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Rolling landscape, mature trees and four lakes fill the grounds at Versailles on the Lakes in Oakbrook Terrace.

#### APARTMENT HUNT

## Not Versailles, but it still has regal trappings

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It's no Palace of Versailles, but a studio apartment at Versailles on the Lakes, a 688-unit complex in west suburban Oakbrook Terrace, has royal treatments.

And it makes the very most of its 540 square feet.

The 13 buildings in this community were built in 1975 in a Colonial-style with red-brick exteriors and white pillars at entryways. The grounds feature gardens and weeping willow trees on the banks of four lakes. There also is a white bridge and a gazebo.

The community's newest improvement is a two-story clubhouse that has a media room with seating for 20, a business center and cyber cafe, both with free Internet access; and a large demonstration kitchen where cooking classes are offered twice a month to residents. A furnished patio, complete with grills, overlooks one of the community's two swimming pools.

The studio we toured is convertible thanks to a two-paneled Shoji screen. The screen is attached to the ceiling and can be pulled out to separate the bedroom from the living area or retracted for a wide-open space.

The screen is a few feet from the front door, which opens into a hallway with beige carpet and a closet.

A few steps down the hallway is the approximately 16-by-14-foot living/sleeping area.

A highlight of this room is a walk-to-wall sliding glass door that provides a gorgeous view of a lake, a weeping willow and a swimming pool. In addition, it opens to a large patio.

A small dining room that could hold a table and four chairs is next to the glass door in a corner. It is marked by a brass hanging light.

The dining room is sepa-

#### Vital stats

**Address:** 17W720 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace

**Size:** Studio

**Rent:** \$900

**Security deposit:** \$400

**Utilities:** Resident pays heat, electricity and water.

**Parking:** Unreserved outdoor space included;

\$60 a month for a space in an underground heat-

ed garage.

**Pets:** Cats only, \$250 non-refundable fee plus

\$20 a month.

rated from the kitchen on the other side by a pass-through. The approximately 8-by-6-square-foot kitchen has a white dishwasher, oven and refrigerator that are a bit smaller to fit in this space. It also has laminate wood flooring in a birch shade, oak cabinets and white counters. An open doorway leads to the living/sleeping area.

The sleeping area can accommodate a queen-size bed.

Behind the screens, a doorway leads into the bathroom. It has a white vanity with a beige faux marble counter, a white tub/shower and a toilet. A door on one side of the bathroom connects to a large walk-in closet.

A laundry room is on the first floor of the building.

A Metra station is about 10 minutes away in Villa Park. Shopping at Oakbrook Centre is similarly near.

Rents are \$795 for efficiencies, \$900 to \$915 for studios; \$1,015 to \$1,060 for one bedrooms; \$1,260 to \$1,285 for two bedrooms, one bath; \$1,415 to \$1,460 for two bedrooms, two baths; and \$1,660 to \$1,685 for three bedrooms, two baths.

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