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Faqs of life

We answer the tough questions about the brutal rental market

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Q: Where are the new buildings with the swimming pools and bocce ball courts?

There's no lack of buildings that pile on the amenities: 101 Bedford, for example, is centrally located in Williamsburg, and offers a pool, gym, wine vault, screening room and more (studios start at \$2,500). In the same nabe is Williamsburg Social, which has 7,500 square feet of amenity space (studios start at \$2,650 per month, and the building is offering one month's rent). Long Island City also has several big draws: All along the water are humongous rental towers, the newest of which, 4545 Center Blvd., has 50,000 square feet of amenities (studios start at \$2,295). And there are more coming this summer including LINC LIC, which will feature parking, a roof deck with barbecue grill and a grocery store, with apartments at a slightly lower price point (studios start at \$2,060), and the newly opened 199-unit Gantry Park Landing features condo-level finishes (studios start at \$2,100, with no broker's fee and one month free).

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