Guide to Living in the DC Metropolitan Area

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Welcome to the University of Maryland!

One of the greatest advantages to living in the DC metropolitan area is the vast array of living options you have. At the same time, finding the area and housing that is right for you can be a big challenge. Over the years, your fellow graduate students have amassed a wealth of information pertaining to specific apartment complexes, DC and its surrounding areas, and management companies in general. In an effort to help you navigate the diverse real estate market, information has been culled from current and former students who note the pros and cons of living in specific apartments or certain areas within the region. You may also find resources such as craigslist.com, padmapper.com, washingtonpost.com, campus housing resources, etc. to be helpful as you begin your housing hunt (see the link to the "Stuff I Wish I Knew When I Started Grad School" on the ccjs.umd.edu website for more information on local housing resources). Best of luck with your search!

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Management Companies in the DC Metro Area

Many of the management companies have specials (discounted rates or a waiver of a security deposit) if you are a graduate student with the University of Maryland. Although they ask for a copy of your student ID as verification, but since you may not have one of these yet, most accept a copy of your acceptance letter as proof of graduate student status.

Avalon Management Company (http://www.avaloncommunities.com/dc-region-apartments/)
- They are usually a little newer, nicer, and safe.
- They have fair pet policies and don't automatically take security deposits.
- They are all over the D.C. metro area.
- Avalon at Traville (North Potomac) location is walking distance to the UMD Shady Grove campus.
- These are going to be pricier than other places (e.g., Summit Hills) but it is worth the cost if someone can afford it.

Southern Management Corporation   (http://www.southernmanagement.com/index2.cfm)
- They have locations/complexes all over the D.C. metro area.
- Tend to be more affordable.
- Choices vary - some fancier and nicer, some older and not as nice.

Off-Campus Housing Services Database

The mission of Off-Campus Housing Services at the University of Maryland is to support members of the UM community in making well-informed decisions that enable them to enjoy a positive off-campus living experience. Their office uses high tech approaches including an internet database of available housing options and "high-touch" efforts including one-on-one assistance and delivery of campus-wide programs and events.

- To access the database, visit https://ochdatabase.umd.edu/
- For more information about the office, go to http://www.och.umd.edu/OCH/Default.aspx

College Park
Zip code: 20740-20742

The College Park area is as close to campus as you can get. There is easy access to the beltway and you are within a 5 minute drive to restaurants in the area. Also, a Shoppers grocery store is located right on Baltimore Avenue, and there are others on side roads, such as MOMs Organic Market and Giant. Note that many neighborhoods closest to campus are often occupied by mostly undergrads who have a tendency to be a bit rowdy or noisy at times. In addition, the crime rates may be a little higher than some other neighborhoods, and some of the living quarters aren't as nice. The neighborhoods after the exit to the Beltway (going north on Route 1 towards Laurel) can be nicer but a little pricier.

Property	Pros/Cons	Price
Graduate Hills/Gardens (Michael Becker) 3424 Tulane Dr # 3, Hyattsville, MD 20783 (301) 422-0148	Pros: ● Walk to campus, no parking permit and/or car needed (.75 miles door to door from Grad Hills to the dept.) ● Fairly easy bus access – you can walk to union and pick up the shuttle to the metro ● Relatively cheap for a location so close to campus ● Good place for graduate students ● Complex is pretty quiet – no noise problems ● Some activities for residents. Cons: ● On the edge of a dicey area. Regular patrols by local police department help, and if you have a roommate you should be ok. Management has close ties with the University. ● Frequent maintenance is somewhat disruptive.	2 bed, 1 bath (shared with another person) Individual price: ~$700 This includes: - rent - utilities - parking

