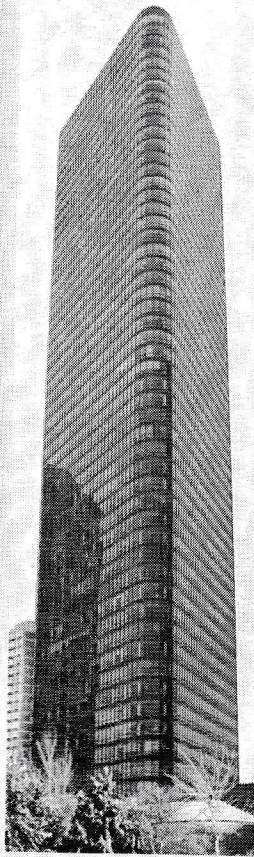




TOWER TALK @ PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM

August-October 2007

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

It was a blast thanks to the Party Committee, the volunteers who make it happen. There was fun for all: good food, socializing, and fire works. The committee went all out to make the 4th of July a festive celebration for residents and friends.

The spectacular fire works were provided by the Saddle and Cycle Club located at 900 W. Foster. Established in 1895, the Saddle and Cycle Club provides private club activities to individuals and families along the north shore and throughout Chicago. This year's fireworks were fabulous. (continued on page 6)



Party Committee (left to right): Dave Gallo, Danielle, Scott Schmidtke, Harriett Dominique, Bea Stieber, Ruth Posternack, Olivia, and Chastity; Additional Crew working before and during the party (not shown): Amy Diaz, Lorraine Meyers, Georgie Nowak, Warren Posternack & Marian Shaw.

Edgewater - Protecting Our Heritage

"This beautifully detailed and proportioned curtain wall stands out among Edgewater's lakeside cliff of largely dreary high-rises." (Park Tower Condominium, from AIA Guide to Chicago, which was constructed in 1973 by Solomon Cordwell and Buenz). A public hullabaloo arose in that same year over money-minded destruction of much of Chicago history in a city where architects themselves came to learn from our Prairie School designs. Under pressure from community organizations, the City of Chicago formed the Commission on Landmarks to survey neighborhoods and to convey landmark designations for certain homes, public buildings, and commercial buildings, so as to preserve both the owner's investment and the community's social and architectural history. Certain structures in Edgewater are also on the National Register of Historic Places/National Trust for Historic Preservation. Edge-

water, bounded by Foster, Devon, the East Side of Ravenswood, and Lake Michigan, was founded in 1886 by John Lewis Cochran who envisioned a country-like setting along Lake Michigan. Andersonville, as part of Edgewater, is named for John Anderson who built his farm here but was settled by Swedish immigrants in the 1890s.

A structure or site must have architectural historic significance and/or be built before 1940 to be designated a Chicago landmark. Alterations must be compatible with the original architectural design. The somewhat higher National Register criteria also include significant resident and archaeological importance - e.g., a cemetery. The owner himself must agree that the property be so designated; tax and estate benefits are available. However, neither the Landmarks Commission of Chicago nor the National Trust has con-

trol over one's use and care of the property. Landmark designation inventories our heritage but we and our descendants must preserve it.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Board Meetings at 7:00 p.m.
in the Party Room

August 13, 2007
September 10, 2007
October 8, 2007
November 12, 2007

Budget Meeting
(Time to be posted)

October 29, 2007
November 5, 2007

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Edgewater - Protecting Our Heritage (continued)

Sheridan Road

5510 N. Sheridan: The stately Renaissance, an Italianate multiple dwelling, was constructed by Quinn and Christiansen in 1925, and is Edgewater's oldest condominium building. Actor Charleton Heston was once an elevator operator there. (National Register landmark status)

5555 N. Sheridan: The Edgewater Beach Apartments is a luxury co-op designed by Ben Marshall in 1929 in the same pink stucco style as Marshall chose for the Edgewater Beach Hotel where Park Tower Condo. now stands. (National Landmark)

5940 N. Sheridan: The Colvin House was constructed in 1909. The Chicago landmark plaque on the front identifies Edwin Colvin (not Harry Stevenson) as the original resident. The architect is George Maher who used a "Palladian" design or embellishment, as distinguished from the architecture which is "pale yellow brick with laid-back dormer windows".

