Living in Baltimore

Baltimore, the Charm City, is a big city of little neighborhoods. Every neighborhood has a different feel and culture and it is fun to take time to explore them. The following document contains information about the neighborhoods SON students commonly live in. It is not an exhaustive list of places to live in Baltimore, nor does the School of Nursing endorse any area or apartment complex. As always, use common sense and discretion when choosing a place to live. Be aware of scams if you use Craigslist and know your rights as a renter in Maryland. If you have further questions, feel free to contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Helpful Hints:

• If you use Facebook, go on to the neighborhood page (i.e. Patterson Park neighbors), to learn more about the area and look for rentals that may not be posted elsewhere.
• Use the JHU Off-Campus Housing page – lots of rentals and roommates are listed there.
• Consider your needs – if you don’t have a car, you probably want to live somewhere walking or shuttling distance from school and a grocery store. If you have a pet, you’ll probably want a neighborhood with green space.
• Check out www.livebaltimore.com to learn more about neighborhoods not listed below.

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Charles Village

Charles Village is a funky, artsy neighborhood around Charles Street near the Johns Hopkins Homewood campus. Known for its distinctive “painted ladies” row homes, you’ll know Charles Village when you see it! Lots of SON students love Charles Village for the rent prices and the proximity to Homewood campus and Hampden.

There are a few grocery stores in the neighborhood (marked below.) The 32nd Street Farmer’s Market is open on Saturdays from 7am-12pm.

Most students take the free JHMI—Peabody—Homewood shuttle to get to school.

Route times and stops can be found here: http://ts.jhu.edu/Shuttles/

Biking is an option. It is approximately 4 miles from the Homewood Campus to the School of Nursing. Please exercise caution whenever you bicycle in Baltimore—the roads are very busy!

Apartment/Condos in Charles Village:
- The Baltimorean
- Jefferson Home Apartments
- The Blackstone
- Broadview Apartments
- The Marylander Apartments
- The Guilford Apartments

Neighborhood website: http://charlesvillage.org/
Hampden
Hampden is the “hon” capital of Baltimore. A known hipster hangout, Hampden has a ton of great restaurants, bars, galleries, and shops. A fan favorite for SON students is the Charmery, billed as the best ice cream in Baltimore. The neighborhood has row homes surrounding “The Avenue,” the main drag in Hampden. Druid Hill Park, and the Maryland Zoo, are right around the corner, as are the Jones Falls Trail, Wyman Park, and the Hopkins Homewood campus.

Hampdenites have their choice of grocery stores, including Giant Foods, Mom’s, and Eddie’s. There is also a Whole Foods north of Hampden.

Neighborhood websites:
http://hampdenmerchants.com/
http://www.wymanparkcommunity.org/

Apartment Communities:
- Clipper Mill
- Meadow Mill
- The Rotunda

Most students who live in Hampden either drive to school or take the Homewood-Peabody-JHMI shuttle, which has a southbound shuttle stop in front of the Barnes & Noble on Saint Paul Street.
**Butcher’s Hill**

Butcher’s Hill is a quiet rowhome community on the north side of Patterson Park. The neighborhood has long-time community members, young families, renters, and lots of Hopkins employees. Butcher’s Hill is dog-friendly, close to Fells Point, Inner Harbor, and Canton, and walking distance to Hopkins.

The closest grocery stores are the Safeway and Harris Teeter in Canton. There is also an Aldi on Orleans Street. Additionally, the Northeast Market offers a selection of food, both prepared and groceries, and the Saturday Fells Point farmers market is a short walk away.

Neighborhood website: [www.butchershill.org](http://www.butchershill.org)

With the SON less than a mile from Butcher’s Hill, it is an easy walk or bike from school. On rainy or snowy days, you can catch the JHMI Shuttle Route 3. Visit [http://intranet.insidehopkinsmedicine.org/security_parking/transportation/](http://intranet.insidehopkinsmedicine.org/security_parking/transportation/) for more information.
Fells Point
The neighborhood most out-of-towners associate with Baltimore. Fells Point is a very old neighborhood, home to the oldest bar in the U.S. and historic row homes, brick roads, bars, restaurants, and waterfront views. Students love living in Fells Point for the nightlife, proximity to school, and quality of life.

The nearby grocery stores are Safeway and Harris Teeter in Canton and Whole Foods in Inner Harbor. Fells Point also offers a farmers market on Saturdays at S. Broadway and Thames St. from 7:30am-12:30pm.

Most students who live in Fells Point opt to walk or bike to school. You can also take the free Charm City Circulator, green route, or take the Bond Street Wharf J HMI Employee and Student Shuttle, Route 5.

