SIU RESIDENTS FACEBOOK GROUP

The Office of Graduate Medical Education (OGME) facilitates a closed Facebook group for current, former, and incoming residents & fellows.

Incoming residents may find helpful information in this group regarding local services and relocation. It can also be used as a forum to pose questions to current residents and staff. Exiting residents can list items for sale here, such as furniture.

The link to this Facebook group is: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SIUResidents/

OGME encourages all incoming residents to submit a request to join the group. The administrators ask if you are an incoming resident or if you are a partner of an incoming resident. This helps us determine that you are not someone requesting to join who is not affiliated with an SIU resident.

Find us on Facebook!
REALTORS RECOMMENDED BY RESIDENTS:

- Julie Davis GRI CRB ABRM
  Managing Broker
  The Real Estate Group
  Julie@JulieDavisTeam.com
  217-836-3123

- Kimberly Elliott-Birch
  The Real Estate Group
  217-415-0282

- Kyle Killebrew
  The Real Estate Group
  www.killebrewre.com

- Rich Teeter
  The Real Estate Group
  www.richteeter.com

- Melissa Dowson Vorreyer
  ReMax
  www.melissasaslistings.com

- Jami Winchester
  The Real Estate Group
  217-306-1000

OTHER AREA RESOURCES

- THRIVE IN SPRINGFIELD
  Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance
  https://www.thriveinspi.org/

- Springfield Chamber of Commerce,
  http://www.ggcc.org/
  pages/Residential

- City of Springfield site,
  www.springfield.il.us

- Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau site,
  www.visit
  springfieldillinois.com

- Capital City Visitor publication & site,
  capitalcityvisitor.com

- Illinois Times (weekly alternative newspaper),
  illinoistimes.com

- Illinois Office of Tourism,
  www.enjoyillinois.com

APARTMENTS—Downtown (Convenient to the Medical District)

ADAMS PLACE APTS
201 E. Adams St
217-753-1585

MEDICAL DISTRICT APTS.
613 N 6th St.
Jamie Berry
217-416-6784

MONTISSORI WEST
636 Rickard Road
Jamie Berry
217-416-6784

THE VILLAS DOWNTOWN
350 E. Madison
217-720-0936
villasdowntown.com

LINCOLN PLACE
118 S 4th St
* Ask about 411 E Adams
   217-652-1788

LINCOLN SQUARE APTS
521 E. Monroe
217-528-5400
lincolnsquareapts.com

LINCOLN TOWER APTS
520 S. 2nd St
217-525-8500
lincolntowerapts.com

ST. NICHOLAS APTS
400 E. Jefferson St.
217-553-3239

OXTOBY PROPERTIES
226 S. 6th St
217-891-2816

SWEET HOTEL/INN AT 835
835 S. 2nd
217-523-4466

SMART CHOICE PROPERTIES
Many apts near hospitals
217-787-7977
Manager: Lad Buckley
APARTMENTS—10-20 Minutes Away (Convenient to dining, shopping, parks, etc.)

Carey Properties  
carey-properties.com  
217-416-0889

Capitol Rentals  
217-787-7707  
mrgcapitolstorage@yahoo.com
Rosemoore West Apts.  
2235 S. Koke Mill Road
Rosemoore Mountcastle  
531 Mountcastle Rd

Cardinal Ridge Apartments  
217-697-4960

Cobblestone Place  
217-522-1836

Deer Ridge Apartments  
217-697-4564

Downtown Villas  
217-720-0936  
http://www.villasdowntown.com

HILL MEADOW APTS  
217-685-2612  
hillmeadow.com

Joyner Construction  
217-522-1836  
Ash Grove Apts  
Cobble Stone Apts.  
Boysenberry Village  
Smythberry Village  
West Koke Mill Apts.

Lake Pointe Apartments  
217-529-2900

Prairie Vista—Chatham  
217-483-6900

TOWN & COUNTRY APTS  
1300 Outer Park Drive
Jamie Berry  
217-416-6784

DUPLEXES AND HOUSES FOR RENT OR PURCHASE

There are houses to rent, but many more duplexes. A duplex consists of two rental units in the same building, but a renter only rents 1/2 of the building. Most duplexes are side by side, meaning that no one is above you. They range in price from $900 per month to $2200 per month depending on age and finishes.