6363 N. Sheridan: The 15-story Mundelein College was built in 1930 by Fisher & McCarthy, architects and was the first college "skyscraper". At each end of the Art Deco building entrance are two angels representing Uriel (light of God) and Jophiel (beauty of God). (National landmark)

6453 N. Sheridan: Just on the border between Edgewater and Rogers Park is the Madonna Della Strada chapel on the edge of the Loyola University campus (Chicago landmark). The architect, Andrew N. Rebori, in 1938-39 gave it a curving Art Modern form with folds filled with glass blocks. It's in a reconstruction area presently but can be seen through the wire fence.



Bryn Mawr-Kenmore

Bryn Mawr is now a national historic district.

1021-29 W. Bryn Mawr: The Manor House, a Tudor Revival apartment building, was built in the 1920s (National Landmark). The architect, John E. O. Pridmore, was also architect for Church of the Atonement at 5749 N. Kenmore and the Beaconsfield apartments at 1055-65 W. Hollywood (1919). The redstone Gothic-style church has been recommended for landmark status. British-born Pridmore was also an author, lecturer, pianist, and composer.

1062 W. Bryn Mawr: The Belle Shore apartment hotel is an S.R.O. constructed in 1929 by Koenigsberg and Weisfeld. It has stores on the ground floor and light green terra cotta facade with an Egyptian frieze above the storefronts. (National and Chicago landmarks)

5550 N. Kenmore: Just around the corner is the Bryn Mawr Apartments, a similar residential hotel. It is an art deco construction built in 1928 by Levy & Klein. (Chicago landmark status)

5714 Ridge Avenue: Traveling west diagonally from Bryn Mawr is Firehouse Engine Company 59, Truck 47. 5714 N. Ridge is one of three fire houses by architect Argyle E. Robinson, 1928, and is still a functioning firehouse today. (Chicago landmark)

Lakewood-Balmoral District (which takes in the north side of Berwyn) is a national historic district.

5426 N. Lakewood: This Queen Anne residence was built by Edgewater's founder, John Lewis Cochran, in 1893 (National landmark). Many homes on this square block are of the Prairie style with overhanging eaves and massive front porches, for example, the residences at 5347 N. Lakewood (1910) and 1340 W. Berwyn (1906).

Enjoy the sights.



New Faces at Park Tower

There are plenty of new employees working throughout our building. When you see one, introduce yourself and say hello! Pictured above from left to right are: Yared Regassa (garage), Cadelus Oajdea (maintenance), Matthew Brown (summer maintenance), and Gerardo Espinoza (maintenance), along with Chuck Brown, our chief engineer. Not pictured are Emir Suljagic (health club), Miralem Mahnutovic (health club), Teriane McKee (health club & door staff), Biruk Bekele (garage), Marcus Brown (health club), Robert Lee (door staff), and Fransisco Ruiz (maintenance).

By Vince DiFrusco

1430 W. Berwyn: Called "the Castle", this building was built in 1904 for C. Christiansen by George L. Pfeiffer. It is recommended for landmark designation by the City of Chicago. This eclectic home mixes English Gothic and Romanesque, including a turret exterior.

Magnolia Avenue and the "Glen"

5917 and 5921 N. Magnolia: The Gauler houses are twin Prairie School homes designed in 1908 by Walter B. Griffin just before he left to design the new capital in Australia, Canberra. (National and Chicago landmarks)

Ravenswood Avenue - the western edge of Edgewater-Andersonville

5235 N. Ravenswood: The old Swedish-American Telephone Building, designed by Irving W. Kelly, dates back to the early 20th century. It has National landmark designation as a hark back of Andersonville Swedish tradition.

5800 N. Ravenswood: This castle-like stone entrance (Rosehill Cemetery gate) was designed in 1864 by William H. Boyington (who also designed the Water Tower). (National and Chicago landmark)

By Marian Shaw



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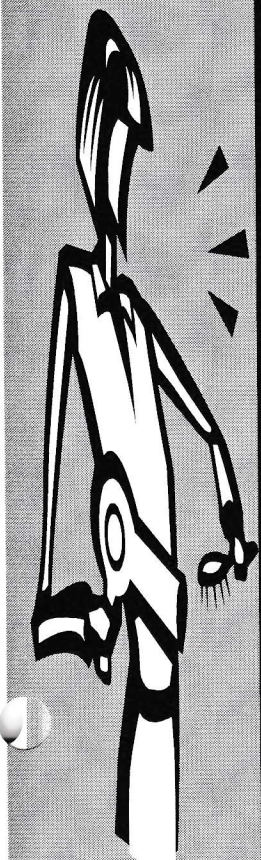
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By Telephone at
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By fax at 773-769-0047

Drop a note in the Management Box located in the lobby.

