

Cool Clubhouses Provide Cold Weather Convenience

With amenities like outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts and picnic areas, clubhouse communities offer extensive benefits to residents in the summertime. However, as temperatures drop in the Chicagoland area, many residents are pleasantly surprised to find all the uses and conveniences that community clubhouses offer throughout the cooler months, too.

Kimball Hill Homes

According to Rolling Meadows-based Kimball Hill Homes, the clubhouse amenities at two of its Chicagoland communities continue to be a big draw for buyers who move there, especially for families with kids.

At both Waterford in Elgin and Whispering Meadows in Yorkville, buyers enjoy a clubhouse complete with a party room featuring a kitchenette, fireplace and flat-screen TV; a fitness center; men's and women's locker rooms; and an outdoor pool with a sundeck.

"Clubhouses like ours are particularly great for families with kids in the winter because they offer a safe, cozy spot for play dates with plenty of room to burn energy. Plus, parents sometimes appreciate not having to clean up the house for company; instead they can just meet the neighbors down the street," noted Jack Wexelberg, regional president of Kimball Hill Homes. "And, with a kitchen area right there, it's easy for parents to prepare snacks and treats."

Waterford in Elgin has six single-family floor plans priced from \$232,990 and Whispering Meadows in Yorkville offers six single-family floor plans priced from \$189,990.

Regency Place

Suburban renters can also take advantage of clubhouse amenities such as an on-site, state-of-the-art fitness center at Regency Place in Oakbrook Terrace, or 19 other high-end, suburban apartment communities managed by RMK Management Corp.

"It can be hard to motivate yourself to work out anytime of the year, but it's especially hard in the winter when exercising outside is no longer an option," said Tony Rossi Sr., president of RMK Management Corp. "For residents at Regency Place, our fitness center is just steps away with the latest in exercise equipment and free weights, including elliptical machines and treadmills with individual flat-panel TVs."

Additionally, the 8,600-square-foot clubhouse at Regency Place features a heated indoor pool, spa, sauna and steam room; a media room with a 126-inch screen television with DVD hook-up and stadium-style seating; and cyber café, complete with wireless Internet access.

Residents at Regency Place can choose from one-, two- and three-bedroom residences with one to two baths. Floor plans range from 856 to 1,749 square feet, with rents ranging from \$1,790 to \$3,600 per month. All homes have in-unit laundry, and select plans include dens. One-bedroom apartments include one garage parking space, while two- and three-bedroom apartments include two garage parking spaces. The community also includes 14,200 square feet of retail space.

Ten East Delaware

In the city, buyers will be enticed by the offerings of The Ten Club, an exclusive rooftop-level clubhouse located on the 35th floor of Ten East Delaware, a European-inspired boutique high rise under construction in the Gold Coast.

Cold-weather friendly amenities at The Ten Club include a private dining room perfect for hosting holiday parties and a state-of-the-art fitness center. Buyers also will appreciate having on-site catering services provided by world-renowned Bice Ristorante, which will be located on the building's first floor.

"From the architecture to the upscale amenities, everything at Ten East Delaware hints at the luxuries of European living, and The Ten Club is no exception," said Michael W. Reschke, Chairman and CEO of The Prime Group, Inc., the developer of Ten East Delaware. "The Ten Club will be the 'it' spot to host holiday soirees, especially since residents can plan black-tie dinner parties with the help of Bice's chefs or gather around the double-sided fireplace while unwrapping gifts."

During warmer weather, residents will enjoy The Ten Club's outdoor rooftop swimming pool, sundeck and gardens.

Located on the northeast corner of State and Delaware and designed by renowned architect Lucien Lagrange, the condominium building will include one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plans ranging from 845 to 3,095 square feet. Currently more than 75 percent sold, prices range from \$550,000 to \$2.6 million and climate-controlled, indoor parking is available starting at \$65,000.

For more information on Waterford in Elgin and Whispering Meadows in Yorkville, call (800)-355-5945 or visit www.kimballhillhomes.com; for information on Regency Place, or any of RMK's communities, visit www.rmk.com; for Ten East Delaware, call (312) 397-1010 or visit www.teneastdelaware.com.