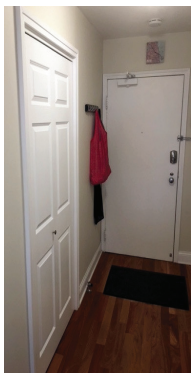


Recently Rehabbed

Purpose and Personality in an 11-Tier Unit

by Bob Shamo

A unit renovation often reflects the life and work experiences of its owner. Having both designed homes and built them, Tom had plenty of ideas for remodeling his two-bedroom, 11-tier unit.



As have many other owners, Tom replaced the floor-to-ceiling bi-fold closet and pantry doors with standard height, six-panel doors -- then went a step further and wrapped their steel frames with wood molding to achieve a uniform, residential look.

Other than in the bathrooms, floors throughout are Brazilian hardwood -- solid, not engineered. The variegated colors glow rich and warm in both natural and artificial light.



In the living room, film has been applied to the lower windows and the top 16" of the upper ones. This treatment, together with mesh solar shades, reduces damaging UV rays, heat transfer, and glare. Globe fixtures (upper left) affixed to the vertical window mullions provide uniform lighting at night.

Tom's grandchildren live close-by and visit often. A giant, "sactional" couch (www.lovesac.com) and nearby television give them their own space to hang out after a swim in our pool.



Around the corner in the master bedroom, Tom explained that he sacrificed about two feet of living room space by "bumping" into it the wall at the head of the bed. This allowed for a king size bed, night stands, overhead soffit lights and, across the room, an additional 10 linear feet of closet.



The kitchen is galley style, with stacked washer and ventless dryer at one end. Interesting features include ..

- Soft, indirect ceiling lighting from atop the wall cabinets
- DuPont Corian countertops with mat finish, Allspice color
- Instead of a backsplash, a long magnetic strip for utensils
- A hinged partition in the pantry allowing for easy retrieval of cans and packages (not pictured)

Tom calls the second bedroom a study. Indeed, it reflects the diversity of his current interests: legal work, property management, writing, and day trading. Not an inch goes to waste. Journals and reference materials sit on simple shelves. Computers? Of course, as well as several monitors with very large screens and a home security system.



As a quixotic but charming tribute, Tom remodeled one of his two bathrooms in a style reminiscent of the Edgewater Beach Hotel that until 1970 stood where PTCA stands

today. As a resource, he used photos and displays at the nearby Edgewater Historical Society. The EBH look-alike is in a black and white motif, with similarly-patterned wallpaper, wainscoting, sink, stool, linen cabinet, subway tile, clothes line, grab bars, instructions and hotel information, an authentic ashtray from eBay -- and the towels pictured here with embroidered hotel logo.

Every feature of this rehab suggests purpose and attention to detail. We appreciate the opportunity to share it with other Park Tower Owners. **TT**

Questions emailed to bobshamo@rcn.com will be forwarded to the Owner.

Committee Focus

Cable & Internet ad hoc Committee



The ad hoc committee has met with five vendors in order to determine what cable and internet possibilities are available now as well as in the future. The vendors who presented include AT&T, Comcast, RCN, Silver IP, and USA Wireless. From these initial visits, the committee then created a survey to distribute to all residents. Once the results are tabulated, and the committee has an overall picture of what Park Tower residents want, a request for qualification will be sent out to vendors. The committee will then review the proposals from vendors and give its recommendation to the Board for its consideration. The current bulk cable and internet contract with RCN expires on March 31, 2019. **TT**

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