E-mail Park Tower Management at Draper and Kramer:
parktowercondo@draperandkramer.com

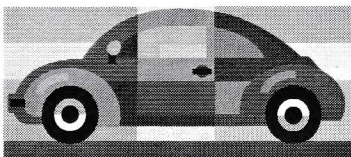
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Park Tower Board of Directors: parktowerboard@yahoo.com

INSURANCE INFORMATION

DID YOU KNOW...

You can have your insurance agent list PTCA (Park Tower Condominium Association) Management Office listed as an additional insured on your home owner policy at no additional cost. Your policy will not change as a result of listing PTCA. It will simply ensure that a copy of your required insurance certification be forwarded directly to PTCA by your insurance company. You will not need to obtain and forward the document/s to PTCA. Why not make it easy on yourself with one less thing to think about?



PARKERS @ PARK TOWER

All vehicles need to be registered with the Management Office. You may register your vehicle/s by stopping by the office to provide a copy of your vehicle's registration and bring in your old parking decal sticker. Please contact a hiker on duty in the garage or the Management Office if you should need assistance in removing your old decal.

The replacement of parking decals is necessary so management can update all parking records. Parking spaces that are not updated through this registration process may be inadvertently assigned to someone else. Please help us avoid any miscommunications or inconveniences to you. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

USE AUTO-DEBIT! NEVER RISK A LATE FEE FOR ASSESSMENTS AGAIN!

If you're writing a check each month to pay your Condo Assessments and other monthly fees, there's always a risk the check could be late (due to vacation, distraction or being too busy)... and a \$50 Late Fee would be due.

Those who already use auto-debit, have **no** worries about check-writing, stamps or mailing on time. They receive the same statement as before, but the payment is deducted on the 5th of the month automatically.

Here's how it works:

1. Complete a simple "Auto-Debit" form and attached a voided check. Request an "Auto-Debit" form. (You may stop in the Management Office between 9AM to 4:30PM Monday to Friday, or call the office at 773-769-3250 and request the form be sent to you.) Fill in your name, address and account information, and return it to the Management Office with a voided check. They'll submit it for you and advise you of the month it will take effect.

SAFETY FIRST

Park Tower has a comprehensive surveillance system set up throughout the building to help protect you and your loved ones. The system consists of 24 cameras that record 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Security footage is available in the Management Office for a period of up to 30 days. Additionally, pertinent video footage can be burned onto a compact disc and saved. Please feel free to contact the Management Office with any questions regarding the surveillance system.

2. Watch for your monthly Draper & Kramer statement. When you see the following message, you will know the automatic payment is working: "NOTICE OF DIRECT DEBIT. "NOTE: You are enrolled in the automatic payment plan (direct debit), your bank account will be automatically debited on the fifth, for the balance due."

3. If you list your "checks" in your checkbook, make an entry for the amount shown on your Draper & Kramer statement – but do NOT send a check. Payment will be deducted by the bank. The service is free.

As a final verification, when your **monthly statement for your checking account arrives**, it will clearly show "Park Tower Condo Accts Pay" with the amount deducted under "Electronic Withdrawals." (If you forget to list the payment in your checkbook, this will remind you to adjust your balance.)

Sign up any time with the Park Tower Management Office...and enjoy the convenience!

By Mike Magliane

New PTCA Board of Directors



(Left to right) George Pauley, Phoebe Helm, Carlos Vargas, and Laura Cossa (Sandra Goldberg not in photo)

HEALTH WATCH

Here are 12 good reasons for exercising according to O Magazine, April 2007 issue.

