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Huge park attracts homeowners in Thornhill

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Centre Park Condos by Liberty Developments in Thornhill has a New York state of mind. The two towers and 61 townhomes are set beside a two-hectare park called Thornhill Green, much like Central Park in the Big Apple.

Thornhill Green is an enormous expanse of grass dotted by mature trees, formal gardens, playground, pergolas and pathways.

"A major aspect of the attraction to this community is the park," says Shawn Richardson, Liberty's sales and marketing manager. "It was opened last summer and since construction of the towers has begun, we have occupancy dates for the first tower and townhomes in December. The second tower occupancy dates are set for February 2010."

The west tower is 16 floors, has 224 units and will be built first. The east tower has 18 floors and 247 units. There are studios and one- and two-bedroom units with and without dens. Sizes range from 445 square feet to 1,262 square feet and prices are from \$179,500 to \$459,500. Condo fees are about 39 cents per square foot and one parking space is included.

"It's been a very successful project from the day it started. We have many first-time buyers. There aren't a lot of inves-

tors for this area. The one-bedroom-plus-den units always do well first and two-bedroom units tend to follow next," says Richardson. "We're about 70 per cent sold so we can also offer some flexibility with down payment plans."

There are also 61 townhomes. They have three bedrooms and one- and two-car garages. Sizes range from 1,793 to 2,390 square feet and from \$400,000 to \$604,000.

"We offered elevators in the townhomes and a few people have bought them. An elevator costs about \$30,000 and we were surprised at the amount of interest," says Richardson.

The towers share an 11,500-square-foot fitness centre, indoor pool and party room facilities with a ground floor outdoor patio.

"The towers are also green roof buildings to which people have responded really well, not just because it's environmentally friendly but because it's entertainment space. Each tower has a 4,500-square-foot area of grass, a garden, barbeque and lounge area. It will be a great place to enjoy good weather," says Richardson.

The building also has environment-friendly amenities and features such as Energy Star-rated appliances, multi-waste recycling, individual metering for the suites and more.

The community location is close to major shopping, public transportation and highways.

"We plan to have two condo model suites and one townhouse model for people to tour by the end of summer," says Richardson.

The sales centre is at 7890 Bathurst St. in Thornhill. Hours are Monday to Thursday noon to 7 p.m., closed Friday, and weekends and holidays noon to 6 p.m. Call 905-731-8302 or visit centreparkcondos.com.