

# PARK TOWER NEWS

**5415 N. SHERIDAN ROAD**

**CHICAGO, IL. 60640**

## IT'S A 4TH OF JULY PARTY!

Summer is here and Park Tower is ready to celebrate! The fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. on July 4th with the hot sounds of a cool D.J. that caters to all age groups. So, get ready to put on your dancing shoes!!

Bring your appetite, too because we will have hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill, fried chicken with potato salad, coleslaw, snacks and cookies. For all you vegetarians, we will have veggie-burgers & dogs, compliments of Chicago Diner. Beverages will include beer and pop. The evening will end with a spectacular view of the fireworks show at dusk, courtesy of the Saddle & Cycle Club.

R.S.V.P 's were left in your mailbox and were due by June 27th. But if you want to come, please leave your name with the doorman.

## PARK TOWER MARKET OPENS

All we can say is....it was definitely worth the wait. The Park Tower Market is all that we hoped for and more. An anomaly in a time where the giant chains monopolize the market, Park Tower Market is an old-fashioned grocery with friendly staff, fresh food and plenty of selections.

If you like cooking as much as I do (I use my oven for storage) you will appreciate the prepared hot and cold foods that are served daily.

If you have not done so, come down and see what you are missing. The market also offers free home delivery. Just call **(773)275-9130** to place your order.



## 2001 BOARD ELECTED

We take great pleasure in welcoming **Larry Garfen** as a new member of the Board of Directors. We would also like to congratulate **Marge Muzyczka** and **Becky Rossof** on their re-election.

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Tuesday, June 19th, 2001. There were three positions to be filled on the Board of Directors. The following is the restructure of the Board:

### THE 2001 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Board President:</b>	<b>Marge Muzyczka</b>
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	<b>Becky Rossof</b>
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	<b>Larry Garfen</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>George Pauley</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Edlyne Sillman</b>

A special thanks to **Scott Schmidtke** for his hard work and dedication while serving his tenure on the Board of Directors. Scott served on the Board since October 1998. While serving, Scott was instrumental in our sun-deck obtaining an award-winning status both by upgrading plantings and changing landscapers. He also revived a once non-functioning social committee to plan and execute four successful parties a year, including our Cinco de Mayo party, 4th of July barbeques, and many other fun events. Finally, as a member of our hard-working Board, Scott worked as team-player to accomplish many projects without incurring special assessments.

## CPR CLASSES



We had quite a turnout for our free CPR course given by the University of Chicago hospital. There were 27 participants taught in three different classes. Each class was approximately 4 hours and taught CPR for adults, children, babies and the Heimlich maneuver. The class was participatory, informative and invaluable to all of the students.

## 5455 N. SHERIDAN OUTDOOR POOL

You can register for the outside pool at 5455 Edgewater Plaza through the 5455 Management Office. Picture identification cards will be required for entry to the pool facilities. Guest passes can be purchased only by a pool member and cannot be used for a resident of 5455, 5445 or Park Tower buildings. In other words, you must be a member to go to the pool. The applicable fees are:

<i>Adult Membership</i>	<i>\$75 per person</i>
<i>Child Membership (2-12)</i>	<i>\$25 per person</i>
<i>Children under 2</i>	<i>Free</i>
<i>Individual Guest Passes</i>	<i>\$2 on weekdays</i>
	<i>\$3 on weekends/holidays</i>
<i>Guest Coupons Booklets</i>	<i>\$15</i>

Please contact the 5455 Management Office (not Park Tower) at (773) 769-2757 if you have any questions.

## 5445 N.SHERIDAN RD. OUTDOOR TENNIS

Tennis anyone? You can register for the tennis courts at 5445 Edgewater Plaza through the 5445 Management office. The courts are open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The cost is \$50 single, \$85 double membership. Please contact the 5445 Management office (not Park Tower) at (773) 769-0500 if you have any questions.

## INTRODUCING....JIM LACHAPELLE

Jim La Chapelle has joined the Community Specialists Condominium Management Team. As Technical Operations Manager, Mr. La Chapelle will bring to the position over 25 years of experience in management, operations and repair of residential, warehouse, office and retail properties. His duties will include implementing programs for the repair and maintenance of buildings, specific repair projects, mechanical replacements and supervision of properties.

Jim has a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois, Chicago. He holds a Real Property Administrator (RPA) designation from BOMA. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerator and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and a registered engineer.

Ron Hickman, CEO of Community Specialists announced at our recent annual meeting that Rosemarie Wert will be turning over the supervision of Park Tower to Jim.

