LOFTY LIVING IN DOWNTOWNS

Loft apartments above businesses in high demand

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You don’t have to live in the Cornerstone building to enjoy downtown loft living in Fenton. In fact, there are 23 residential apartments in the commercial area of downtown Fenton — the exact same number of units as in the Cornerstone development.

Matt Giddings’ Dibbleville apartment, which comes with a deck overlooking West Elizabeth Street, is great for gatherings and relaxing with friends.

It’s much bigger, but the set-up is weird because the space is narrow and deep. It’s been hard to furnish, but it’s fun.

Matt Giddings
Downtown Fenton apartment renter

LOFT on 2B
Matt Giddings’ apartment looks a little like the set from “Mad Men,” with carefully chosen and collected items from the 1960s adding to the warm look.

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Whether you live in Cornerstone or one of the apartments located above retail or commercial space downtown, you’re likely in one of two generations — either a Millennial or a Baby Boomer.

The same is true in the village of Holly, where there are plenty of downtown apartments, but a long waiting list to get into them.

“The Millennials are actually driving the trend toward downtown living,” said Andy Potter, executive director of the Holly Downtown Development Authority (DDA). “They want to bike, walk and live in the middle of all the action.”

Matt Giddings, 31, is a member of the Millennial generation, defined as a young person between the ages of 18 and 34.

He occupies the back two-thirds loft space above Fenton’s Open Book. “It’s about 900 square feet, but the set-up is weird because the space is narrow and deep,” said Giddings. “It’s been hard to furnish, but fun.”

His back door faces Elizabeth Street, where he enjoys watching people and grilling on the porch. “I lived in Ann Arbor, Flint and Chicago for awhile,” said Giddings, an outside salesman for Anticlastic Windows in Burton.

“It’s been a whole lot better than I expected. I love living downtown.”

For most downtown apartment dwellers in Fenton, parking can be an issue. “I don’t have a dedicated parking space,” he said. “It can be interesting sometimes. I’ll park in the public lot by the police, along the side of the building, wherever I can find a spot. If I have groceries, I’ll stop in the re-load zone, walk my groceries upstairs then re-park.”

According to Mike Reilly, city building and zoning inspector, downtown rental properties usually range from 600 to 1,200 square feet and cost between $500 and $1,000 per month. “The high demand for downtown apartments is one of the things driving us toward a walkable, pedestrian-friendly downtown.”

Gidding’s neighbor, Linda Malvich, occupies the smaller front apartment facing Shiawassee Avenue. As a GM retiree, Malvich is on the other end of the age group of people desiring downtown living.

Six years ago, she did an “extreme downsizing” from a 4,500-square-foot home with a swimming pool on 10 acres, to her 600-square-foot loft apartment in downtown Fenton.

She moved to downtown Fenton from Holly to be closer to her aging parents.

“Holly to be closer to her aging parents. “I just stop the mail, lock the door and leave,” she said.

“Another bonus, cleaning is a 20-minute job.”

On the downside, she misses gardening and yard work, and parking is sometimes a problem. “On weekends, I park at Vek’s across the street,” said Malvich.

“During the week, I have to drive around and look for a spot like everyone else. It can tick you off, especially when you have a load of groceries.”

In downtown Holly, the demand for downtown housing is so great that prices have gone up 40 percent.

“Seven apartments are now being renovated, and were priced at $350 to $400 a month,” said Potter. “Now the renovated ones will be $800 to $1,100 a month.”
Astronaut Scott Kelly returned from space early March after spending nearly a year in space. He came back a changed man — literally. Because of zero gravity in space, human bodies change and adjust to the foreign atmosphere, so Kelly came back a taller and skinnier man. Researchers will spend years studying him and his twin brother to record the long-term effects of staying in space.

Source: USA Today

VISION

Astronauts often lose visual acuity after spending an extended period of time in space, although scientists are unsure why. Researchers will focus on Kelly’s eyes in an attempt to figure out why.

BONES & MUSCLES

In space, astronauts don’t feel the pull of gravity so they don’t have to use their legs as much. In the early years of space exploration, astronauts would lose muscle and bone mass, coming back to earth with significant muscle loss.

Now, astronauts are required to use a special treadmill, or other resistance devices, in space that they strap themselves into, in order to use their muscles as they would on earth. Calcium is released when bones break down, which can lead to kidney stone formation and bone fractures.

HEART

Because of the lack of gravity, the cardiovascular system doesn’t have to do as much work. The heart can change shape while in space because it operates differently. Astronauts often feel faint when returning to earth.

SPINE

Kelly came back two inches taller than his twin brother. His spinal discs expanded because there was no gravity compressing his body.