University View (Chae Mamayek) 8204 Baltimore Ave. College Park, MD. 20740 (301) 220-0951	Pros: ● Right next to campus (1 mile walk, bike, or bus ride to the department) ● Located next to restaurants & bars ● Fully furnished ● Great management ● Great security and doors magnetically lock so that your roommate does not have access to your bedroom. ● I find it quiet and easy to get work done here (make sure you live in the building called "U1" and try and get on an upper floor 14-16- these are the quietest and have the most graduate students) Cons: ● Student housing- primarily undergraduate ● Variety of bedrooms (so make sure you check the layouts- they're all different, some can be pretty small) ● Smaller living space ● You will have a randomly assigned roommate unless you know who you want to live with and sign up together	2 bed, 2 bath (shared with another person) Individual price: $1100 This includes: -rent -parking -utilities
Westchester Park (Nicole Frisch & Deanna Devlin) 6200 Westchester Park Dr, College Park, MD 20740 (240) 297-1603	Pros: ● Located between College Park and Greenbelt, at the intersection of 193 and 201. Roughly 4 miles from campus. Pretty close to the College Park Metro station (but not walking distance) ● Quiet, lots of older people live here. ● Rent is reasonable (about $1200 for a 2 br/1ba), ample parking, on UM and Metro shuttle stop (10 minute ride to campus, leaves about every hour). ● Access to jogging trail. ● I would live here if you're laid back and want to be close to campus without paying extra for a gym ● Very spacious apartments ● Close to any stores you would need (Target, Giant, Staples, Greenbelt mall, etc.) Cons: ● Not the prettiest complex; no amenities to speak of ● Subject to brown-outs in the hot summer months. ● Management ● Limited visitor parking ● Some issues with bugs	About $1200 for a 2 br/1ba

Westchester Park Condo (Katie Frey)	Westchester Park Condo (NOT towers) Pros: ● Located between College Park and Greenbelt, at the intersection of 193 and 201. Roughly 4 miles from campus. ● Quiet, lots of older people live here. Condos are a bit dated, towers are a little scary (old). ● Free parking, on UM and Metro shuttle stop (10 minute ride to campus, leaves about every hour). ● Access to jogging trail ● 15 minute bike ride to campus through Lake Artemsia ● Privately owned (Could be a con too); Reasonable Rent (1500 with Utilities included) ● Potential for Pets (Discretion of owner) ● Access to pool at the Towers Cons: ● Coin-Op Laundry In Basement of each Building ● AC/Heat turned on when board agrees to turn on (can result in a few hot days before AC)	$1500 with utilities included
Watkins (Pilar) I lived in 4504 Fordham Lane, but she has a number of buildings in the area. Contact: Shanon Watkins (240) 882-2749 swat587313@aol.com	Pros: ● Walk to campus (15'), no car needed ● Free parking ● Walk to metro (10') ● In a good residential area (I like it a lot!) ● Playground close by and it is in the zone of a good elementary school (for those coming with small kids) ● Mostly adult people and graduate students, so relatively quiet ● Good management! ● Cats friendly Cons: ● No amenities, no laundry inside the building, but there is one close by (just besides the 4504 building) ● Far from supermarket (but a Whole Foods is coming soon…Not the cheaper option though!)	2 bed, 1 bath (that you can share) Or 1 bed, 1bath Price between 1,000 (1bed) and 1,450 (2 bed) This includes: - utilities (only in summer you need to pay 50 more)

Seven Springs Apartment (Mei) 9314 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD 20740	Pros: ● Really close to Route 1, about 3 miles to campus ● Relatively quiet. Kids can sometimes be noisy during the day, but never had problems sleeping at night ● Free parking (also for visitors) ● Rent is fine. I pay $1264 for a 1br/1ba. About 700 SQFT, so it is pretty spacious. ● UM shuttle and Metro bus onsite ● You can't find anywhere closer to Shoppers than here ● Pet friendly (both dogs and cats) Cons: ● Apartments are really dated. The high rise I live in cannot have heating and air conditioning at same time. The laundry room always has washers/dryers broken. ● Water interruptions (very often) and elevators down (sometimes). Again, the apartments are old. ● Had bug problems last year. Sprayed something and it was gone though ● No fancy amenities	1br/1ba Price Per month: $ 1264 Rent includes parking and utilities
Wynfield Park Apartments (Deanna Devlin & Nicole Frisch) 10209 Baltimore Ave. College Park, MD 20740	Pros: ● Beautiful apartment complex; Well-kept by maintenance. ● Spacious apartments ● Mostly new appliances ● Gated community ● Nice gym ● Free parking (or could pay for a covered spot) ● Washers/dryers in the unit ● Quick drive to campus, but not within walking distance ● Across the street is a shopping center with tons of places like Buffalo Wild Wings, Potbelly, Dunkin Donuts, nail salon, Chipotle, etc. Ikea is also across the street Cons: ● Rent is expensive and no utilities included in the rent ● No elevators (5 floors total, so if you live on one of the higher up floors you have to use the stairs which could be rough bringing in groceries, etc.)	$1800 (2 bedroom, 2 bathroom) Rent doesn't include utilities

