

PARK TOWER NEWS

5415 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD CHICAGO, IL 60640

I Thank The People: Ruth Postunack friend

A LETTER FROM LISA....

Hello! It is hard to believe it has been 4 months since starting here at Park Tower and I just want everyone to know how happy I am working for your community! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended me.

A lot of exciting things are happening. The new Board of Directors is off and running. The sun deck is finally finished and it is just beautiful. It seems that the City of Chicago's Department of Environment agrees. We submitted an application to see if we might qualify for a grant from the Urban Heat Reduction Program, funded by ComEd. The good word is that we qualify...to the tune of \$40,000! This sum of money will be used to help defray the costs involved in planting the deck this year!

Summer is here and that means it's a well-deserved vacation time for many, including our employees. Thank you for your patience with the new staff members at the front door that are helping out to cover vacation requests. For everyone's security, please **USE YOUR BLUE SECURITY CARD** to access all of the secured doors. Thanks, and enjoy the rest of your summer here at Park Tower!

Lisa

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR MARKET?

The Board of Health closed the market on July 17th. We apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused you. Our top priority is to provide our residents with a clean and fresh market. We are doing everything in our power to achieve this goal. The Board is in the process of negotiations regarding this space, and as soon as we know more we will let you know through the Park Tower News Channel # 95.

JULY 4TH PARTY A BANG!



BOOGIE, OOGGIE, OOGGIE

The 4th of July party was fun for all. Over 400 people joined together on our beautiful new deck for a night of dancing, conversation, fireworks and America's other favorite pastime, eating. **A special thanks to the following people for all their hard work:** Harriet Dominique, Teresa Gamboa, Marge Muzyczka, Ruth Posternack, Scott Schmidtke, Bea Stieber (social committee members) and volunteers Roger Heaton, Jim Mayer, George Pauley. It was largely because of their generous efforts that the 4th of July party was not only a blast, but a cost-efficient blast.

ROSEMARIE WERT CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

As a Director of PM Community Specialists, Rosemarie Wert has many other responsibilities, but she has a special place in her heart for the Edgewater Community where she began 30 years ago. To celebrate the occasion in style, she is hosting a soiree on Sunday, August 13, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is her way of letting you know how important the Edgewater Community is to her.

The party should be loads of fun with the **Bobby Sanders Orchestra** swinging the hits. To celebrate our diverse community, the event will be catered with h'or-duerves from all over the world. Consistent with the international theme, Sangria wine will be served as well as soft drinks. The dress is casual. The residents of 5445 and 5455 will also be invited, so it will be an opportunity to meet your neighbors. Please RSVP at the front desk with the doorman by August 6, 2000. See you there!

WHAT A RACQUET!

Tennis, anyone? How about Ping-Pong?

Park Tower has a ping-pong table available to all Health Club members. It is located in racquetball court #1. If you are interested in tennis, 5445 Edgewater Plaza has tennis courts available, weather-permitting, until October. The cost is \$50 single or \$85 double membership. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. To sign up, just stop by the 5445 Management office. To get further details, call Allison at (773) 769-0500.

NEWS FROM *DOWNUNDER*

- As of July 24th, all garage residents are required to use their key card to exit the garage. The attendants have been instructed not to open the door. Remember, it is to ensure your security.
- Just a reminder, any resident who is late on his or her assessments for two months in a row will lose parking privileges permanently.
- If you have any questions regarding the garage, please contact Steve Sasseti at (773) 271-8859.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



New Board President Marge Muzyczka and previous President Paul Groeninger

I am quite sure that when Paul Groeninger began his term on the Board of Directors at Park Tower in 1988, he never dreamed he would be serving through the new millennium. In fact, Paul served with relentless dedication on the Board 12 years and acted as the Board President for 8 of those years.

Paul's accounting expertise was key in accomplishing the nearly impossible in the condominium industry; he orchestrated major projects, such as the 3.7 million dollar curtain wall project **WITHOUT CHARGING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT!**

As Board President, Paul also had a special talent for playing the devil's advocate so that all the Board members and residents could work together to resolve issues.

Even though Paul is no longer on the Board, he assures us that he will continue be quite involved with PTCA. We look forward to it!

As of June 27th, Marge Muzyczka is the new Board President. Many of you already know Marge as she has served on the Board for 15 years in various capacities.

With her extensive experience, Marge hasn't missed a beat. She has already plunged into the business at hand. We would like to welcome her as our new Board President.

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

WHAT IF I WANT TO REMODEL?

Actually, a lot of you have been asking that question. The good news is that as a community we are updating and increasing the overall value of our residences. The bad news is that there has been an increase in construction-related noise complaints. Below is a summary of remodeling requirements:

If you are redoing the kitchen cabinetry or replacing carpeting, you must contact the Management office so that we can let security know that the service elevators will be used. In addition, all refuse must be taken away, or you will be charged a waste fee that can be in excess of \$100.

If you are doing any major construction (i.e. new flooring, wall removal, electrical or plumbing change) you will need to come to the office to get a construction package. This package will include a contract, request for floor plans and spec requirements. This package must be received by the Management Office for our engineer's review one week prior to the Monthly Board meeting. At the Board meeting, your construction will be reviewed for approval.

The deadline this month is August 7th. As always, all construction must happen between 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THERMOSTATS

Would you like to conserve energy, lower your electric bill and feel more comfortable? Get a thermostat. The purpose of the thermostat is to better control the temperature of the room by controlling the fan. Just call the Management office and we can give you information on outside contractors that can take care of this.

WINDOW SHADES

All units must have gray shades. The reason why we have this rule is to avoid our building looking like a patchwork blanket. It is actually extremely important for the overall uniform look of the building. The following are some vendors that you can contact that are familiar with Park Tower:

Regent Shades (773) 871-6400

Illinois Window (773) 743-6025

DID YOU KNOW.....

Just a few reminders to make life easier for everyone.

We appreciate that the large majority of residents adhere to these rules. For all others, this is your chance to redeem yourself. Thank you!

- Loading and unloading groceries and packages should be done through the loading dock and service elevators; NOT the front lobby.
- Service elevators should also be used for deliveries, luggage, shopping carts and laundry.
- Carts + revolving doors = Accident waiting to happen.
- Noises and voices travel in and through the air-conditioning vents and bathroom vents. Sshhhh....
- All unit owners that are renting your units, the Management Office **must** have a copy of all new and renewal leases.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Please contact Shelly at the Management Office to submit your favorite recipe so that we can publish one in every newsletter. This is the opportunity for all you chefs to show your stuff!

TO ALL OF YOU GENIUSES

Just for a little fun, how about a few brain-teasers?



1. What popular movie title has been embellished below?
 - **"Solar Satellite of the members of the Pongidae Family?"**
2. Add any two letters to the following group and arrange the letters into a word.
 - **A A C C U**

Answers will be in the next newsletter.

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park Tower Party Room located on the 2nd floor. Cookies and beverages will be served.

NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Management Office	(773) 769-3250
Doorman's Station	(773) 769-3250
Garage Office	(773) 271-8859
Receiving Room	(773) 784-3353
21st Century Cable	(888) 790-2121
Health Club	(773) 769-1513
Airport Shuttle	(773) 761-3333

MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Property Manager	Lisa Volpe
Asst. Property Manager	Debbie Ravaux
Resident Account Consultant	Shelly Malloy