

In the swim at Fox Valley Villages

YOUR HOME | Resident's son can hit the pool(s) every day; two-level apartment offers privacy

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What: Fox Valley Villages Apartments & Lofts, Aurora
Rents: one- and two-bedroom units (with loft per plan) rent from \$749-\$1,275
Amenities: Two outdoor pools; clubhouse with fitness center, Cyber Cafe and business center
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Swimming pools, a play area and lots of open grass space for her son were high priorities for renting an apartment for Julia Bellamy.

Bellamy and her son Jalen rent an apartment at Fox Valley Villages Apartments, a 23-acre rental complex in west suburban Aurora featuring 420 apartments in 43 buildings.

Bellamy moved into Fox Valley Villages Apartments when she was seven months pregnant with her son, who is now 7. They live in a two-bedroom, two-bathroom duplex apartment. Bellamy says she really likes the layout, especially having a bedroom, a bathroom and a loft upstairs where they have a couch and a computer and another bedroom and full bath on the first floor.

"Having the two bedrooms on different levels is great for privacy," said the 43-year-old tele-communications engineer at Alcatel-Lucent in Naperville. "Plus, because it's two levels, it lives like a townhome."

All apartments at the development feature an in-unit washer and dryer, which Bellamy said is a "must-have" feature. "I don't have to go out to the laundromat and that's nice."

As expected, the rental complex is filled with amenities,

including two outdoor swimming pools. The recently renovated clubhouse now features a state-of-the-art fitness center, a Cyber Cafe with complimentary gourmet tea and coffee, a business center and a large living room with a television.

"We love having the swimming pools and my son swims every day in the summer," Bellamy said. "There also is a large grassy open area where he likes to play Frisbee and run around."

Fox Valley Villages also is undergoing a renovation of its apartments. So far, 70 percent of the units have been updated with new kitchens with cherry maple cabinets, granite countertops, appliances and wood parquet flooring. The apartments also have new lighting fixtures, six-panel doors and updated bathrooms.

Rents for one-bedroom



Julia Bellamy, shown in the recently renovated club house at Fox Valley Villages Apartments in Aurora, has called the complex home since she was pregnant with her son Jalen, who now is 7. RICHARD A. CHAPMAN-SUN-TIMES

apartments (with loft per plan) rent from \$749 to \$949. Two-bedroom units (with loft per plan) rent from \$899 to \$1,275. Some of the other apartment highlights include: patio, ceiling fan, window coverings, carpeting, air-conditioning and cable TV hook-ups.

As for the location, Bellamy said, "It's perfect for me." She likes the location because it's close to work, walking distance to the school, and close to shopping and restaurants. The community is within Naperville School District #204, which Bellamy considers a very

good district, adding that she "likes the diversity within the school."

Bellamy also noted that the apartment complex's maintenance staff is friendly, helpful, professional and that they know her and her son very well since they've lived there for

seven years. The staff calls her when she has a package, the maintenance staff is responsive, the property is well-maintained. "The staff also has events all the time for residents — pizza parties, Super Bowl parties, wine-and-cheese get-togethers etc.," she said.