



Plenty of options at The Lincoln at Central Park

Safety and the "business-oriented atmosphere" are what attracted Jasmine Gabriel to the Lincoln at Central Park, the booming apartment complex not far from a part of Oklahoma City once known for anything but those qualities.

"If you get home after 6," it's hard to find a parking space, she said with a laugh. "They don't hang out all night."

Four years into it, the Lincoln at Central Park, in the southwest crook of Interstate 44 and Lincoln Boulevard on a hill that thrusts it toward busy I-44 and Broadway Extension, is nearing completion of its second phase and landing on the third spot on the list of city apartment communities by size.

With 708 individual units, the Lincoln will follow only Brookwood Village in southeast Oklahoma City with 1,144 apartments and Isola Bella in the northwest quadrant with 799 units in size.

But it's not size that mattered to six-month resident Gabriel, 25, an auditor for the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority who also owns J. Gabriel Cleaning Co. Nor is it what attracted three-month resident Jonathan Hooks, 27, a special-



ist for State Farm Insurance Co.

Safety and "the amenities," she said. Security and "the luxurious lifestyle," he said.

And "location," they both said, close to work as well as play, a few miles north of Bricktown.

In other words, developer Richard Tanenbaum has taken what was widely considered a dubious location for a residential project — from a now outdated reputation for drugs and crime

in the area north of the state Capitol — and turned it around.

Furnished kitchens including built-in microwaves and breakfast bars, 9-foot ceilings, ceiling fans, oversized windows with window treatments, crown molding, walk-in closets, intrusion alarms and individual patios or balconies are among the draws inside the one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments starting at \$785 per month.

A gym and clubhouse with business

center, game room and other features are among the common amenities.

By the end of the year, Tanenbaum said, builders will have put the central park into the Lincoln at Central Park: a large open mall framed by four-story buildings along each side, with a pool, paths, sand volleyball, outdoor show-ers, covered benches, a fountain, pavilion and clock tower standing near I-44.

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