Astronauts may have issue with balancing and simple tasks like standing up or walking. Upon their return to earth, astronauts go through a reconditioning program for about one to three weeks on average.
HHS marching band to perform at Detroit Tigers game

The Holly High School Broncho Marching Band is the winner of the March the Park national anthem contest. The band will receive a $5,000 grant for its school’s marching band program, the opportunity to perform the national anthem at Comerica Park for the April 9 Detroit Tigers game, and 130 tickets to the game.

Public voting on Comerica Bank’s Facebook page determined the contest winner. More than 70,000 votes were cast during the nearly two-week public voting period.

Peter LoFiego, the Holly High School principal was thrilled to learn that their band was recognized as one of the top area bands.

“From an event, I must give a huge shout out to our school community for the support they provided,” he said, “I am not certain there are 20,000 people in Holly, it was clear the campaign to select our band took many more people than the band, our student body and staff.”

LoFiego said this is all about the members of the band and the incredible hard work they put in to make their program one of the finest in the area. “I am so proud of their accomplishments and clearly our community feels the same way.”

“I would also like to thank Comerica Bank for their generous donation to our band program. That money will be used to upgrade band equipment for the program.”

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

TO THE PERSON complaining about feeding the ducks bread, get a life. You probably voted for Hillary in the primary. It sounds like you have nothing else to do but complain.

HOLLY MAIN STREET bike lane cuts traffic lanes in half year-round for a few bikes. Stupid.

AFTER READING THE front page article on Sunday's Times, as a taxpayer, eliminate all busing. And for those who can’t afford to drop their kids off at school, call up one of those Your Rides and schedule a pick up and drop off. Save the taxpayers a lot of money and a lot less traffic congestion and plugged up roads twice a day.

I KNOW WHERE they can get the money to put in a dog park in Fenton on the land donated for free.

TO THE WOMAN in the silver pickup truck Friday evening after 7 p.m., driving from Dunham’s parking lot into VG’s parking lot: that stop sign is there for a reason.

HEREWE GO again, watching Charter, Tuesday, March 22. I was watching a little morning news. The sound and the lips of the newscaster are not matching up. I switched to Channel 4 news again and still the same crap going on. Come on, Charter.

OBAMA HAS BEEN negligent and incompetent in dealing with Islamic terrorism. He has reduced our military border patrol and deportations. Our nation is at risk.

CHANNEL 5 REPORTER this morning: 5,000 Syrian refugees are coming to Michigan, but only a few should belong to ISIS, Boy, that makes me happy.

HOW IS IT the city of Linden can threaten to write you a ticket if you don’t clean up the accumulating stuff in your yard or in front of your garage without the majority of it being trash, but they won’t go down there and write a ticket for the businesses that use the dumpster behind the restaurant? Their dumpsters are disgusting and smell gross. Something needs to be done. Clean it up, Linden.

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Times
Meet Easter Bunny

• Delivers chocolate and gifts to children
• Loves hip-hop music
• Likes to hide Easter eggs

By Vera Hogan
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With Easter being this Sunday, the Times thought this would be the perfect time to interview the Easter bunny, a favorite furry character among children.

Where did you come from?
It was so long ago I actually don’t remember, but I think I first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. Although I am clearly a mammal, these Germans transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called “Osterhase” or “Oschter Haws.” I played along. Their children made nests in which I “allegedly” could lay my colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and my Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. The latter, of course, was my idea.

Why did they think you laid eggs and what does that symbolize?
Rabbits obviously don’t lay eggs, but since we are how shall I say “prolific procreators,” we are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life.

What is your favorite kind of music?
Well, hip hop, of course. I can hoppity hoppity hop hop hop down anyone’s trail.

Do you have any famous rabbits you look up to?
Bugs Bunny is a very cool rabbit and made kids happy back in the day. He was in a scary cartoon though, at least in my opinion. That little dude with the goofy hat, Elmer Fudd, was always saying, “kill da wabbit, kill da wabbit.” Makes me shudder just thinking about it.

Do you find it offensive when kids eat chocolate replicas of you?
Oh please! Don’t bite my head off! Just kidding. It’s OK, really. I wish they wouldn’t make those replicas hollow though. That makes me feel so cheap.

What do you think about Peeps?
All I am going to say about that is I hope you have a good dentist and even better dental insurance coverage.

Santa Claus has a workshop at the North Pole. Do you have a workshop?
Since I deal in perishables, I don’t really need a workshop. I have satellite stations all over the country where I pick up the goodies for children’s baskets though.

As far as the eggs, I rely on moms and dads to get those boiled, colored and decorated by the day before Easter so I can just sneak in, fetch them from the frig and drop them in the baskets.

Like I said, I deal in perishables. If I hauled hard-boiled eggs around the world, they would surely spoil and I, quite frankly, don’t need that kind of egg on my face.

Santa Clause likes it when kids leave out cookies on Christmas Eve. Is there something you like to snack on early Easter morning?
I do enjoy a nice crunchy carrot. I especially like the miniature carrots because they’re easy to carry and snack on quickly. Now that’s my kind of candy!

