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**Between Pool and Portillo's, Couple Finds More Value in Renting at
RMK Community in Naperville**

Chris Osterhout, 23, and his fiancé, 24, Nicole Maki, relocated to Naperville in May 2006 when Chris began his new job at an Internet development company in Aurora. After a year of renting at Bristol Station, an apartment community operated by RMK Management Corp., the couple looked into purchasing a home, prior to their upcoming nuptials.

“We wanted to buy, but when we compared the amount of square footage and amenities we could afford to rent at Bristol Station verses purchase, renting was the clear choice. Plus, the community’s maintenance-free, which would not be the case if we had bought,” Osterhout said. “We did decide to move though. Just to a bigger unit within the community.”

Providing the couple with lots of options within the community, Bristol Station consists of two, three-story buildings set on 18 landscaped acres. Of the community’s 348 apartments, 228 have one bedroom and one bath, while 120 units have two bedrooms and two baths.

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In May 2007, the couple selected a 1,091-square-foot Victoria residence. With this move, they gained an extra bedroom and bathroom, as well as a fireplace and computer niche.

“We plan to use the extra bedroom for guests, which we have a lot of since our families and lots of friends live in Michigan,” Osterhout noted.

Homes at Bristol Station feature 9-foot ceilings with crown moldings or vaulted ceilings; large patios and balconies; dining areas; six-line cable/telephone outlets; ample closet space; and luxury baths with oversized tubs. Apartments also include full-size washers and dryers.

Osterhout noted that he first learned of Bristol Station while searching for apartments online from Michigan, where he attended Northern Michigan University.

“I logged onto Rent.com and searched for places around Aurora. I didn’t really know a lot about the area, so I made appointments to tour a bunch of apartments all in one day,” said Osterhout.

The first community that Osterhout and Maki toured was Bristol Station.

“We walked into Bristol Station and we loved it. Loved the staff. Loved the amenities. The clubhouse is awesome,” he added.

Osterhout said that one of the community amenities that he uses the most is the cyber café, an Internet café that features computer stations and wireless Internet access.

“It’s a great spot to go and get coffee or a snack – the staff makes sure there’s always food out – or to just relax,” he said.

In the summertime, Osterhout added that he loves spending time in the community's oversized, heated outdoor pool.

“There are always people there, but it's not over crowded. You can always get a chair. Plus, it's really clean and well taken care of. You don't see any of those spinning leaves floating around,” Osterhout said.

During their tenure at Bristol Station, Osterhout and Maki have attended several RMK-sponsored tenant appreciation parties.

“The first community event I went to was a wine tasting, and since, I've been back for pizza night and Portillo's night. Through these, we've met other couples who live here that we became friends with. Plus, it's nice because it gives us a chance to socialize with Layla, Cheron and some of the other staff members,” he said.

Osterhout also added that the community is very close to downtown Naperville, its Riverwalk area and restaurant scene, including his favorite restaurant in the area, Hugo's Frog Bar.

He noted that neither he nor his guests have trouble parking at Bristol Station, where outdoor parking is free. Residents can also choose to lease the community's 64 detached garage parking spaces with automatic openers.

Steps from the Route 59 Metra station and less than two miles from I-88, Bristol Station Apartments provide easy access to downtown Chicago, the East-West Tollway and O'Hare International Airport. Also, only a quarter-mile west of Route 59, the community is near dozens of restaurants and shops, as well as the Fox Valley Mall.

The leasing office is in the community clubhouse. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday. The phone number for the leasing center is (630) 357-1700.

Chicago-based RMK Corp. manages more than 7,500 apartment homes in the Chicago and Minneapolis areas. The company's portfolio spans a range of apartment types, from high-rise and midrise buildings to two- and three-story walk-up, garden apartments.

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