| College Park Towers (Mateus Santos) 4330 Hartwick Rd. College Park, MD 20740 | Pros:
● 10 minute walk from LeFrak
● 15 minute walk from the College Park Metro station
● Many restaurants and shops nearby
● Free parking
● Utilities included
● Reasonable price for the area
● The Building is well-maintained

Cons:
● Mostly undergrad neighbors. Can be a bit noisy on weekend nights
● The building is from 1962, so apartments and appliances can be old
● Units are individually owned, so you may have to negotiate terms with individual landlords, as opposed to a condominium
● Units can be quite small
● Visitors have to pay for parking | 1 bed, 1 bath (448 sqft)

Individual price: $1250

This includes:
-rent
-parking
-utilities |

Downtown Silver Spring
Zip code: 20910

Downtown Silver Spring can sometimes a little bit pricier than some other areas, but it has a lot of advantages. It's walking distance to the metro so it's easy to get in and out of DC, walking distance to several great restaurants and to grocery stores. The town hosts local events (farmer's market, jazz festival, thanksgiving parade, etc). And, there is a UM shuttle that takes you to campus for free. It generally takes about 20 minutes to drive to campus.

Property	Pros/Cons	Price
Summit Hills Apartments (Becca used to live here) 1703 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 608-1703	Pros: ● There is free ample parking for residents, plus free parking for guests. ● Great location (downtown SS is a 10-min walk) and a little more affordable than other downtown locations. ● The management is very quick to respond to any problems, they are friendly, and they deliver your packages so you don't have to go to the post office to pick them up. ● They have nice amenities like a pool, gym, tennis courts, etc. ● Large floor plans - lots of space ● Pet friendly ● Frequent community events, often with free food! Cons: ● Not really a "gated" community. ● Perfectly functional but not particularly updated appliances, kitchens, etc. ● Rumored instance of a problem getting a pet deposit back ● Very confusing actual layout - guests have a hard time finding particular buildings	2 BR, 1 BA (but they do 0-4 BR) $1720 total for 2B/1B Rent includes: *All utilities except cable and internet*

Rock Creek Village (Justin Bernstein) 8327 Grubb Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910	**Pros:** ● I love my area. It is close to Downtown Silver Spring (about 1 mile west of Silver Spring Metro), so easy access to all it has to offer (e.g., restaurants, cafes, bars, a great movie theater, a beautiful library, year-round Saturday farmers' market, supermarkets), but is a bit quieter ● Small shopping center right across the street from the condo development with a great deli (the Parkway Deli, look it up!), dry cleaning, gym, and a good restaurant (the Daily Dish, look it up!) ● Well maintained and pretty grounds, lots of green space, Rock Creek Park is just down the block, and plenty of trails for running, biking, strolling ● Good public transportation options, the J1, J2, J3, J4, R1 stop and my corner, run pretty frequently to and from the Silver Spring Transit Center (Bus and Metro Station (Red Line)), with the J4 continuing on and winding up going through campus, while UMD runs a shuttle (#111) that goes from the Bus Station to campus. The Purple Line will eventually stop nearby, but by the time that actually happens you will probably already have graduated. ● Pet friendly (if you like animals), with no dog breed or size restrictions. ● Four shared communal grills and a small outdoors children's play area **Cons:** ● Kind of far to school. I rely on public transit, which usually takes around 45 minutes or so, but can be substantially longer, particularly if it is late at night or when Metro has issues (driving would be about 25 minutes, traffic permitting). ● The area is pretty residential, a lot of families (which may or may not be a Con, depending on how you look at it), and aside from the small shopping center mentioned under Pros, not much else closer without going the mile to Downtown Silver Spring. ● Pet friendly (if you do not like animals). ● Older development → no fancy amenities that you are unlikely to use anyway.	2BR, 1BA I don't rent, so I don't know. But the person who owns the unit above mine (same layout) has been trying to rent it for $1900 per month, but it's been available for a little while so that's probably too much. There is a 1 BR in the same community (different building) listed for $1450 Rent includes: *Should include all utilities (except internet and cable) since individual units not separately metered and condo fee covers.*

| Veridian Apartments

(Sarah Appleby)

