

Intown Living

A guide to Atlanta's condo, townhouse and loft communities

A major factor for some condo buyers is an appreciation for recreation

By **Clare Morris**
For Intown Living

With "staycations" all the rage lately, living in a condominium building with an array of amenities makes staying at home the best getaway bargain around.

Many of Atlanta's intown condo communities cater to the recreational pursuits of their residents by offering a host of features, including putting greens, pools, tennis courts and state-of-the-art fitness centers.

Having various recreational options was the deciding factor for Julie Lord, who along with her husband, Shane, and son, Koby, moved into **Gallery Residences** six months ago. The Buckhead property has one-, two- and three-bedroom units priced from \$319,700 to \$668,700.

"What sold us was the amenities," Lord said. "We already knew we wanted a modern highrise, and when we found this building we were impressed with how the amenities are very well thought through. They put in a lot of different things that

make it work."

The Lords were so taken with Gallery's fitness center, pool, sun deck, tennis court, dog-walk area, outdoor fireplace, theater room and outdoor living area that they picked a two-bedroom, 2.5-bath unit on the same floor as those amenities.

"The amenities feel like an extension of our home — but I don't have to take care of it," said Lord with a laugh. "My son's friends want to come here and play, because there's so much to do.

"The pool is kind of in the air; you

feel like you're at the beach. There's an entertainment room with computers and a movie theater room that he just loves. The screen takes up the whole wall."

Lord also appreciates the way Gallery addresses residents' interests in art, literature and gardening.

"The lobby is an art gallery, where they change out the works every few months," she said. "We figured, what better way to introduce our son to culture? There's also

Recreation continued on Page 8

Recreation

Continued from Page 3

a very classic, Old-World library, where there's always tea and coffee available and plenty of people to socialize with.

"But one of the best parts of the building is just outside the library, where there's a garden with incredible roses and hydrangeas, herbs and potted trees around the pool. There's even a garden club here that picks out the flowers."

Single buyer Janet Miller Fields has a standing Saturday appointment with a water aerobics class offered at **Paramount at Buckhead**, where she moved last year. After owning three houses, she opted for a condo that came with a more care-free lifestyle.

"I was ready for an environment without all the maintenance associated with a house," Fields said. "I also knew I wanted to be in the Lenox area, with access to MARTA that I can take to work in Midtown or to the airport. But there were so many amenities that also attracted me very much."

Paramount residents can take advantage of several exercise classes in the building, so residents don't have far to go to work out. Along with sessions in water aerobics and Pilates, there's a tennis court and fitness and cardio facilities. The building is also equipped with a library, media room,

wine cellar, conference room and an outdoor kitchen and theater.

"I can do a great deal without having to leave the building," Fields said. "As I get older, I find that very attractive.

"There's also a staff to help me get things done and lots of activities where I can meet

grilling areas and one of the largest rooftop gardens in town.

Paramount floorplate \$279,900

In Midtown eye for a

options range from

Many floors of downtown includes

24-hour area equipped with grilling and gardens

Atlanta **White Provision** residential,

to both Midtown and downtown. Condo

owners there can stroll across a pedestrian

bridge to the Westside Urban Market and an array of neighborhood restaurant and shopping destinations. There's also an outdoor pool and pavilion, fitness center and controlled-access covered parking. Homes are priced from \$189,900 to \$499,900.

Close to downtown, **Tribute Lofts**,

Continued on next page

[editorial]



[The Reynolds Group Inc.] www.thereynoldsgroupinc.com