The duplexes and houses for rent are privately owned. A renter can work directly with the owner or could also enlist the assistance of a real estate agent when searching for a home. Typically there is no charge to work with a real estate agent when searching for rentals.

Springfield is considered one of the most affordable places to purchase a home and homes can be purchased with only 5% down or less. Whether that is an option you should consider depends on a number of factors. Find a real estate agent that you trust and discuss the pros and cons for your particular situation. It costs you nothing and may be worth the time.

If you are not familiar with any Real Estate Agents, check the list on page 2. There are agents recommended by residents/fellows.

BANKS, FINANCES, AND MORTGAGES

**FIRST for Residents:** The AAMC has a website that offers a variety of tools and resources to assist residents with financial choices. [www.aamc.org/services/first/first_for_residents/](http://www.aamc.org/services/first/first_for_residents/)

There are many options for banking in the Springfield area. The following financial institutions have been recommended by residents and/or have contacted the Office of Graduate Medical Education regarding accounts or programs geared specifically to residents and medical students.

- Illinois National Bank (INB)
- Regions Mortgage
- Bank of Springfield (BOS has a branch located across from St. John’s)
- Hickory Point Bank
- Marine Bank
- Security Bank
- Town and Country Bank
Moving to Springfield.

**SPECIALTY GROCERY**

Springfield has a variety of large super markets to choose from, such as County Market, HyVee, Meijer’s, Shop’ n Save, Wal-Mart, etc.

There are also specialty locations that might offer more of a variety:

- **Boccardi’s Italian Imports**: Italian [www.boccardisitalianimports.com](http://www.boccardisitalianimports.com)
  3132 Cockrell Lane
- **Food Fantasies**: local, organic, gluten free, vegan products [www.foodfantasies.com](http://www.foodfantasies.com)
  1512 Wabash Ave
- **Humphrey's Market**: premium meats, fresh produce, Illinois products, [www.humphreysmarket.com](http://www.humphreysmarket.com)
  1821 S 15th St
- **Little World Mart**: Asian
  2936 S. MacArthur Blvd
- **Masala Mart**: Indian Groceries & Spices [www.themasalamart.com](http://www.themasalamart.com)
  1650 Wabash Avenue
- **Mini Devon Groceries**: Indian/Pakistani
  2700 W. Lawrence Ave
- **Old State Capitol Farmers’ Market**: 8a.m.-12:30p.m. Weds & Sat, May through October, fresh produce, baked goods, & other products from local area farms [https://www.downtownspringfield.org/old-capitol-farmers-market/](https://www.downtownspringfield.org/old-capitol-farmers-market/)
  Adams Street between 3rd and 5th Street
  On Saturdays also on 4th between Monroe and Washington
- **Illinois Products Farmers’ Market**: 4-7p.m. Thurs @ Fairgrounds - Summer and Fall
  801 E Sangamon Avenue in the Illinois State Fairgrounds

**TRAVEL TO / FROM SPRINGFIELD:**

- **Driving**: Interstate 55 is the major highway.
- **Flying**: Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (Springfield), Central IL Regional Airport (Bloomington), Midway International Airport (Chicago), Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, & O’Hare International Airport (Chicago)
- **Train/Bus**: Amtrak Train Station
  100 N 3rd St
  Greyhound Bus Station
  2815 N Dirksen Pkwy
  [http://www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SMTD**

Sangamon Mass Transit District
217-522-5531

**CELL PHONE SERVICE & INTERNET**

*Information regarding secure cell phone usage provided at orientation.*

Residents have recommended the following companies for cell service and internet. Many companies will offer a discount for affiliation with SIU, Memorial, and St. John’s. If you request bundling of services, a discount is typically provided.