1133 E. West Highway | Pros:
● Located in the heart of Downtown Silver Spring and less than a 10 minute walk to the Silver Spring metro station and Sarbanes transit center (where the free shuttle to campus leaves from approx. once each hour)
● Easy to get to campus using the free shuttle (see bullet point above)
● Easy to get to downtown D.C. and to different parts of Maryland
● 24-hour concierge for package pick-up, valet dry cleaning, and controlled access
● Five minute walk to grocery store, CVS, dry cleaners, nail salon, restaurants (including the best Dim Sum in the D.C. area!), coffee shops, cafes, etc.
● Newer building with lots of useful amenities, including gym, green spaces, rooftop pool, business center (useful for when your Internet goes out), and party room
● Pet friendly with no size restrictions, although there are the standard breed restrictions for dogs
● Lots of upgrades to apartments, including granite countertops, hardwood in the common areas, and large patios. The units also have good sound insulation and solid concrete between floors.
● Free bike storage in on-site parking garage
● Zip Cars and Cars-To-Go are available in the on-site parking garage
● Great if you have a family. The building has everyone from students, to young families, to older couples.

Cons:
● Pricey, including monthly pet fees and parking fees
● Parking is $120/month in the on-site parking garage
● No free visitor parking, although visitors can park for free in the metro parking on the weekends.
● Some of the units face the metro tracks, so you can hear the metro with your windows open | 2 BR, 2 BA

$1,370-$2,400

Rent includes:
No utilities |

Silver Spring/College Park Border
Zip code: 20903

Living slightly west and north of Downtown Silver Spring are apartments that tend to be slightly more affordable, and many are not run by a large management group so you get landlords that are easily accessible. The cons of living away from downtown, however, are that you need either a bike or a car to get around; the area does not have many stores/shops you can walk to. In a car, Downtown Silver Spring is 10-20 minutes away. Some buildings have shuttles to campus, which takes about 20-30 minutes. You get all the pros of Downtown Silver Spring - the Saturday farmer's market is great! However, there is not much in walking distance and it does not have an urban feel so if you don't have access to a car this area might not be for you.

- Suburban Hill Apartments, 8500 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20903, http://www.suburbanhillapts.com/
- The Chateau, 9727 Mt Pisgah Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20903, http://www.southernmanagement.com/chateau/

Beltsville
Zip Code: 20705

This area tends to be a bit cheaper than the surrounding areas. There are a couple of apartment complexes, including one called Powder Mill Village that seems to be popular with foreign exchange students.

- Powder Mill Village, 3625 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD, 20705, http://www.southernmanagement.com/powder-mill-village/
- The Mark at Brickyard, 12401 Brickyard Blvd, Beltsville, MD 20705, http://www.themarkatbrickyard.com/

Cheverly
Zip Code: 20785

Although this community is all single family homes, there are generally two rental options. There are houses for rent here that are very reasonably priced (usually 2-3 bedrooms), and there are also other rentals options such as renting a bedroom in a house or a finished basement. The zip code is 20785, but this zip code covers a lot of different towns, so if someone searches on www.realtor.com or Off-Campus Housing, they want to make sure it says Cheverly.

Bethesda/Rockville/Gaithersburg – Montgomery County
Zip code: 20847-20853, 20877-20899, 20902

Within Montgomery County moving a little farther out from the Silver Spring area, you can find a wide variety of apartments, condos and homes for rent. You will likely need use of a car in order to get to and from campus. There are a wide array of amenities, services and conveniences that may make this area ideal for you.

