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Affordable townhomes full of desirable features

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Nestled inside the Raleigh Beltline lies a pocket community of 24 fabulous 2-bedroom, 1½-bath townhomes hailed as Raleigh's best kept secret. Its name? Noble Townes. Its secret? All fresh, all new luxury living at an incredible price.

Its location alone is ideal, with fantastic proximity to downtown and the I-440 Beltline. JY Joyner Elementary, recently recognized as a National Magnet School of Excellence, sits directly across the street, as does the spacious and amenity-filled Kiwanis Park. This urban address with suburban surroundings is within walking distance of Five Points and only minutes from North Hills, Costco and the new Trader Joe's grocery store.

So what else makes Noble Townes worthy of its "best kept secret" description? Dubbed "the smaller, better home" by Citygate Real Estate Services, each Noble Townes home boasts 958 heated square feet, 450 square feet of floored attic and private outdoor living space via decks or patios. Built originally in the early '80s, these townhomes are undergoing a complete renovation, inside and out, courtesy of the joint venture between Live Oak Homes and Citygate Real Estate Services, to transform the property into exciting, hip, and very desirable living spaces. Standard features include a vast array of large and small details, making the "wow factor" in these distinctive homes enormous. For starters, consider the following:

Gleaming maple, oak, or Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, standard. Smooth ceilings, standard. Ultra-cool 42-inch European frosted glass/soft close cabinets and stainless steel appliances in each gourmet kitchen, standard. Choice of granite countertops in kitchen and baths, standard. A custom stone fireplace with a handy remote switch for its gas logs, standard. A stunning European glass vessel sink lavatory with a totally impressive sculptural faucet, standard. Decorative mirror vanity cabinets (we're talking mirrors even inside the cabinet), standard.

"These exceptional features are very, very rarely standard in homes," says Craig



Gleaming maple, oak, or Brazilian cherry flooring, smooth ceilings, 42-inch European frosted glass-front kitchen cabinets and stainless steel appliances highlight the newly renovated Nobles Townes inside the Raleigh Beltline.



CHECK IT OUT

Noble Townes invites the public to attend its barbeque tomorrow, March 13, from 3 to 7 p.m. A fully furnished model is available for touring at Noble Townes Thursday through Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointment. To visit the property, from Raleigh's Five Points take Whitaker Mill East to left on Pine Drive. Turn right on Noble Road. Look for the townhomes on the right across from Joyner Elementary and Kiwanis Park. For more information, visit www.nobletownes.com.

Briner, president of Live Oak Homes. "Not only are they typically upgrades, but pricey upgrades. Yet at Noble Townes, the features listed here are but a fraction of our many included features. And the best part? Homes in Noble Townes are priced at \$174,900."

"We're excited to be in this joint venture with Citygate Real Estate Services," Craig continues. "This excellent location combined with head-to-toe renovations have resulted in a remarkable, enviable address. I invite everyone to take a look at what we've done here. We're very proud of these homes."

"These are not ordinary, run of the mill townhomes," adds Lee Norris, Noble Townes developer and principal at Citygate Real Estate Services. "These homes offer tremendous value at an outstanding price. Add the \$8,000 tax credit for qualified buyers and the significance of ownership is astounding. As Craig said, instead of just hearing about what we've accomplished here, you really should see what we've done. I think you'll be as impressed as we are excited about Noble Townes."