Apartment Communities:
- Union Warf
- Crescent at Fells Point
- Marketplace at Fells Point
Upper Fells
Upper Fells is the perfect in-between neighborhood – close to school, Fells Point, the Inner Harbor, Patterson Park, and Canton. Upper Fells has adorable row homes, corner cafes, and restaurants. A favorite spot of nursing students is a tiny café called Water for Chocolate – yummy soul food brunch with a twist.

The grocery stores near Upper Fells include the Harris Teeter and Safeway in Canton, and the Whole Foods in Inner Harbor. There is also a farmers market in Fells Point on Saturdays.

Since Upper Fells is only a few blocks from school, most students opt to walk or bike. You can also take the Charm City Circulator, Green Route to the Hopkins stop.
Mount Vernon
Just north of downtown and the Inner Harbor and just south of Penn Station, Mount Vernon is a classic Baltimore neighborhood. The Washington Monument is the centerpiece, and is surrounded by the Walters Art Museum, the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Peabody Institute, and lots of restaurants, bars—The Brewer’s Art is a fan favorite—and theaters. Students love Mount Vernon for its pretty streets, and proximity to school and downtown. Additionally, Penn Station and the Light Rail stop are in walking distance.

Most students shop for their groceries at the Safeway in Charles Village or Canton, Harris Teeter in Canton, or Eddie’s Market.

Baltimore’s Farmers Market is every Sunday in the summer months from 7am-12pm under the Jones Falls expressway (I-83).

Most students take the free JHMI—Peabody—Homewood shuttle to get to school.

Route times and stops can be found here: http://ts.jhu.edu/Shuttles/

Mount Vernon is less than 2 miles to the school of nursing. Some students do choose to bicycle, but please exercise caution.

Apartment Communities in Mount Vernon:
- The Stafford
- 611 Park Avenue
- Washington Apartments
- Waterloo Place Apartments

Neighborhood website: www.mvba.org
Canton
Canton is a big rowhome neighborhood between the harbor and the southern side of Patterson Park. Canton Square is home to lots of typical Baltimore restaurants and bars, like Nacho Mamas and Mama’s on the Half Shell. It is also walking distance to the Canton Waterfront, where lots of concerts and festivals are held! People love Canton because it has all the amenities of suburban living (close to grocery stores, gas stations, and the interstate), without losing its cool city vibe.

Students like Canton because it is close to school and a fun place to live. Students here have the choice of Safeway, Harris Teeter, Target, and BJ’s for grocery shopping.

While you can walk or bike to school from Canton, prepare for an uphill trek. Most students who live in Canton either drive or take the MTA bus to school. Additionally, you can walk to a shuttle or Charm city circulator stop in Fells Point and ride the uphill part!

Apartment Communities:
- Tindeco Warf
- The Gunther
- Hanover Brewers Hill
- 1212 East
- Canton Cove Condominiums

Neighborhood website:
http://cantoncommunity.org/index.php
Federal Hill
Federal Hill is an historic neighborhood. There are many great restaurants and bars, making Fed Hill a popular neighborhood with young professionals. Fed Hill is also home to the American Visionary Art Museum, known for its post-post-modern art installations and exhibits. SON students love Mi and Yu Noodle Bar and Blue Moon Café – try the Captain Crunch French toast for a blast from your childhood!

There is a Harris Teeter grocery store south of Fed Hill in Locust Point and a Whole Foods in the Inner Harbor. There is also one of Baltimore’s historic markets in the heart of Fed Hill – Cross Street Market.

Students living in Fed Hill opt to drive to school. You could also take the MTA bus or Charm City Circulator purple route to the metro stop at the Charles Center. Then take the metro to the Hopkins stop.

If you like to bike, that is an option using the Jones Falls Trail through the Inner Harbor.

Apartment Communities:
- 1111 Light Street
- 1201 Charles Apartments
- Harbor Hill Apartments

Neighborhood Association:
http://federalhillbaltimore.org/
Bolton Hill
Bolton Hill is another beautiful historic neighborhood in Baltimore. Home to MICA – the Maryland Institute College of Art – Bolton Hill is full of art students, cafes, and is close to Mount Vernon, Hopkins-Homewood, and Penn Station. Bolton Hill is also close to Druid Hill Park, the Maryland Zoo, and the Jones Falls Trail.

Students living in Bolton Hill can shop for groceries at the Safeway on Charles Street. Additionally, there are groceries to the north in Hampden and the Sunday Baltimore Farmer’s Market under I-83 at Mount Vernon.

Apartment Communities:
- Sutton Place
- Linden Park

Neighborhood Association:
http://www.boltonhill.org/index.html

Students living in Bolton Hill opt to drive to school, take the MTA bus, or take the metro. You can also walk to Penn Station and take the free JHU shuttle.