Property	Pros/Cons	Price
Bentley Place (Emily W.) North Bethesda, MD 20852	Pros: ● Very nice, quiet area. A lot of young couples and families. ● Walking distance to Grovesnor Strathmore Metro Station. Easy access to DC. ● Multiple parks nearby, which is great if you have a dog. It is only about a 15-20 minute drive to Great Falls. ● Easy walk to Whole Foods/CVS/Starbucks using the "Trolley Trail", but multiple grocery stores a short drive away. ● In between both Bethesda and Rockville, where there is a lot to do. ● Each apartment has 1 reserved parking spot. Parking is never a problem for residents/guests. Cons: ● Quite far from campus, so you need a car (about 20 minutes on a good day, but can be up to an hour on bad days). ● The area can be quite pricey.	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Apartments are rented privately Total price: ~$2,300

Baltimore
Zip Codes: 21201, 20202, 21231

Baltimore is about 30 miles from campus with a commute that varies from 45 minutes (normal day) to 75 minutes (rush hours). Easiest ways to campus are by car via I-95 or by MARC train to College Park. Baltimore is a mid-sized city with many great entertainment options, outstanding restaurants, and a good night life. Cost of living varies by neighborhood but overall Baltimore is a very affordable option for people interested in living in a city but looking for lower cost than DC.

Property	Pros/Cons	Price
Little Italy/Inner Harbor Area Baltimore MD, 21202 (Alex)	**Pros** ● Prime location in Baltimore. Inner Harbor has walking distance access to some of the best food, entertainment, and shopping in the city. ● Close location (about 1 mile) to I-95 ● Spacious townhouse options available (2 bedroom/2 bath) two-floor townhouse built 7 years ago about 1400 square feet for under 2,000 a month ● Outstanding food. Zagat recently rated Baltimore the #2 food city in the US and Thrillist rates Baltimore in its 7 underrated food cities ○ https://www.zagat.com/b/the-top-17-food-cities-of-2015#16 ○ https://www.thrillist.com/eat/nation/where-to-eat-in-america-the-7-most-underrated-american-food-cities-in-2015 ● Great city for young professionals and a number of opportunities for CCJS positions including internships and potential teaching opportunities at local Baltimore colleges and universities **Cons** ● Distance - Commuting takes 1 hour+ to College Park and traffic can make this much longer during rush hour ● Single bedroom apartments in the city are much more expensive than group living in houses/town homes so may be unaffordable for people looking to live alone ● Requires a car. Public transportation in the city is not great and a car is necessary to reliably get to College Park ● Most UMD students/events are in the College Park/DC area so attending social events is difficult	2 Bed/2 Bath Townhouse (Shared with another person) Includes: Garage Parking Pad (these are big perks in Baltimore) No Utilities Total Rent ($1825) ***Note this is one of the most expensive areas of Baltimore so cheaper rent can be found in different neighborhoods

DC: U Street, Shaw, Columbia Heights, Petworth, Dupont Circle, Capitol Hill
Zip Code: 20002, 20010, 20009, 20010

If you want to get a place in DC, Craigslist is a good place to start. Both smaller individual owners and large companies usually have their listings on CL.

Shaw, U Street, Columbia Heights, and **Petworth** are all on the green/yellow line (same as campus) if you have to metro. Some people have cars, but it can be expensive and difficult to find parking. It is definitely possible to live without a car in these areas. Zipcar is also available for trips to the grocery store, etc. A lot of places are pet-friendly for cats and smaller dogs, but you may have to ask each specific property owner/manager. Here are some notes about each neighborhood:

- **Shaw:** Lots of new apartment buildings opening up here, and there are also rowhouses and basement apartments for rent. This area is changing rapidly into an area full of shopping and new bars/restaurants. In general, a little less expensive than U Street.

- **U Street:** This is where a lot of bars, clubs, restaurants, etc. are located. This is a fun area for going out and even if you live in CP, it is easy to get there using the metro on the weekends. This will take you 40 mins-an hour to get to campus door-to-door by metro OR car.

- **Columbia Heights:** Can be a bit busier than U Street, mostly at 14th and Irving right where the metro is. There is a Target, Best Buy, and Marshalls here. Better shopping options than some surrounding areas. Lots of restaurants also.

- **Petworth:** A bit farther away from downtown DC and a little less gentrified overall. Housing is less expensive here and there are new restaurants opening up there.

Dupont Circle is close to U Street but farther south. Tends to be more expensive and is on the red line, so you have to switch to get to campus.

Capitol Hill is covered mostly by the Eastern Market (orange/blue line) and Union Station (red line) Metros. These areas tend to be more residential.

