



URBAN AND URBANE



Belgravia and St. James courts in Old Louisville

Strolling along the central esplanade of **St. James Court**, under the shade canopy provided by pin oaks, poplars, sycamores and maples and surrounded by stone and glazed brick mansions and former apartment houses, you might think you're in Charleston or Savannah. Actually, St. James and its **Old Louisville** pedestrian-court sister, **Belgravia**, were designed in 1890 to mimic the residential parks of London, England, drawing successful artists, writers and political officeholders as buyers and renters. Today, given the dearth of walk-to shopping and at-night personal-safety shakiness, it's lost a bit of its magnetism and market value. Still, Belgravia's walk-ups and St. James' hark-back magic — not to mention the interior details you'll find — are unique to the city. Approximate price range (including condos): \$100,000-\$500,000.

“For many people, feeling the pulse of life in the midst of a city is the most important concept in selecting a home, be it condo or stand-alone.”

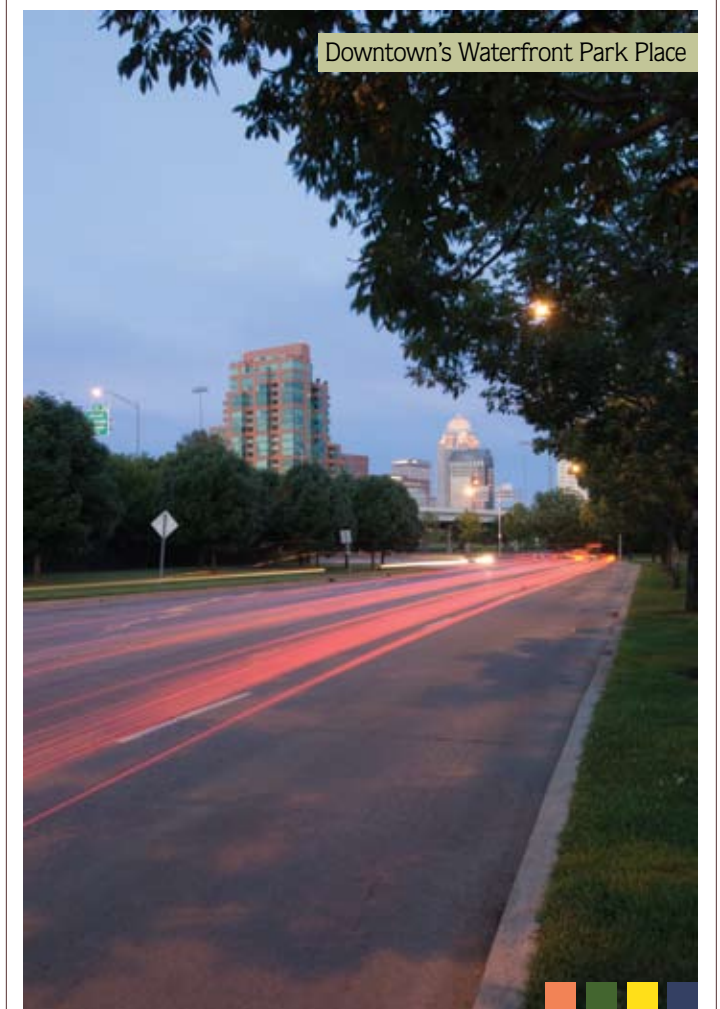


Windsor Place in the Highlands

- Once part of an isolated Butchertown, the 800 block of East Washington Street and the Gallery District are becoming fast friends with the arrival of the bustling Piazza di Felice on Market and the newly opened Legacy Lofts on Main. Those turn-of-the-century brick homes on East Wash are starting to look pretty enticing. Approximate price range: \$90,000-\$240,000.
- With so much glass that view-obscuring materials are near non-existent, downtown's ultra-modern Waterfront Park Place — once in danger of coming to a construction standstill — is cruising along toward full occupancy. Approximate price range: \$485,000-\$1.5 million.
- Granted it's wide and quiet, but two-block Windsor Place in the Highlands empties out on the zaniest street in town on one end and overlooks happening little Tyler Park on the other. In between is a great group of houses, several with shaded sitting porches. Approximate price range: \$380,000-\$500,000.
- Historic and thoroughly modern elements blend at five-story Mercantile Gallery Lofts, on the 300 block of East Market Street. Among the condo complex's amenities: a ground floor devoted to a variety of common areas. Approximate price range (not counting the top-story penthouse): \$225,000-\$400,000.



East Washington Street in Butchertown



Downtown's Waterfront Park Place