

Uplifting downtown

Access to all things Indy



Neighborhood View

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From Ransom Place to Fountain Square, Downtown Indianapolis is alive with new and refurbished housing.

In and around the Mile Square — the area between North, South, East and West streets

— neighborhoods are thriving.

Apartments here offer unique views of Monument Circle and access to cultural treasures along the Central Canal and in the city's cultural districts. Residents enjoy the proximity to work, restaurants and bars, movie theaters, shopping and sporting events.

"With the revitalization of Downtown, residents love being in the heart of the action," said Lisa Zender of the Zender Family Partnership, which has offered apartments Downtown since 1970. "Professionals are close to their offices; students are close to IUPUI and Ivy Tech. Everyone has access to public transportation or they can walk to work."

The hardwood floors and high ceilings of many Downtown apartments impart a unique character that attracts locals as well as long-term foreign



Photo: Joe Smith

One of downtown's main attractions is Circle Centre.

visitors for work or school.

The Zender Family Partnership owns 18 properties within a one-mile radius of Downtown, and tenants sometimes move from one property to another for variety, according to Zender.

Other rental units in the area are owned and managed by Van Rooy, Pinnacle Properties and Stallard & Associates.

Entertain your options

For entertainment, there's no lack of choices. Five of the city's cultural districts are located downtown: the Wholesale District, the Canal & White River State Park, Fountain Square, Indiana Avenue and Mass Ave.

Throughout the summer, festivals in Veteran's Memorial

Plaza, in the Military Park and in White River State Park offer food and wine tastings, music and art. Performances at the Arts Garden at Circle Centre showcase local and visiting talent. Everything from antique Indy race cars to Santa Claus can be found on Monument Circle at some time during the year.

Residents of all ages enjoy the Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens, strolling the pedestrian bridge across the White River and taking a gondola ride up the Central Canal on a warm summer evening. The rich assemblage of museums includes a display of college sports champions, state history and culture, Native American and Western arts, homes of famous Hoosiers and monuments to fallen heroes. ■

Vital stats: Downtown Indianapolis

Transportation: Access to Downtown from I-65 and I-70, bisected by Meridian Street running north-south and Washington Street running east-west.

Rent: From \$329 for a studio apartment or loft to \$2,500 for a three-bedroom, two-bath high-rise apartment.

Pets: Few communities allow pets; some allow cats and small dogs.

Shopping: Major retailers at Circle Centre; groceries and services at Lockerbie Marketplace; and boutiques and art galleries along Massachusetts Avenue.

Amenities: Buildings offer gated, off-street parking, on-site laundry, trash pickup and balconies and decks, porches or patios. Many apartments have hardwood floors, custom lighting, ceiling fans and central air with new appliances, window coverings and cable hookups. Larger apartments often include washer/dryer, dishwasher and fireplace.