



Homes for the holidays

New downtown developments give many reasons to enjoy the season

There's no place like home for the holidays, and the location and amenities of today's urban high rises help residents enjoy the season's celebrations. From taking a short stroll down the Magnificent Mile to entertaining guests in a private clubroom, local developments like The Clare at Water Tower, Ten East Delaware and 2100 showcase proximity to holiday fun and a myriad of amenities to help host the festivities.

Few images define holiday preparation like shopping, and no street in Chicago can match North Michigan Avenue for the ultimate shopping experience. The Clare at Water Tower, downtown Chicago's first high-rise continuing care retirement community, is located at Rush and Pearson streets, just steps from the Mag Mile.

"For today's active seniors, a downtown location yields easy walking distance to so many fun holiday activities and lets them continue to live independently," said Angela Hanson, director of marketing for The Clare at Water Tower.

"In particular, The Clare's proximity to North Michigan Avenue gives seniors the opportunity to shop along Chicago's most famous street," she added. "Similarly, residents can take their young granddaughters to the American Girl store, which makes a perfect family outing before the holidays."

The 53-story tower offers 258 independent-living residences with entrance fees starting in the \$500,000s. The Clare is slated to open next year.

Like Christmas shopping, dinner parties add to the holidays. But hosts often face pre-entertaining anxiety – that is, unless they live at Ten East Delaware, a 35-story luxury development under construction at State and Delaware streets in the Gold Coast.

Ten East Delaware helps accommodate guests by offering an exclusive clubroom for holiday entertaining. The Ten Club is a rooftop-level amenity deck including a private dining room, wet bar, kitchen facilities and café-style tables. Residents will also benefit from catering services from the neighboring Bice restaurant and Talbott Hotel.

"Many buyers have spent years serving holiday feasts in large single-family homes, and they want to keep these traditions," said Michael Reschke, CEO and chairman of The Prime Group, Inc, developer of Ten East Delaware. "The Ten Club offers commanding views of the city, which is a perfect backdrop to any holiday party."

Designed by Lucien Lagrange, Ten East

Delaware will offer 121 luxury condominiums. Priced from \$550,000 to \$2.6 million, residences include one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plans ranging from 845 to 3,095 square feet.

Beyond shopping and entertaining, another pastime is intrinsically linked to the holiday season – football. And in Chicago, there's no greater venue than Soldier Field, which is just a short walk from 2100, a new community in the South Loop by Rokas International.

Located at 2100 S. Indiana, the development combines 163 condominiums in a new-construction high rise with 42 vintage timber lofts. Condominiums are available in one-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den, two-bedroom, two-bedroom-plus-den and three-bedroom plans with prices starting in the low \$200,000s. Lofts come in studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom layouts and are priced from \$189,900.

According to developer Andrius Augumas, the proximity to Soldier Field makes it easy for residents of 2100 to entertain guests.

"It can be chaotic by the field with such huge crowds, so having a place so close can take the hassle out of meeting up before a game for residents and their guests," said Augumas. "Plus, our residents can easily prepare and transport all the necessities of a great pre-game tailgate."

One of 2100's buyers, Tom Campone, added that proximity to the field was one of the things that most attracted him to the community. "It's only a ten minute walk to Soldier Field, which is great for me since I have Bears season tickets," he said.

For more information on The Clare at Water Tower, call (312) 951-5690 or visit www.theclareatwatertower.com; for Ten East Delaware, call (312) 397-1010 or visit www.teneastdelaware.com; and for 2100, call (312) 277-2100 or visit www.2100condos.com.