- **AT & T**: [www.att.com/#fbid=VWwb8fRheXl](http://www.att.com/#fbid=VWwb8fRheXl)
- **DIRECT TV**: [www.directv.com](http://www.directv.com)
- **COMCAST**: 1-800-XFINITY
  1-800-934-6489
  [http://www.xfinity.com](http://www.xfinity.com)

**UTILITIES**

- **CITY WATER LIGHT & POWER**: [HTTPS://WWW.CWLP.COM/IWANTTO/IWANTTO_SIGNUPFOR.ASPX](HTTPS://WWW.CWLP.COM/IWANTTO/IWANTTO_SIGNUPFOR.ASPX)
- **AMEREN ILLINOIS**: [HTTPS://WWW.AMEREN.COM/ILLINOIS/ACCOUNT/START-STOP-MOVE](HTTPS://WWW.AMEREN.COM/ILLINOIS/ACCOUNT/START-STOP-MOVE)

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Website: [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)
This website contains information on obtaining a driver’s license, vehicle license, and State rules on driving.

*Office at 316 N. Klein & Madison close to SIUSOM & Hospitals*
DAY CARE & RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Supporting the Greater Springfield IL Area Since 2004 Don’t let the name fool you...there’s something for everyone on Springfield Moms, and it’s FREE! Springfieldmoms.org is a place to find information about where to plan birthday parties, child care, academics, athletics, classes & lessons, events, neighborhood garage sales, day trips, field trips and summer camp activities!

The following list of day cares is not meant to be all inclusive, but these centers have been recommended by residents and community members. DCFS is the government agency that licenses and monitors day cares in the State of IL. You can find more information at their website https://sunshine.dcfs.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Welcome.aspx

Additional Resources for finding daycare:
- Community Connection Point, 217-525-2805, http://www.4childcare.org

**Cherry Hills Baptist Church**
[www.cherryhillsfamily.org](http://www.cherryhillsfamily.org)
2125 Woodside Road
Springfield, Illinois 62711
Pam Johnson (698-6052)
3-5 years old

**St. John’s Lutheran Church**
Preschool-stjohns.org/
2477 W Washington
Springfield, IL 62702
217-793-3934
2-5 years old

**Memorial Child Care**
[www.facebook.com/MemorialChildCare](http://www.facebook.com/MemorialChildCare)
MUST BE AN EMPLOYEE OF SMH
401 W Miller St, Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 788-3995
Infant-6 years old

**Goddard School**
[goddardschool.com](http://goddardschool.com)
3411 Hedley Rd, Springfield, IL 62711
(217) 210-4545
Infant -12 years old

**Concordia Lutheran Church**
[www.concordiaspfld.org/](http://www.concordiaspfld.org/)
2300 Wilshire Road
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)529-3307
3-5 years old

**The Montessori Schoolhouse**
[www.montessorischoolhousespringfield.com/](http://www.montessorischoolhousespringfield.com/)
717 Rickard Road
Springfield, IL 62704
217.787.5505
3-6 years old

**Building Blocks Preschool & Daycare**
[www.bbdaycare.com](http://www.bbdaycare.com)
West Location
805 S. Chatham Rd.
Springfield, IL 62704
217-698-8877
Infant-5 years old

**Kids Castle Learning Center**
[kidscastlelearningcenter.com](http://kidscastlelearningcenter.com)
3131 Pleasant Run
Springfield, IL 62711
(217) 787-2260
Infant-5 years old

**Pleasant Park Child Development Center**
[www.pleasantpark.com](http://www.pleasantpark.com)
955 Gordon Drive
Chatham IL 62629
217.438.1010
Infant-School age

**St. John’s Lutheran Church and Preschool**
[www.stjohns-lutheran-chatham.org](http://www.stjohns-lutheran-chatham.org)
1225 N. Main St.
Chatham, IL 62629
(217) 483-2612
3-4 years old

**GYMS (not all inclusive)**
- Facilities located at Memorial & St. John’s
- Springfield YMCA (discount offered with Memorial badge), [www.springfieldymca.org/](http://www.springfieldymca.org/)
- FitClub, (discount offered with St. John's badge) [www.fitclub.net/](http://www.fitclub.net/)
- Planet Fitness, [www.planetfitness.com/gyms/springfield-wabash-ave-il](http://www.planetfitness.com/gyms/springfield-wabash-ave-il)