

Fort Benjamin Harrison Profile & Economic Impact

Overview of the Area

Fort Benjamin Harrison is located in Lawrence, Indiana approximately twelve miles or twenty minutes from downtown Indianapolis. It contains 2,501 acres, of which approximately 1,069 acres is covered by woodlands.

Lawrence Village at the Fort is a mixed-use urban environment at Fort Benjamin Harrison promoting community and multi-modal transportation methods. The Village is less than five minutes from I-465 and State Road 67 in either direction. Over 28,000 cars drive past the Village on 56th Street daily.

Lawrence, Indiana is the 16th largest city in the State of Indiana with a population of 43,000. Lawrence is within Marion County and is located in the more heavily wooded part of northeast Indianapolis near Geist Reservoir.

Education

Ivy Tech Community College

- #1 Accredited Community College in the State
- Spring 2009 student headcount: 5,304
- Sixty-one classrooms & labs
- Five student lounges
- Approximately 254,000 square feet
- 42% of the students live within ten miles of the Lawrence Campus

St. Mary's Child Center

- Not-for-profit education center formed in 1961
- Assists at-risk children through day-care and preschool programs
- Full-time staff and volunteers

Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township

- Serving 16,000 students
- 7th largest district in Indiana
- MSDLT consists of two high schools, three middle schools, eleven elementary schools, four early learning centers, and one career center

Cathedral High School

- Accredited, private high school serving 1,287 students
- 95 faculty members
- Student-teacher ratio of 13:1
- Located within two miles of the Fort

Housing at the Fort

Within a five mile radius of Ft. Harrison

- 541 neighborhoods totaling over 67,617 homes
- Average age: 36
- Average income per household: \$50,007
- Average number of people per square mile: 300
- Average number of people per household: 2.6

Rental Housing

Benjamin Court Apartments – Senior living apartments for those 55 and over. This complex of over 400 units is currently 100% leased with a waiting list.

Harrison Place Apartments – One-, two- and three-bedroom units make up these market rent units. Of the 307 units, 94% are currently leased.

Neighborhoods

Boston Commons – New housing addition built for single- and double-adult homes without children with prices ranging between \$200,000 and \$275,000

Lawton Loop Condos – Former Ft. Harrison barracks have been renovated into condos with an average price of \$350,000

Standish Estates – Neighborhood along 56th Street with approximately 30 single-family homes starting at \$175,000. Homes used to be officer's homes for Ft. Benjamin Harrison Army Base. They are listed in the Indiana Historic Registry.

Benjamin Commons – Neighborhood with approximately 236 single-family homes starting at \$139,000

Greentree at Ft. Harrison Assisted Living - Consists of 58 apartments. As of February, 2009 only six units are available for lease. Features 24-hour staff and emergency response.

Fort Amenities

Benjamin Harrison YMCA - A 12,000 member YMCA offering membership to all and dedicated to the well being of all our citizens taking into account their income levels.

Programs: Health and fitness, aquatics, camping, family, childcare, world, community development, arts, sports, teens

Facilities: Pool, gym, fitness center, free weight room, aerobics/dance studio, youth gym, teen/youth center, chapel, general purpose room, drop-in babysitting room, computer room

Capital Campaign in progress to build a \$3 million outdoor aquatics center

Commissary and Post Exchange at Historic Fort Harrison - The FHRA, in partnership with the Department of Defense, United States Army, Defense Commissary Agency, and the Army Air Force Exchange Service constructed a new state of the art, PX/Commissary in 2007. The PX/Commissary provides essential services to military personnel, retirees and their families across Indiana and furthers Indiana's position to support the war effort in Iraq and beyond. Over 35,000 families from across the State of Indiana travel to this PX/Commissary on an annual basis to shop at this store.

Ft. Harrison State Park & Golf Course

- Bicycle trail
- Cultural arts programs
- Fishing
- Hiking trails / paved multi-use trail
- Pete Dye-designed golf course with 18 holes and driving range
- Fort Harrison Golf Resort & Conference Center
- Harrison House Suites and three Officer's homes
- The Garrison Dining, Meeting & Conference Facilities
- Nature center
- Naturalist services
- Picnicking
- Picnic shelters
- Shelter reservations
- Saddle barn with horse trail rides and hayrides

Lawrence Soccer Complex – The complex features 21 soccer fields within Lawrence Park and the surrounding the Finance Center. From early spring to late fall, thousands of soccer players and their families descend on the Lawrence Soccer Complex nightly and on weekends. FC Pride calls the Complex home with a roster of over 400 kids, 62% of who live outside of the Lawrence area.

The economic impact of having a travel soccer team in Lawrence is huge. The 2000 Midwest Regional soccer tournament and 2001 US Youth National Championships were held in Lawrence and each tournament generated \$35 million for the city and the surrounding geographic area. FC Pride's 2006 Pride Cup soccer tournament brought in over 200 teams from 10 states. The total number of attendees was estimated to be 12,500 people per day or over 36,000 spectators for the weekend, generating over \$1 million dollars for local Lawrence businesses during the two day event.

