

Where to find:

A Little of Everything

Rocketts Landing

Gabe Corbett considers himself an urban pioneer. The 37-year-old single Realtor moved into Rocketts Landing along the city's downtown riverfront in July 2007.

"It was pretty quiet here except for the construction noise," he remembers.

Corbett bought into the project at the end of 2004 when he attended an open house. "I made the decision to buy a condo that night even though it wasn't going to be built for another year and a half," he says. "Part of my job is to stay on top of new developments, and I had never seen an urbanism concept like this before."

Corbett liked the idea of living in an area where he could walk to restaurants and shops.



Gabe Corbett (center) loves the social atmosphere at Rocketts Landing.



He also wanted to be close to the river. "The fact that I could pay less than \$200,000 and be close to the water blew my mind," he says.

When the project is completed in 2015, Rocketts Landing will include 1,500 residences with a private marina, shops, res-

taurants, retailers, a pool and pool house, a fitness center, and a clubhouse. The 45-acre community is currently in phase one of development, with four buildings complete. It's also scheduled to include a hotel, offices and a riverfront promenade.

A cyclist, Corbett is looking forward to the completion of the Virginia Capital Trail, which will cover more than 50 miles between Richmond, Williamsburg and Jamestown. The Rocketts Landing phase of the pedestrian and bicycle track is scheduled for completion in 2010.

Being close to restaurants and music venues is another plus for Corbett. "I like to go to Brown's Island for Friday Cheers and attend the First Fridays art events," he says. "Everything is so close."

Condo living also fits Corbett's own lifestyle. "I like the fact that it's zero maintenance," he says. "You don't have to cut the grass or paint. Everything is taken care of. All I have to do is dust, vacuum and organize. That's the extent of my housework."

Since moving into his new home, Corbett has become quite the social butterfly, organizing a book club, a professional networking group and neighborhood get-togethers. "For our first social, everyone brought a covered dish to Riverfront Terrace on my building," he says. "It was great fun to meet the neighbors. This is a very social atmosphere. It's the people aspect of the neighborhood that brings people to Rocketts Landing."