1. Lose weight
2. Decrease your risk of colon cancer
3. Get better sleep
4. Increase your life span
5. Cut symptoms of mild to moderate depression
6. Reduce the risk of breast cancer
7. Cut the risk of catching a cold
8. Have more energy
9. Reduce the risk of osteoporosis
10. Cut risk by half of developing heart disease
11. Reverse age related to loss of brain tissue
12. Improve your sex life

Take the first step, join the Park Tower Health Club today.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family:	\$435 for one year
	\$280 for 6 months
Couple:	\$315 for one year
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Single:	\$220 for one year
	\$145 for 6 months

Newsletter Volunteers

Vince DiFruscio

Mike Magliane

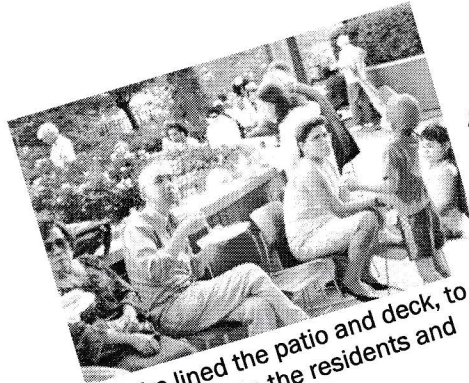
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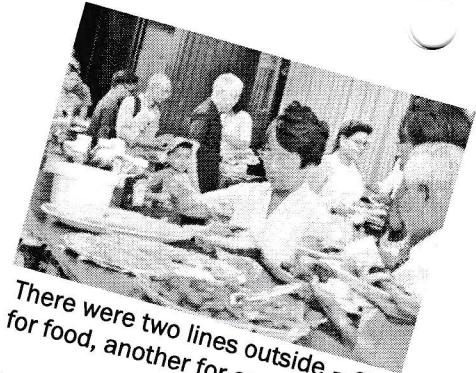
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(Photos by Mike and Vince)

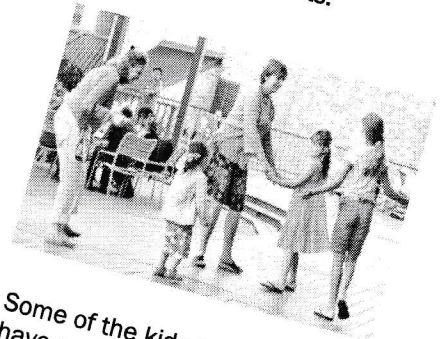
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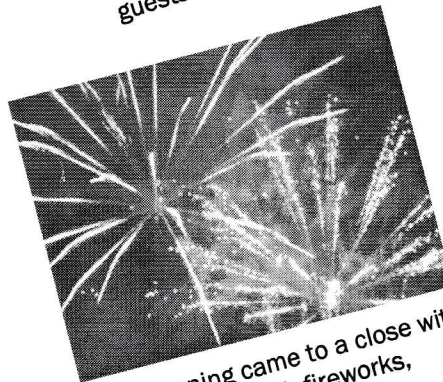
Chairs lined the patio and deck, to accommodate the residents and guests.



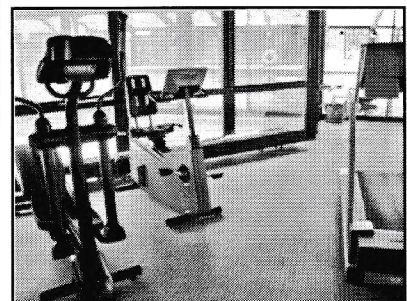
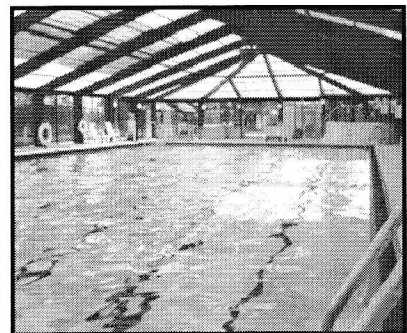
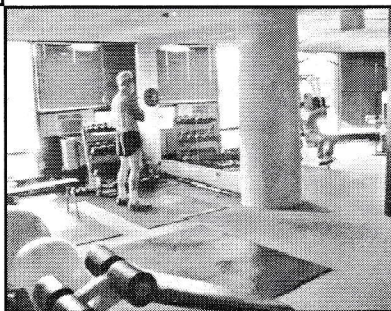
There were two lines outside - one for food, another for condiments.



Some of the kids knew how to have a good time to the music.



The evening came to a close with the sky filled with fireworks, smoke and KA-BOOMS!.



Park Tower Health Club

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