



Sisters enjoy lake views at Marine Towers West

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Rita and Charlotte Wehner moved to Marine Towers West in Lakewood about seven years ago. They knew of the Gold Coast apartments because friends of theirs lived there.

"The exterior of the building had a warmth about it that we liked," Rita said. The well-lit grounds are landscaped with flowers, hanging baskets, plantings, and mature trees. Although Marine Towers West was the first place they looked, Charlotte and Rita liked what they saw and stopped looking.

They chose a two-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath apartment with a sunroom that overlooks the lake. "The rooms are quite large," said Charlotte, "and all of our furniture fit." They spend much of their time in the sunroom, which has comfortable chairs, a table where they have meals, and windows all around. This is where they relax, read, watch TV, and observe what is happening on the lake.

"We like to see the ore boats pass by, the sailboat races, and the fishermen," Charlotte said. "We see beautiful sunsets in the evening. On windy days the whitecaps are terrific." They also enjoy the view from the building's rooftop, where residents congregate to watch firework displays on the Fourth of July.

The luxury high rise has laundry facilities on each floor. There's an exercise room with treadmills, exercise bicycles, and weights, as well as a party room and a guest suite. Behind the building is a swimming pool with lounge chairs, tables, and umbrellas where residents can relax. There's grills and picnic tables nearby.

Although Charlotte and Rita have an indoor parking space, parking is also available in a surface lot for residents and guests.

"The building has excellent staff," Charlotte said. "They are friendly and very personal. Any problems are addressed quickly and professionally by the maintenance and office staff."



“The apartment complex attracts all ages, including young people, young professionals, and seniors. We’ve made some very good friends here,” she added.

Rita and Charlotte Wehner

Both sisters retired in the 1980s after long careers with their respective employers. Charlotte started working at Ohio Bell Telephone Co. in East Liverpool in 1943. She moved to Cleveland and was promoted into management, retiring from Ohio Bell in 1983.

Rita worked in sales for American Airlines for 37 years and retired in 1984. The sisters often traveled together, taking advantage of the flying perks through Rita’s job.

Rita and Charlotte are active at St. Luke Catholic Church in Lakewood and the Christ Child Society, where they volunteer at the resale store. They also have interests in Lakewood Catholic Academy.

They are avid Browns and Indians fans and particularly like Justin Masterson. They also enjoy walking in Lakewood Park and sitting on the benches as they watch what happens on Lake Erie.

Managed by Burton Carol Management, Marine Towers West is located at 12540 Edgewater Drive and offers 171 one- and two-bedroom suites on 17 floors.

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