## COM-ED AND PARK TOWER TEAM UP TO SAVE \$\$\$\$\$

ComEd recently met with the Lisa Volpe, Property Manager, to introduce a summertime program aimed at reducing electricity costs. Voluntary Load Reduction (VLR) is a program that offers Park Tower financial rewards for curtailing electricity during summer peak usage periods. The program is strictly voluntary and contains no penalties for non-compliance. If VLR is enacted, Park Tower will be paid \$1/kwhr for the energy it curtails during that day's period, normally between noon and 6 p.m.

ComEd has conducted a building audit and discovered several opportunities to participate which included: reducing common area and perimeter lighting, raising air-conditioning temperatures, effective use of blinds, and operation of some equipment after hours.

This program is set up for a Voluntary Load Reduction of the common areas only, and is meant for large communities, corporations and warehouses. As an individual resident, you are not eligible for the VLR however the Park Tower Condo Association is participating.

## HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

### FILTER CHANGES

Most of you should have your air-conditioning filters changed by now. Those who had requested that we not change your filters at the scheduled time can re-schedule beginning July 1st.

### “BUT I JUST WANT TO TALK TO LESTER...”

We have installed a new phone line to eliminate residents calling the Management office and then getting transferred. However, the doormen will still be answering the Management office calls after office hours. The new phone number is:

**Doorman's Station**

**( 773) 769-3083**

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

If you ever have the unfortunate situation of getting stuck on an elevator, know that on all the residential and passenger elevators there is an intercom system. This hooks up to the doorman's station.

### TO ALL YOU TREE-HUGGERS

There are so many reasons to recycle; to save the trees, animals, air and everything else on this planet. Now here is another reason, **to save money**. Park Tower gets a rebate for all recyclables. Some people are not sure how to recycle here at Park Tower. So here is a quick how to:

1. Make sure you have rinsed out all cans/plastics/glass.
2. We have recycle bins in the laundry room, in 1P and 2P of the garage. There are 3 bins: plastics/glass, papers, cans. Dispose in appropriate bin.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

For the safety of all residents, please check to see if your smoke detector is working properly. If you think there is a problem, let us know at the management office. **AT NO COST TO YOU**, we will check it for you and replace the batteries. If you need a new smoke detector, we will provide a new one for just \$8.00 and installation is free.

### NEWS FROM *DOWNUNDER*

To all Park Tower residents using the garage,

Here are a few friendly reminders:

- There are size restrictions on vehicles allowed to park in the garage. If you plan to purchase an SUV, vans or pickup check the dimensions with the size limitations. Oversized vehicles are not permitted.
- Please throw trash only in trash receptacles, not the recycling bins.
- Please use your blue security cards to exit the garage. The hikers have been instructed only to open it in an emergency.

### SOAPY SUDS AND SUCH:

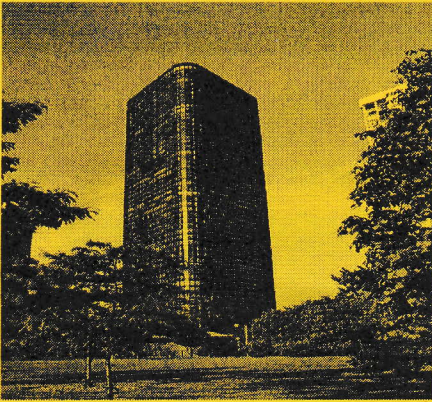
Many residents have expressed that they are **very** happy with our spiffy new, clean laundry room. Most residents love the new, efficient smart card system that alleviates the need for lugging change around. We expect the system to run smoothly, but nothing is fool-proof. To be prepared for trouble spots, we have set up the following procedures.

**If a washer or dryer breaks down and you lose money**, come to the Management office and we can give you coupon credits. If it is after hours, write us a note and leave it at the doorman's station.

**If the Smart Card machine (VTM) goes down**, go to the front desk. The doorman can let you sign out for an emergency card that has \$5.00 credit on it. When you finish using the card, return it to doorman and deposit the money used in our lock box in the front lobby.

**If your card is damaged but still has money on the card**, you can return to the Management office. We will return your defective card and Universal Laundries will transfer the amount of money on your card onto your new card.

**If you lose your Smart Card** you can purchase a new one for \$5.00 in the VTM machine. **The Management office cannot replace a lost card.**



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## **NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park Tower Party Room located on the 2nd Floor.

## **NUMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW**

Management Office	(773) 769-3250
Doorman's Station	(773) 769-3083
Garage Office	(773) 271-8859
Receiving/Cleaners	(773) 784-3353
RCN Cable	(888) 790-2121
Health Club	(773) 769-1513
Community Specialists	(312) 337-8691

## **PARK TOWER MGMT. OFFICE**

Property Manager	Lisa Volpe
Asst. Property Mgr.	Shelly Malloy
Bookkeeper	Jeneane Blacine

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET  
WITH YOUR FLOOR CAPTAIN,  
PLEASE CALL THE MGMT.  
OFFICE TO ARRANGE.**