

The neighborhoods of West Houston provide residents with plenty of green space paired with tree-lined thoroughfares and paths for biking and hiking. The area is also home to a happening retail and restaurant scene well-suited for date nights or family outings. With numerous public and private school options along with playgrounds and parks, this area attracts many families. The easy access to I-10 makes commuting a breeze especially if the Energy Corridor is your final destination.



CITYCENTRE

CityCentre, featuring open-air retail and restaurants, serves as a social hub for the neighborhoods of Walnut Bend, Royal Oaks, Briargrove Park, and West Memorial. With CityCentre's convenient location, residents of these communities enjoy blockbusters at the Studio Movie Grill, upscale bowling lanes at Bowl and Barrel, workouts at Life Time Athletic, plus fine dining and casual fare and retail therapy too. CityCentre's events calendar includes live music on the plaza, yoga classes, and their Fourth of July Spectacular fireworks show. The area's subdivisions all offer thriving civic associations with recreation centers and private neighborhood pools along with special holiday programs. Royal Oaks Country Club and Lakeside Country Club are also popular for families in these communities, especially those with avid golfers. From grade school to high school, many of the neighborhood public schools receive top ratings. Private school options include prestigious Kinkaid and The Tenney School. For nature lovers, Terry Hershey Park, named after the founder of the Bayou Preservation

Association, offers a hike and bike trail that follows an east-west route along Buffalo Bayou.



ENERGY CORRIDOR

Living in the Energy Corridor provides easy access to three major parks. Terry Hershey Park offers a butterfly garden, wildflowers, wetland habitats and a kayak/canoe launch along with fishing. Take the family for an afternoon of fun at Bear Creek Pioneers Park where there's a small zoo, hiking trails, playground, and lighted tennis courts. George Bush Park boasts a 7,800-acre nature preserve, hike & bike trails, a model airplane airport, and Millie Bush Dog Park for the furry members of your crew.

Start your day with a specialty donut from Glazed or Pecan Creek Grill where breakfast is served all day. Francophiles can get their fill of French cuisine at Le Mistral, Bistro Provence and Bistro Le Cep where a fanciful cow statue serves as a landmark for this cozy restaurant. Meat lovers will make Brenner's Steakhouse, a Houston tradition since 1936, a dining destination. Phoenicia Specialty Foods on Westheimer is a 55,000 square foot market for

global groceries with an emphasis on Mediterranean foodstuffs, including an amazing pita bread conveyor belt and pastries made from scratch. Whole Foods in the Westchase Shopping Center has a fresh juice and smoothie bar and made-to-order sushi. Shop for locally grown fruits and veggies at the Energy Corridor Farmers Market on Saturday mornings.

SPRING BRANCH

The highly reputable Spring Branch Independent School District is a big draw for families in this neighborhood which was founded by German immigrants in the 1800s. Memorial High School, home of the Mustangs, offers a rigorous college prep program, along with a strong athletics program from football to lacrosse. The area also has several private school options including The Monarch School & Institute, The Branch School, and the all-boys REGIS School.

Take advantage of the neighborhood parks with the playsets and picnic tables in Moritz Pech Family Park or play a round of disc golf at Agnes Moffit Park. Foodies love the variety of cuisine from Flower Piggy's Korean barbecue to brisket paired with jalapeno cornbread at Goode Co. BBQ. Asian supermarket chains, 99 Ranch



and H-Mart both have bakeries, prepared foods, and food courts for dining while you shop. Karbach Brewing Company offers tours, an outdoor patio and restaurant, plus tailgating parties for the Houston Sabercats who play rugby at nearby Dyer Stadium.



MEMORIAL VILLAGES

This woodsy enclave features scenic footpaths like the Arbor Tribute Walk and the Edith L. Moore Nature Sanctuary, an 18-acre wooded reserve along Rummel Creek. Head east on Memorial Drive for a picturesque passage to Memorial Park for its running trails, golf course, and the Houston Arboretum and Nature Center. Start your Saturdays (9 am-1 pm) at the Memorial Villages Farmers Market where you can pick up fresh produce while the kids frolic on the playground. Country clubs in Memorial Villages include the Houston Country Club and Lakeside

Country Club.

Walk your grade schoolers down a scenic stretch of Memorial Drive to Frostwood Elementary, which sports a modern exterior of Texas limestone and brick and a nearby playground for weekend fun. Private schools in the area include Kinkaid in Piney Point Village, and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, a college prep Catholic school for girls. Blue Willow Bookshop, has a calendar of book signings, book clubs, and storytime sessions for the younger ones. Nearby Memorial City Mall is home to crowd-pleasing restaurants and shops, a Cinemark movie theatre for big screen blockbusters, NHL-sized ice skating rink, carousel, and children's play area.



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