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# Cemetery discovered under Florida housing estate

OVER 1,000 people living in an **apartment complex** in Tampa (坦帕), in the US state of Florida (佛羅里達州), got the shock of their lives when it turned out that they had been unknowingly living on top of a **cemetery** all this time.

A couple of months ago, the management company of the **housing estate** asked a private **archaeology** company, Cardno, to **investigate** their estate. Using radar, which lets people see through the ground, Cardno discovered many long **rectangular** objects 1.2 to 1.8 metres deep in the ground. The team then said that those objects were all coffins.

This shocked the 1,118 people living there. Sixty-seven buildings are directly on top of the graves. The management company said it will help the 96 people living in those buildings to move, and that the empty land will be rebuilt as a **memorial** park.

## G TIPS

A 'cemetery' is a large area where deceased people are buried.

... they had been ... living on top of a **cemetery** all this time.

A 'coffin' holds a deceased person's body.

The old man was respectfully put into his **coffin** after he died.

A 'grave' is where a deceased person is buried.

The coffin was slowly lowered into the **grave**.

A 'funeral' is a ceremony for mourning a person who has died.

The old lady's friends came to the **funeral** to pay their respects.

## G FUN

1. Where is the housing estate?

- A. Miami
- B. Tampa
- C. New Orleans

2. Who were buried in the cemetery?

- A. Land developers
- B. Cardno workers
- C. African-Americans

3. How many people lived on top of graves?

- A. 96
- B. 1,118
- C. 483