

Local Area Information for Students Attending John F. Kennedy University



John F. Kennedy University (JFK) is located in Pleasant Hill, California.

Pleasant Hill is directly surrounded by the following cities: Walnut Creek, Concord, and Martinez. You can learn more about living in the DVC and IEC@DVC area by viewing each of the cities websites below. Each website can provide you with information regarding climate, demographics, and services.

Pleasant Hill: www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us

Walnut Creek: www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us

Concord: www.ci.concord.ca.us

Martinez: www.cityofmartinez.org

Local Hotel Information

Following are some of the hotels located in the area around JFK. All of the hotels below are either within walking distance to the school, or they are located within walking distance to public transportation. We recommend viewing their websites to check on rates and availability.

Pleasant Hill Hotels

<p>Marriott Residence Inn 700 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: 1-925 -689-1010 Fax: 1-925 -689-1098 http://www.marriott.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 0.41 miles</p>	<p>Best Western 1432 Contra Costa Boulevard Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: 1-925-689-3600 Fax: 1-925-689-8400 http://www.bestwestern.com</p> <p>Distance to DVC: 0.44 miles</p>	<p>Marriott Courtyard 2250 Contra Costa Boulevard Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: 1-925-691-1444 Fax: 1-925-691-0616 http://www.marriott.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 1.14 miles</p>
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Concord Hotels

<p>Hilton Hotel 1970 Diamond Blvd. Concord, CA 94520 Phone: 925-827-2000 Fax: 925-827-2113 http://www.hilton.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 1.64 miles</p>	<p>Holiday Inn Hotel* 1050 Burnett Avenue Concord, CA 94520 Phone: 925-687-5500 Fax: 925-363-5443 http://www.holiday-inn.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 2.10 miles</p>	<p>Crown Plaza Hotel* 45 John Glenn Drive Concord, CA 94520 Phone: 925-521-3786 Fax: 925-689-5326 http://www.ichotelsgroup.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 2.39 miles</p>
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*The Sales Managers at this Holiday Inn Hotel and this Crown Plaza Hotel offer a special discounted JFK rate, to our students and families. You may request the special discounted JFK rate by calling the hotels directly, and saying the following **“I need to make a reservation under the special discounted JFK rate. Please let me speak to the Concord front desk reservation staff.”** If you have any trouble, please ask to speak to the Sales Manager.

Walnut Creek Hotels

<p>Holiday Inn 2730 North Main Street Walnut Creek, CA 94597 Phone: 1-925- 932-3332 Fax: 1-925-256-7672 http://www.holiday-inn.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 2.67 miles</p>	<p>Motel 6 2389 North Main Street Walnut Creek, CA 94596 Phone: 1-925- 935-4010 Fax: 1-925-906-0860 http://www.motel6.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 3.60 miles</p>	<p>Marriott Hotel 2335 North Main Street Walnut Creek, CA 94596 Phone: 1-925-934-2000 Fax: 1-925-934-6474 http://www.marriott.com</p> <p>Distance to JFK: 3.68 miles</p>
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Local Apartment Information

Following are the apartments ***closest*** to JFK. We recommend that you contact the apartments directly for current rates and availability information.

<p>Wood Creek Apartments 210 Twinbridge Circle Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 682-2916</p>	<p>The Gate Apartments 100 Ellinwood Drive Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 676-4085</p>
<p>Sun Valley Apartments 1400 Contra Costa Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 687-5532</p>	<p>Briarwood Apartments 141 Golf Club Rd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 676-3099 Fax: (925) 798-4830</p>

You can view apartment information on the Internet at www.rent.com.

When renting an apartment, be prepared to fill out a background check, which usually requires bank account information, previous addresses and personal and professional references. Please note that California law now prohibits presenting evidence of a Social Security number when renting an apartment. It is normal for a landlord to require first and last months rent, and a security damage deposit. Utilities (water, gas, electricity) may or may not be included in the rental amount. This information will be contained in your lease; this is a legally binding agreement, so make sure to read it carefully before signing.

About leases: Landlords are looking for responsible, financially secure tenants. They usually prefer to have local references. If you have difficulty with this process, please see the DSO at your school. When you find the apartment of your choice, make sure you receive a lease agreement. All rental agreements or leases should be in writing. Read it thoroughly and make sure you understand it completely. If there is any language you do not understand, ask a reliable person to explain it to you. If your landlord does not give you a copy, it is important to request one; your lease and/or rental agreement are the only evidence of your legal tenancy and are designed to protect both parties rights.

At a minimum, a lease or rental agreement should include the following:

- Rental rate and required security damage deposit
- Length of occupancy
- Apartment rules
- Termination requirements

Some questions you may want to ask include:

- What is the amount of rent?
- What is included in the rent (i.e., gas, electric, water, parking, laundry, etc.)?
- How many people may occupy the apartment?
- When and how must rent be paid each month?
- If roommates share the apartment, who is responsible if one should leave?
- Under what conditions is the damage deposit refundable?
- What is the length of occupancy?
- What is the landlord's right of entry?
- What is the sublet policy?
- What is the guest policy?
- What are the rules concerning pets, conduct and use of recreational facilities?
- Whom do you call for emergency repairs?

Finding Housemates and Shared Rentals

If you are interested in sharing a house with other roommates, we recommend you search www.craigslist.org. This is one of the most popular websites in the San Francisco Bay Area, and you will be able to customize your search criteria very specifically.

There is also a housing bulletin board at each campus. Various types of housing are posted. This is open to all students. The student must get the information from the board and make the calls on their own. The Associated Student Body Office at each campus updates this board and should be contacted if the student has questions.

Note: If you are considering renting an apartment or sharing a home, it is important to plan on arriving at least one to two weeks before the beginning of classes. This will give you an opportunity to check out all the different apartment and shared housing options available before signing any contract or lease.

Emergency Services

For any emergency situation, such as a violent crime, accident, heart attack or fire, dial 911. For non-emergency situations, the following police and/or fire departments can help you:

Police and Fire Departments

Pleasant Hill Police Department 330 Civic Dr. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 288-4600	Pleasant Hill Fire Department Phone: (925) 930-5500
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Hospitals in the JFK Area

John Muir Medical Center – Concord Campus 2540 East St. Concord, CA 94520-1906 Phone: (925) 682-8200	John Muir Medical Center 1601 Ygnacio Valley Rd. Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3122 Phone: (925) 939-3000
Kaiser Permanente Walnut Creek Medical Center 1425 South Main Street Walnut Creek, CA 94596 Phone: (925) 295-4000	Contra Costa Regional Medical Center 2500 Alhambra Ave. Martinez, CA 94553 Phone: (925) 370-5000