Why a bunny? Why isn’t there an Easter kitten or an Easter puppy?
Now you brought up one of my biggest pet peeves. Because they don’t hop on their two hind legs, that’s why. It sure was a hare-brained idea to come up with TV commercials that show cats and dogs dressed like me, with the tall ears and everything. Puhleeaaase!

Tell us something we don’t know about you.
I shouldn’t say this, but female rabbits can conceive a second litter of offspring while still pregnant with the first. That’s what the saying “breed like bunnies” comes from. And, because there are so many of us, I have many assistants. I, of course, am the boss of all of them. It is handy though to have my well-trained helpers make deliveries, handle picture-taking gigs, etc.

Is there anything else you would like to say to the children in our reader area?
Yes, while Easter is great fun with all the egg hunts, pictures with the Easter bunny, and receiving the Easter basket filled with colorful eggs, chocolate and other goodies, like Christmas, don’t forget the real reason for the season.

Happy Easter!
**Happy Easter**

All of us at Sallie Gardens, in Fenton. Inside climate control.

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF TYRONE TOWNSHIP
LIVINGTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
LAST DATE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE
MAY 3, 2016 SPECIAL ELECTION

ALL ELECTORS ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Special Election will be held in all voting precincts of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Electors who wish to vote in the Special Election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2016. To register, visit any Secretary of State Branch Office, the County Clerk’s Office, or the Tyrone Township Clerk’s Office. The Tyrone Township Clerk will be available for the purpose of receiving registrations at the following times and location:

Tyrone Township Hall
10408 Center Road
Fenton, Michigan

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following ballot proposal will be presented at the Special Election:

LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy building and site sinking fund millage previously approved by the electors. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 1.097 mills ($1.097 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the township be increased to 1.3107 mills ($1.3107 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately $761,353 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2016 tax levy)?

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Marcella Husted,
Tyrone Township Clerk

A Look back at the
TOP 10 SONGS
from A – Z

1. Dancing Queen
2. Take A Chance On Me
3. Waterloo
4. The Winner Takes It All
5. The Name Of The Game
6. Fernando
7. Knowing Me, Knowing You
8. SOS
9. I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do
10. Does Your Mother Know

Charter Township of Fenton
Public Notice of Adopted Ordinance

At their meeting of March 21, 2016 the Fenton Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 786, an amendment to the Land Division Ordinance to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant variances from the lot depth-to-width ratio requirements of the ordinance.

A complete copy of the adopted ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 1260 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinance is also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016 AT 7:00 PM BY THE FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE FENTON TOWNSHIP CIVIC-COMMUNITY CENTER, 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
R16-001 Kevin Keils, 16438 Vintage Dr. Fenton:
Amendment to Fenton Township Ordinance #736. To eliminate item #16 “All work authorized by the PUD shall be completed within 2 years of the date of the Township Board’s final approval of this amendment.” from the PUD for the Gables of North Shore.

YOUR OPINION MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE PLANNING COMMISSION ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS MATTER.

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ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE OF FENTON
CHARTER BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
MARCH 21, 2016

The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday March 21, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions:

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as amended.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $238,857.95.
5. Adopted Ordinance No. 786, an amendment to the Land Division Ordinance to authorize the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant variances from the lot depth-to-width ratio requirements of the ordinance.
6. Approved the 2016 Dust Control Agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission.
7. Approved an amended agreement with the Genesee County Road Commission for the Old Linden Road storm sewer outlet project.
8. Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF FENTON CEMETERY

Anyone wishing to salvage flowers, wreaths, etc., that they have personally placed on graves in Oakwood Cemetery should do so by Friday, April 1, 2016. After that date, they will be removed and disposed of by the contractor.

Oakwood Cemetery Board
City of Fenton

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PLAN 30-112

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DEAR DR. ROACH:
How can I find the most successful, experienced kidney doctor? Would I be better off with a doctor who has his or her own practice, or one who works in a hospital? My kidney function is at 32 percent, down from 44 percent four years ago due to hypertension. — J.A.

ANSWER:
I often have tried to point out when a teaching hospital or special expertise is critical to having the best chance for a good outcome. For chronic kidney disease, the expertise of the kidney specialist is seldom at issue, because virtually all kidney doctors are very experienced and are expert at taking care of this condition. The main goal will be to slow down the decline of kidney function, but many people in your situation eventually will need dialysis. In my opinion, what you want to look for is carefully is the dialysis facility, which vary greatly in quality. I found a watchdog group with an interesting look at dialysis centers at http://projects.propublica.org/dialysis/. This uses Medicare data to evaluate hospitalization, infection and even mortality. It’s not a perfect tool, but it gives you some information on which to base your decision. Find a doctor affiliated with the best dialysis facility around.