

Westchase's New Tower



Granite Briarpark Green has delivered. The 300k SF Class-A office tower developed by **Granite Properties** reaches 12 stories in Westchase. It features a two-story entry lobby called the "corporate living room." (If they really wanna give it the living room feel it will have your parents watching re-runs of *Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C.*) Granite development manager **Aaron Bidne** says the goal was for Briarpark Green to be the **new benchmark** for Class-A office space in Westchase. It will receive **LEED Gold**; sustainable features include energy performance **21% above construction standards**. Granite declined to comment on leasing activity at the project, but did tell us they should have something to announce soon.



Hoar was GC and PGAL handled design. Hoar's **Nathan Kolbaba** says a unique feature of the project is the fitness center—it's **in the garage**, making use of what was a dead space. He says it has a water feature and is a really neat facility. Some challenges in the process: A really **tight site**, meshing **three materials** on the skin (Hoar had **13 swing stages** going at once to get it done), and an incident of **copper piping** being stolen (the sub painted it all **black** and none was stolen again).