

NEIGHBORHOOD *Irvine's Jamboree Corridor*



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Urban myths aren't just about alligators in sewers; Orange County has its share. Contrary to popular belief, OC is more than the epitome of suburban living. The Jamboree Corridor, which sits on the border of Irvine and Newport Beach, features the ultimate in urban living. Opened in 2005, the Corridor runs along Jamboree Blvd. between Michelson and Campus, and combines the benefits of high-end city life with a resort lifestyle. Ideally located within reach of UCI, Fashion Island, South Coast Plaza, major freeways, industry, and more, the communities of the Jamboree Corridor (comprised of The Plaza-Irvine, 3000 The Plaza, Avenue One, Watermarke, Marquee Park Place and the brand new Central Park West) are a combination of mid-rise and high rise buildings with luxury units ranging from cozy one-bedrooms to magnificent penthouses. Area specialists Kerry and Maurice Soussé of The Soussé Group discuss this urban paradise.

Q | What distinguishes the Jamboree Corridor from other OC enclaves?

Well, you can stroll to restaurants and shops, and some of the homes have a theater. Plus the amenities: from clubhouses to concierge service, from a library and reading room to basketball and tennis courts to state-of-the-art fitness centers and Junior Olympic-sized swimming pools. Central Park West will also feature a retail plaza and business complex.

Q | Central Park West is your newest community?

Yes. It opened May 11 and we're very excited

about it. It's built by Lennar Homes on 42 acres, and has around 1,380 residences, ranging from town homes, lofts, and flats to high-rise condos. It has a retail center like The Plaza-Irvine, 3000 The Plaza and Marquee Park Place, and it will also feature a business complex. With retail and office spaces, Central Park West will be the largest mixed-use, pedestrian focused, urban master-plan village in Orange County.

Q | Sounds like there are a wide variety of living options.

Yes, the diversity of residents is one of the delights of the Jamboree Corridor. You'd be amazed at how many coastal residents who are ready to downsize have sold their beach-front homes to move to one of the high rises. The mid-rise complexes attract everything from young couples and professionals to first-time buyers to investors. The high rises, especially the penthouses, some of which are over 4,000 square feet, offer the ultimate in luxury living and have a number of athletes and entertainment industry people living there.

Q | Is there a lot of availability?

It's a great time to buy or sell in this community as it adjusts to the realities of today's market. Prices have settled down from their peak in 2005-2007 and mid-rise units especially are selling quickly. Buyers are taking advantage of low interest rates as well as fair prices and sellers are seeing quick results. It's the perfect time to "get in on the ground floor"!