



WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE



West University is its own city within city giving residents a small town feel in Houston. Traditional homes intermingle with modern design and pocket parks provide plenty of green space for the area. Its convenient location makes a short commute to many of Houston's major business districts - Downtown, Med Center, Galleria, and Greenway Plaza - and nearby family outings include Hermann Park, the Houston Zoo, and the Museum District.



SCHOOL DAYS

The top-rated public schools in West University are part of Houston Independent School District. Walk the grade schoolers to West University or Roberts Elementary School, both renowned for their top curriculum for budding scholars. Pershing Middle School has a Vanguard and Fine Arts Magnet School program with a focus on music. Lamar High School has International Baccalaureate World School status and ranked in the top 1% for most challenging high schools in the United States. The private Post Oak School offers elementary and middle school students a Montessori curriculum. Episcopal High School provides strong academic, arts, and athletic programs in a faith-centered setting.



MODERN DAY MAYBERRY

After walking the kiddos to school, take a breakfast meeting at Tiny's No. 5 and be sure to bring home a few of their famous chocolate chip cookies. Get your holiday shopping and housewares at Bering's Hardware, a Houston family-owned business since 1940. Make groceries at Rice University's Farmer's Market every Tuesday from 3:30-6:30 pm. Indulge in a live music nightcap at The Big Easy Social and Pleasure Club which has a calendar full of local and touring acts from blues to zydeco.

ARTS & RECREATION

Nearby Rice University offers a tree-lined 2.9 mile loop for jogging and power-walking, an art gallery devoted to site-specific installations, outdoor sculptures and the James Turrell Twilight Epiphany Skyspace, featuring a magical LED light sequence at sunset. The Rice Media Center screens interesting movies and hosts film festivals throughout the year. There's even a graduate student bar, Valhalla, open to the public where you can get quality brews at a nice price - just be sure to bring cash and leave the necktie at home!



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Rice Village is an open-air shopping center where you can get prescriptions filled, schedule a blow dry or haircut, shop at popular chains like Urban Outfitters and Banana Republic, as well as local gems like British Isles for the Anglophile and Chocolat du Monde for chocoholics. Furnish your new home with hand-made furniture and organic mattresses from New Living. Become a regular at the frequent book readings for adults and children at Brazos Bookstore and crime and suspense clubhouse, Murder by the Book. Discover your new house wine at the weekly wine tastings hosted at French Country Wines and Tuttilili. Dining options include Greek fare at Helen, Sweet Paris for crepes, Cuban dishes at El Meson, D'Amico's for Italian favorites, and burger and fries at Shake Shack or Austin import Hopdaddy Burger Bar.

PARK YOURSELF

West University has seven park systems throughout the community. Look for the holiday decorations at the quaint Friends Pocket Park with its signature clock tower. When the weather warms up, Colonial Park has a pool, along with park space that can be reserved for parties, and the first of six little free libraries in the area to encourage the love of reading. There's also a West U Recreation Center with numerous fitness options and classes.



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