Property	Pros/Cons	Price
U Street 16th st NW and V st NW 20009 (Aaron)	Pros: ● Near lots of really good restaurants and bars in U St area, Dupont Circle (15 min walk), Adams Morgan (10 min walk), Columbia Heights (20 min walk) ● Right next to the bus line that takes you to the White House (5 mins), Metro Center (metro hub- 15 mins), Gallery Place/Chinatown (sports events, good food, nightlife- 20 mins), and Silver Spring (30 mins) ● 10 min walk to U St metro station ● Near Meridian Hill Park, dog park, quite pet friendly (we have a dog, so it helps) ● If you are interested in summer internships in DC, a lot are very metro accessible (e.g. under 25 min commute!) Cons: ● Commute is ~45-50 mins every day on public transportation ● Prices (food, drinks, rent) are...not low, especially compared to College Park and Silver Spring, to a lesser extent ● Expensive to own a car in the city if you need to buy a parking pass. Can also be difficult to find a parking space at night- very few buildings have reserved parking ● Takes at least 20-25 mins to reach a highway if you are planning on driving long distances ● Along w/ Dupont Circle area, this is probably the most expensive area in DC. Cheaper options, especially for group houses, in Columbia Heights, Shaw, Petworth areas, which are still on the same metro line as College Park	1 bed/1 bath (shared w/ another person) $1,930 ($960 pp) Rent includes: *Everything except $30/month pet fee, electricity, and TV*
Petworth Georgia Ave NW & New Hampshire Ave NW 20010 (Michelle)	Pros ● Right near the Georgia Ave / Petworth metro, Safeway, YES Organic Market ● 5-10 minute walk from bars and restaurants on 11th Street NW and Upshur Street NW ● 10-15 minute walk from downtown Columbia Heights ● 40-45 minute commute on the metro, 30-35 minute commute if you drive (depending on traffic) ● It's an up and coming neighborhood with a lot of development and new restaurants, stores, and the like coming in ● A diverse neighborhood with families, retirees, and young professionals ● More affordable areas of DC to live with easy access to the more touristy areas (Gallery Place, Smithsonian, etc.) ● Food and drink prices are on par with the rest of DC (though still a bit more expensive than some parts of Maryland) Cons ● Rent does not typically include utilities ● More affordable apartments are English basements, but these can still be nice ● This is a part of DC that is still in the gentrification process, so some parts are not as safe as others (the farther from the metro, the less gentrified) ● Having a car in DC is expensive - you have to change your license plates and registration (and driver's license) almost immediately and get a parking pass. Finding parking can be challenging on weekends especially. ● Private parking spaces are rare and usually cost ~$100/month	Apartment buildings, Townhouse apartments (including English basements), & Condos: $1500 and up Rent includes: *Rent, sometimes water, electricity, or gas (depends on landlord)*

Columbia Heights / Mt Pleasant area 20009/20010 (Becca)	Pros: ● Near the Columbia Heights metro there are lots of restaurants and some bars, a grocery store, and DC USA (a mall with Target, BB&B, Modell's, Marshall's, DSW, Petco...) ● Very close to U St area, Adams Morgan, Shaw ● Green/yellow metro line goes from Columbia Heights to College Park in one direction, down to Gallery Place/Chinatown, Reagan airport, etc. in the other. ● Lots of young people in the area, and lots of local activities (e.g. sports leagues, meet-ups), summer farmer's market, etc. ● Many group houses - I live in a 5-bedroom group house with 4 other people in their 20's and love it. Group house living can also be very affordable if you are ok living with several other people and are good at house hunting; I pay <$750/mth. ● Very close to DC's central business district, if you're interested in working in DC during the summer! ● CoHi is fairly gentrified (pro or con, depending on how you look at it) - for being in a city, I feel pretty safe and am generally comfortable walking home alone at night Cons: ● Rent can be expensive, particularly if you don't want housemates. ● Parking passes can get pricy and off-street parking spaces are relatively rare. ● DC (read: expensive) pricing on food, drink, and goods ● Commute to UMD campus is about 45 minutes via metro	Group houses, English basements, condos, apartments Wide range of prices, but many 2B/1B basements and apartments will be $2000-$2500 [one BR apartments with new amenities can be upwards of $2500 as well] Rent includes: *Water, electric, gas will depend, but internet and cable are not usually included*