

real estate

30-YEAR FIXED

5.32%

National mortgage rates

15-YEAR FIXED

4.77%

0.7 points

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Last week: 5.42% Month: 5.29% Year: 6.35%

Last week: 4.87% Month: 4.79% Year: 5.92%

NEW IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

LAURA ORTIZ

PROJECT: Amber Square Townhomes offers two new construction brick and metal buildings that include 14 tri-level units that range from 1,087 to 1,134 square feet and rent for \$1,295 to \$1,395 monthly.

PLACE: Clawson

BUILDER: Amber Properties Company, Jerome S. Amber, Professional Engineer.



AMBER SQUARE TOWNHOMES

OTHER PROJECTS: Amber Properties Co. develops and manages 19 properties within a 2-mile radius that includes the cities of Royal Oak, Clawson, Berkley and Troy.

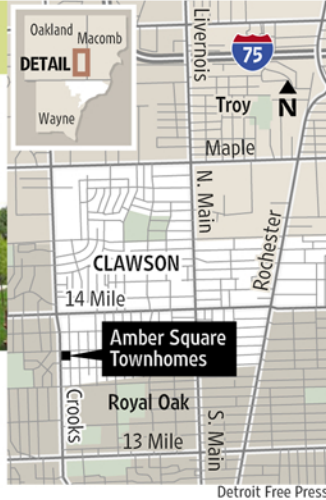
APPEAL: Amber Square Townhomes is a nice addition to the community full of old apartment complexes. Its contemporary exterior includes galvanized steel panels and brick exteriors. Interiors have an industrial look that includes high ceilings, exposed trusses and ductwork, steel stairways, pine plank flooring and built-in shelving in bedrooms. Lots of cubbies and nooks for storage. Layouts are designed with roommates in mind. Each bedroom has its own master bath.

BASE PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT: \$1.19 per month.

INCLUDED: Each of the units has two bedrooms, a den, hardwood flooring,



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fireplace, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal, washer/dryer, one-car garage, off-street paved parking, patio and vertical/horizontal blinds.

INSULATION: Regulation sound-proofing in shared walls, central air conditioning, individual furnace.

SCHOOLS: Clawson Public Schools; MEAP scores are 4.3% above state average.

COMMENTS: Amber Properties offers a wide array of homes that include studio, one, two and three bedrooms. A comprehensive Web site allows shoppers to narrow their search based on wants and needs.

FOR INFORMATION: Open every Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Rental office is at 380 N. Crooks (about four blocks from Amber Square Townhomes). Call 248-280-1700 for appointment or go to www.amberapt.com.