Lawrence Skate Park - By spring 2009, the Lawrence Community Park will offer the neighborhood a state of the art Skate Park equipped with ramps, lighting and extra parking. The Lawrence Skate Park is the only skate park on the east side of the Greater Indianapolis area.

Lawrence Junior Football League (LJFL) - LJFL offers a full-contact football program for 1st through 6th graders and provides the children an opportunity to play competitive tackle football in a safe, structured and enjoyable environment.

Fall Creek Little League (FCLL) - FCLL has been providing the 'Little League' experience for over 50 years offering baseball and softball to youth ages 9-12 years. Each year, teams from across Central Indiana travel to FCLL to play in tournaments from spring to late fall.

Lawrence Lions Club League (LLC) – LLC league is a non-profit organization. Lawrence Lions has a program that holds a *huge*, two week All Star/Travel Team tournament at the end of July each year. Teams from all over Indiana participate.

Events

Lawrence 4th of July Festival - Each year the City of Lawrence celebrates the 4th of July with a week long celebration at the Lawrence Community Park. The celebration includes carnival rides, food, live bands and a parade.

Indianapolis Marathon and Mini-Marathon - The first of its kind in the State, the Indianapolis Marathon and Mini-Marathon is an annual event that starts in the heart of historic Fort Benjamin Harrison. Over 5,000 people from 42 states visit Lawrence each year for this two-day event.

Current Businesses at the Fort

Banks

Charter One
Fifth Third
Financial Center
Flagstar
National City Bank
STAR Financial Bank

Restaurants

Arby's
Culvers
IHOP
Panera Bread
Peppers
Quiznos,
Subway
Taylor's Pub III
The Garrison

Lodging

The Garrison
The Kendall Inn & Conference
Center

Shopping

CVS
District Four Fine Jewelers
Garrison Gift Shop

Businesses

316 Investments
American Family Insurance
American Legion
Arete Consulting
Beck Financial Consulting
Blalock & Brown
BP
Burns Development
Cathy's Concepts
Circle City Pest Control
Community Hospital Medical
Building
Craig Kelley & Faultless
Dr. Jeffrie Leibovitz
Enos Spa
First Republic Mortgage
Corporation
Foamcraft
Ft. Harrison Family Medicine
Ft. Harrison Veterinarians
Giraffe X
Greater Lawrence Chamber of
Commerce
Greentree Real Estate
Harris & Ford
Harrison Park Properties
Held Dietrich
Indesign
Indianapolis Endoscopy Center

Integrated Resources
Lawrence Township School
Foundation
Management 2000
McKean Law Firm
Midwest Model Makers
Minuteman Holdings LLC
Osborne Law Firm
Perception Strategies
Perpetual Technologies
Ringler and Associates
S.E. Drey & Company, Inc.
Sandlot Indy
Schneider Corporation
Social Security
Administration
State Farm Insurance
Systems Builders
The Studio
Trane
Triad Engineering
United States Adult Soccer
Association (USASA)
USI Engineers
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Vision Ventures
VLB & Associates

These organizations bring hundreds of people to the Fort every day:

Department of Finance & Accounting (DFAS) - The Department of Finance & Accounting is the United States military's financial headquarters. The Finance Center was constructed from August 1951 to October 1953. The building is 966 feet long and 612 feet wide and cost approximately \$19 million to build. In February 1954 it was estimated that 6,000 civilian and military employees worked at the Finance Center. Today, over 5,000 employees work in various agencies within this 1 million square foot building.

Indiana Army Reserve - The Indiana Army Reserve employs 85 full time military and civilian employees and 300 part time employees on the weekends. The majority of employees come from the greater Indianapolis area with 20% commuting to Lawrence. Of the 20% commuting employees, 95% come from within the State of Indiana. As needed, the Indiana Army Reserve deploys soldiers for active duty and stations them at Fort Benjamin Harrison on orders for up to a year prior to sending them elsewhere. At other times, soldiers are stationed here for up to 120 days for training.

Indiana National Guard - The Indiana National Guard will break ground in April 2009 for a new Lawrence Armory which will be a headquarters for four units of the 76th Infantry Brigade that served in Iraq. The facility will house 61 full time soldiers and 397 part time traditional soldiers also called citizen soldiers. The Armory will cost up to \$25 million and will be 110,000 square feet. It will be located on the north side of 59th Street just within the boundary of Ft. Benjamin Harrison and directly to the east of the new PX & Commissary.

About 60% of the Armory soldiers will come from Indianapolis and nearby donut counties with 40% coming from across the state. Weekend drills will bring additional "strength" to Lawrence. All soldiers will be higher in rank since this is the headquarters for their units.

The Indiana National Guard is the State of Indiana's militia, authorized by the Governor in a time of crisis. The Guard supports the local government's public safety personnel, not leads them. It will be a huge benefit to Lawrence to have this Armory here in the event of necessary mobilization. Further, this Armory brings significant economic benefit as a result of increased expenditures of food, fuel, and other supplies.

Monarch Beverage - Within a mile from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Monarch Beverages has come to Lawrence, building a 547,000 square foot facility on 93 acres along Pendleton Pike. Monarch Beverages has made the commitment to bring 600 high paying, full benefit jobs to Lawrence, all within a nearby two-five minute drive to the Fort.