

# Southern hospitality

## Short commute to Southern charm



Neighborhood View

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With mature trees and open spaces of former farmland, the Southside offers a country atmosphere with city conveniences.

The area includes Shapiro's Delicatessen eight blocks south of Downtown to

German Park on South Meridian Street near the Marion-Johnson county line.

The short commute into Downtown led to a construction boom after World War II. Upscale developments now mark Johnson County as the second fastest-growing county in the metropolitan area, with a 31 percent population increase between the 1990 and 2000 censuses.

To serve new residents, entrepreneurs have opened more restaurants and retail businesses. Greenwood Park Mall and Southern Plaza Shopping Center anchor a major shopping axis along State Route 31. Developments are cropping up at major intersections, such as Southport Road and Interstate 65, along Main Street in Greenwood and on State Road 135.

Recreational choices include Garfield Park, German Park, and Valle Vista and Smock golf courses. Public libraries, parks, the University of Indianapolis and the Greenwood Community Center

offer additional recreational and cultural activities.

Apartments tend to be less expensive than comparable apartments elsewhere in Indianapolis, with rents running up to \$200 a month less. Shop around for your best deal, including free heat or two months' free rent on a 14-month lease. Student and senior discounts are available at some properties.

Muesing Management Company operates the Martinique Terrace, Sycamores, Beechmill Apartments, the Courts of Valle Vista and the Apartments of St. Andrews, with one-, two- and three-bedroom units, many with carports, private entrances and fitness centers. Some units have wood-burning fireplaces, ceiling fans, walk-in closets and patios. The company enforces a strict no-pets policy, which makes its communities quiet and perfect for people with pet allergies.

Other Southside properties include Latitudes, Country Club, Stonehenge,



The south side of Indianapolis offers a range of recreational and cultural resources.

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Sundance at the Crossings and Winchester Village apartments, many of which have lake views, swimming pools, tennis courts, walk-in closets, laundry facilities, picnic areas, basketball courts and other amenities. Many include corporate conveniences such as high-speed Internet connections and meeting rooms, all within a short drive of downtown Indianapolis. ■

### Vital stats: Southside Indianapolis

**Transportation:** South of South Street into Johnson County, between I-65 on the east and State Road 37 on the west.

**Rent:** From \$369 for a studio apartment to \$1,080 for a three-bedroom, two-bath apartment.

**Pets:** Many communities allow pets, even large dogs.

**Shopping:** In Southport and Greenwood, as well as major intersections along South Meridian Street and State Road 31.

**Amenities:** Swimming pools, tennis and basketball courts, swimming pool and clubhouse, laundry facilities and picnic areas with barbecue grills.