire Triangle area, so whether you are looking to purchase a home in Durham, Raleigh, Morrisville/Cary, or Chapel Hill, she can help you. She also works with buyers in all price ranges.”

Moving Companies

Buying a Home and Financing

“PhD students should consider buying a townhouse or condo as soon as they move to Durham.”

“My mortgage payments are lower than the rent I was paying and I can live closer to campus.”



“In the triangle area, renting and owning can be quite comparable as far as monthly payments.”

“Try to get a house close to Duke but in a good area of town.”

Neighborhoods

“Pickett Park Townhomes close to campus (near University Tower). Friendly community, affordable, has been a safe place to live.”

“We live in Hillsborough and love it--it's a nice, quiet town and we would recommend it for any graduate students with families. We lived in West Village apartments when we first arrived and would not recommend those apartments for graduate students as it felt like undergraduate housing (the undergrads across the hall from us were in and out at all hours slamming their door).”

“Look in South Durham near Hope Valley. It's a safe neighborhood close to the mall, Duke and Chapel Hill.”

“I live in Taylor Estates, which is a quiet subdivision ~10 min from Duke and a few minutes from Southpoint and Brier Creek shopping.”