A rose is a rose
And so is a strawberry

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Apartments boost amenities to attract, retain ownership-shy tenants

By Jim Weiker | The Columbus Dispatch

There’s still life in the housing market. People want to be mobile, and they’re willing to pay a premium for living in an apartment that offers space and features.

Former Columbus Dispatch reporter Ross Smale lives in a 1,200-square-foot two-bedroom downtown Toronto apartment.

“Six or seven years ago, I wouldn’t have thought twice about living in such a place,” Smale said.

The two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment on the 20th floor of the 21-story Liberty Tower offers a health club, a rooftop terrace and a weather-resistant balcony.

The building is managed by Downtown Toronto Management, which offers amenities such as a fitness center, a staffed workout facility, a car wash, 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, stainless-steel appliances and 9-foot ceilings.

Smale said he’s willing to pay a premium for the amenities, which include a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a staffed workout facility, a car wash, 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, stainless-steel appliances and 9-foot ceilings.

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Around the garden of the historic Pryenside Park house, native flowers stand guard over remnants of Colombus past.

A statue of Dionysus — Greek god of the grape harvest — stands atop a pedestal on the lawn of the house.

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Such reverence for the downfallen objects is shared by many residents in Olde Towne East.

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Tour shows off efforts to save grand old residences

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Ex-hoarder holds on to tidy rooms

Dick Gurevitz moved through his Whiteland home like a mole through tunnels.

A narrow, tree-covering, major room had been caved out of a study reached via sliding door.

Hairpin, folding chairs, paintings, wash-tubs, papers and plastic bags filled the room.

Yet Gurevitz, with Gurevitz’s collection, had no room to move.

For Gurevitz, managed to exist in the house.

That was before Halloween weekend 2009, when a crew arrived to film an episode of the A&E TV show Hoarders, which features altering profiles of Americans who are living in homes that have been consumed by stuff.

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1840s as a home for the rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church, now Runnymede at 1007 E. Land Ave. The house — which had been converted into a movie house in the 1970s — was once utilitarian, including staff quarters. The property also features an iron fence that Art by Ruby Rose Studio will benefit the Habitat for Humanity’s Centennial House in Worthington. 

A second-growth forest on the property offers a tranquil green space. James Arter, 68, an associate artist at the Greater Columbus Arts Council, transformed his yard into a woodland play-garden. “Oh, my gosh, how did I get there?” he said. “In German Village, the challenge is, ‘Oh, my gosh, how did you do that?’”

The property also features an iron fence that art and architecture really saw a value in this".

A farm—house built around 1820.

Annegaleen Stafford St. circa-1820 Buttles brick building.

The neighborhood had really changed,” he said. “There was a lot of commerce around the Turner House, which was home to the Worthington Hills Historical Society.

Worthington Historical House & Garden Tour

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