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Top 6 Neighborhoods of St Petersburg

Whether you're a visitor or a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida, one thing is clear: it is a city that is full of character; and amenities. It is home to a bustling downtown on the water, a number of event and sport venues, and neighbors with one of the most popular beaches in the country – St. Pete Beach. If you are considering relocating to (or within) Florida to St. Pete, it can be helpful to first learn about some of the communities in the area and what they offer to potential residents.

These are 6 of our favorite neighborhoods in St. Pete, many of which are great options for first time buyers. Considering buying soon but aren't sure where to begin? Don't miss these 5 tips for buying a home.



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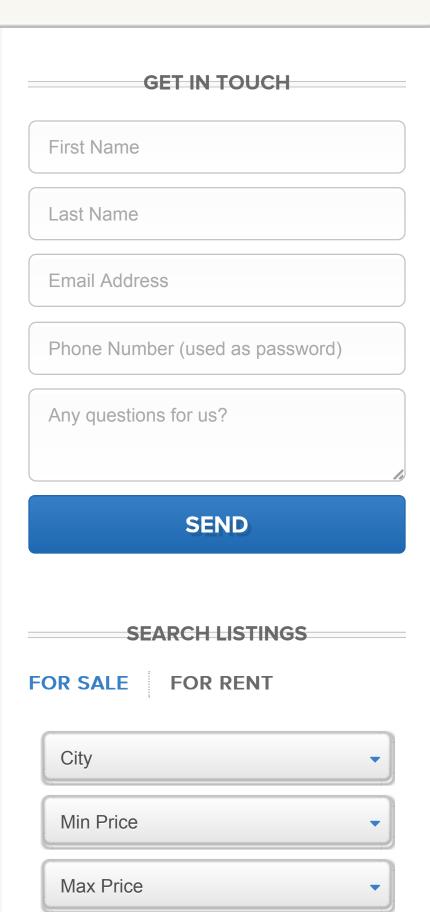
Downtown St. Petersburg

If the city life is for you, you'll find it here. Home to a number of local and national businesses, high rise offices and apartments are the standard here. In addition to hosting the financial heart of Pinellas County, downtown is also home to the Salvador Dali Museum, the Tampa Bay Times, and the Mahaffey Theatre Complex. And as you may expect, this wide range of businesses and entertainment options also means that the options when it comes to food and dining are just as diverse.

Considering going back to school? The University of South Florida (USF) at St. Pete and St. Pete College are both located downtown and offer a number of degree and non-degree programs.

Snell Isle

This nature lovers paradise is nestled at the point of the Coffee Pot Bayou, Smacks Bayou,



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and Tampa Bay. This neighborhood is named after the developed who turned a muddy mangrove island into what would ultimately be the gorgeous residential area that we see today. One of the biggest benefits most often associated with it is that it is the perfect combination of beach and convenience – it is situated about 3 miles north of downtown. According to the Snell Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA), over 80% of the homes in the neighborhood feature water views – what more could you ask for? A bonus? If you're a fan of traditional Florida-style architecture, hop on over to the Vinoy Park Hotel – where you can now pass a night in luxury or an afternoon on their 18 hole golf course.

Old Northeast

If you're in search of those shaded streets and a slightly slower pace, Old Northeast is definitely the place for you. Designated as a US Historic District in 2003, this charming neighborhood is close to shopping, dining, parks, and city landmarks. Like much of the area, the architectural style combines Mediatteranean and bungalow homes; all bordered by lush palms and other native Florida trees.

This close-knit community was featured in the New York Times, where it was recognized as a great place for kids, dogs, and for getting to know your neighbor (all under that gorgeous Florida sunshine).



Photo courtesy of Keller Williams St. Pete Realty Kenwood

Widely recognized the artist community in the region, this cute neighborhood captures the attention of anyone who passes through. It is full of green spaces, 1920's bungalows, and studios where artists work, teach, and sell. But Kenwood hasn't always been the bustling neighborhood we see today – it underwent a serious revitalization in the 1990's and has since become a hotspot for new residents – young and old.

This is a great location for those in search of a neighborhood where they can be social and while also having access to all the most important amenities, but don't need to be as close to downtown. A bonus? The prices do reflect this slightly-further distance.

Bayway Isles

This neighborhood consists of two islands in southwest St. Petersburg. It is a waterfront community and has everything you would expect and more in terms of both views and sports. And as one of the closest neighborhoods to Fort De Soto Park, the recreation options both on the ground and in the water are almost endless. This makes Bayway Isles a great option for families, couples, and retirees alike.

As a community, it has a unique, welcoming feel and is home to students from closeby Eckerd College – creating a sense of energy and fun throughout the islands.

Old Southeast

This up-and-coming neighborhood has been flying under the radar until recently. Home to a number of young families, college students, and a cultural melting pot of nationalities, Old Southeast has an unmistakable charm – irresistible to a growing number of residents. Proximity to both USF St. Pete and also the water means an increasing number of students and professors are calling to choose Old Southeast home.

And unlike Northeast and Downtown itself, the price tag is coming in slightly lower... For now at least.

Are these some of the best neighborhoods in St. Petersburg? Absolutely. But the only way to

find the perfect one for you is to spend some time visiting each and getting to know the community up close and in person. Want to talk more about the St. Petersburg real estate market and what it means for buyers? Contact me directly at aquinn@kw.com.

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