

# Southwestern Indy soars

Amenities, activities drawing more residents



Neighborhood View

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Southwestern Indianapolis is growing in popularity, with apartment complexes, shopping and dining sprouting along major highways. Although the area was once dominated by countryside and commercial development around the

Indianapolis International Airport, new residents are fostering a rapid change from distinctly rural to suburban, family-friendly housing.

## On the road

The area, which includes parts of Marion, Morgan and Johnson counties, is defined by the highways that border it: State Route 40 and I-70 to the north and west and State Route 37 to the east. State Route 67 and Mann Road provide north-south access from Morgan and Johnson counties.

## Know the neighborhood

Neighborhoods and townships include Glens Valley, Camby and Sunshine Gardens.

"Our complex was built here to take advantage of the location close to the airport, and because the area is really prospering with new businesses and retail spaces," said Jenny Terwilliger, property manager at the Bristol. The



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The recently opened Metropolis is just one of the perks of living on the southwest side.

Bristol Apartments offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments with open-air parking and one- and two-bedroom "cottages" with attached garages. All units have gourmet kitchens with washer-dryer connections and screened-in terraces or verandas. The community has a fitness center with tanning beds, lounge with a billiards table, swimming pool and sundeck. The 24-hour business center is convenient for busy executives.

The similarly appointed Canterbury House offers country living in a wooded community with modern conveniences. In addition to one- to four-bedroom apartment homes with private entrances, the community includes

basketball courts, a clubhouse, picnic and barbecue areas, a business center with free Internet access, a fitness center and a playground.

"We attract a mixed group of professional people and families," said Donna Fresch, property manager at Canterbury. "They like the Decatur Township schools and our brand-new, spacious apartments."

Fresch is new to the area herself, as a transplant from the north side of Indianapolis.

"People really like this area," she said. "It's growing and changing, but it still offers countryside living close to city services." ■

## Vital stats: Southwest Indianapolis

**Transportation:** Access to Downtown from I-70 and State Routes 37 (Harding Street), 40 (West Washington Street) and 67 (Kentucky Avenue).

**Rent:** From \$415 for a studio/efficiency apartment to \$945 for a three-bedroom, two-bath apartment.

**Pets:** Most communities are pet-friendly; some allow large dogs.

**Amenities:** Complexes offer washer-dryer connections; patios, balconies or screened-in verandas in most units; laundry facilities; external storage; pools; and covered or garage parking. Many offer fitness centers, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas and clubhouses. Valet dry-cleaning service and 24-hour business centers available.

**Shopping:** Major retailers at the new Metropolis center in Plainfield and Greenwood Park Mall. Strip malls along Routes 37, 40 and 67, Mann Road and in Mooresville in Morgan County.