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**Museum Park remains Chicago's most successful lakefront development with over 500 closings in 2008**

CHICAGO – Museum Park at Central Station announces another record year with over 500 residences closed in the past 8 months, proving that developments with the right mix of location, price, architecture and amenities are still attracting prospects and buyers to their door.

“Museum Park’s development began back in the late 1990s, and since then, our philosophy has never changed,” explains Ron Shipka, Sr., a principal of The Enterprise Companies. “Our number one goal as a developer has always been to deliver the highest-quality product to our buyers, offering them unsurpassed location, views, floorplans and building amenities, while at the same time making Chicago a more beautiful place to live.”

Museum Park at Central Station has not only received numerous prestigious design awards and neighborhood recognition, it has consistently reported record sales and closings every year, making it Chicago’s most successful lakefront development for nearly a decade. “We know the product and buildings are successful from the sheer numbers and volume alone,” said Ralph Oliva, Coldwell Banker’s sales manager for Museum Park. “But what really sets us apart is the overwhelming number of referrals and repeat buyers we have in the development.”

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The 500 residences closed in 2008 represent over \$315,000,000 in sales volume for the year. From 2003 to 2008, over 2,500 Museum Park homes have closed and an additional 500 homes are scheduled to close in 2009 and early 2010; these numbers far surpass any other development's closing figures throughout Chicago.

"With construction well underway around the development, closings at Museum Park are expected to continue with the completion of three extraordinary new buildings, namely 1600 Museum Park, One Museum Park West and Museum Park Place II," said Gerald Fogelson, president of Fogelson Companies.

"Soaring 400 feet above Soldier Field and Burnham Harbor, 1600 Museum Park fuses world-class architectural styling with innovative expressions of form, proportion and scale," explains Jeff Renterghem, a senior associate of Pappageorge/Haymes Architects. 1600 Museum Park will feature floor-to-ceiling glass windows in bold color, a crisp tapering armature and an innovative roof-top articulation. Homeowners will enjoy a superior vantage point along the lakefront with sweeping views of the skyline, Grant Park, Lake Michigan and Museum Campus, and can take advantage of all the finest building amenities and services including a rooftop sundeck and swimming pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor spa rooms, penthouse Club Room, stately lobby, 24-hour doormen, secured indoor parking, and an on-site concierge – exclusive to the building.

Located on the most significant residential site in the city, One Museum Park West will be a crown jewel on Chicago's world famous skyline. "This uniquely shaped building of reflective green glass evokes an international style yet remains deeply rooted in Chicago's signature modernist tradition," said Renterghem. The thoughtful design of One Museum Park West will ensure that every vista from every home is a spectacular one – from unobstructed views of Grant Park and Lake Michigan to the architectural beauty of the Museum Campus. Luxurious building amenities include an indoor swimming pool, state-of-the-art fitness center which includes separate men's and women's spa rooms, Owner's Club, business center, 24/7 doorman, secured indoor parking, and an on-site concierge – exclusive to the building.

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At Museum Park Place II, floor-to-ceiling windows, red linear expressions and exposed steel elements combine to create a building whose composition boldly stands out along Chicago's lakefront. "Museum Park Place blends energetic architectural forms with post-modern materials to create a design which elevates Chicago's world-class architectural reputation," explains Renterghem. Residents here will enjoy harbor, park and skyline views in addition to building amenities that include a rooftop pool and sundeck, a fully-equipped fitness center, Club Room with views of Burnham Harbor, indoor parking, and 24-hour doorman service – all for a value that no other lakefront building can offer.

"Living at Museum Park means living in the most beautiful part of Chicago within walking distance of the world-class institutions of the Museum Campus or the festivals and activities of Grant Park." Fogelson said.

Residents enjoy the proximity to a 20-mile bike path along Chicago's famed lakefront, with tennis courts, softball fields, and Monroe and Burnham Harbors a short stroll away. A plethora of top-rated, eclectic restaurants, retail and entertainment venues are now a part of the surrounding neighborhood as well.

Museum Park is in the heart of all transportation. Major Chicago expressways in close proximity include the Dan Ryan, Kennedy, Stevenson, Eisenhower and Lake Shore Drive. The development also provides easy access to CTA train and bus lines.

"From floorplans and views to building amenities and location, there simply is no other development that can offer buyers what Museum Park can," explains Shipka. "These attributes have made Museum Park successful over the past decade and will continue to make it even more successful in the years ahead."

The Museum Park sales center is located just south of Roosevelt Road at 1259 South Indiana Ave. Exit Lake Shore Drive at Roosevelt Road, go west to Indiana Avenue and turn left (south). The sales center is open daily from noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For more information, call 312.362.0200 or visit [www.museumpark.com](http://www.museumpark.com).

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