



ParkTowerNews

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1994

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

- AUGUST 10 -** Flamenco guitarist Jim Perri performs at North Lakeside Cultural Center, 6219 N. Sheridan, 3 PM. \$5 at door, \$3 reserved, \$2.50 seniors. 743-4477.
- AUGUST 13 -** Edgewater Community Council needs volunteer gardeners to work in community flower garden at corner of Ridge & Hollywood. Show up 9-noon. Call Sue 334-5609 for details.
- AUGUST 16 -** Jim Beebe's Chicago Jazz concert, Chicago Cultural Center (Old library), 78 E. Washington, 12:15. Free.
- AUGUST 21 -** Victorian Picnic, 9-3, featuring Abraham Lincoln, horse carriage rides, bagpipe bands, and Civil War re-enactments. Bring picnic basket and blanket; complimentary lemonade. Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood. 561-5940.
- AUGUST 27 -** West Andersonville 15th Annual Flea Market & Craft Fair, 8-4, Foster & Paulina, free admission.
- AUGUST 27 & 28** Chicago Air & Water Show. Lakefront, with focus at North Ave. Beach. Water shows 10-11, air shows 12-3:30.
- AUGUST 28 -** Argyle Festival, 11-8, Argyle between Sheridan & Broadway. Featuring Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, and Native American dancers, Chinese Lion Dance, ethnic food, vendors.
- SEPT. 2-4 -** 16th Annual Chicago Jazz Festival. For detailed information on programs and locations call 744-5000.
- SEPT. 5 -** Labor Day Parade, 12 noon, Dearborn and Wacker.
- SEPT. 10 -** Lakewood-Balmoral Community Yard Sale, 9-5. Huge: dozens of yard sales Magnolia to Glenwood, Foster to Bryn Mawr, good stuff. Rain date Sept. 17.
- SEPT. 11/12-** Viva Chicago Festival (Latino Music). For detailed information on programs and locations call 744-5000.
- SEPT. 18 -** Edgewater Historical Society Homes Tour (of homes in Lakewood-Balmoral). Noon-5, starts at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster. \$10.
- SEPT. 20 -** Caribbean Bop Orchestra concert, Chicago Cultural Center (old library), 78 E. Washington, 12:15. Free.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

****Alcoholics Anonymous, Fridays 7pm at Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr, 561-4748. Wednesdays 8pm and Saturdays 4pm at North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood, 728-4200.**

****Children's summer programs, Edgewater Library, 1210 W. Elmdale. For programs and times call 744-0718.**

****East Edgewater Farmers' Market, every Saturday 8-2 at corner of Thorndale and Winthrop. Fresh produce and flowers.**

****Hobby skill classes: lapidary, pottery, and guitar at Berger Park, 6205 N. Sheridan, call 465-3838. Stained glass and photography at Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway, 271-3783.**

****Book discussions and readings at Women and Children First (bookstore), 5233 N. Clark, 769-9299.**

****Downtown parades and neighborhood festivals, various dates in August and September. Call 744-5000, Mayor's Office Special Events Hotline for details, times and places.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

****Court Watch Committee: support community members at court hearings in housing court, misdemeanor court. 334-5609.**

****Tutoring, mentoring, and activity coordination with city youth at the "I Have A Dream Foundation." 787-8029. Note: full-and part-time paid positions also available.**

****Edgewater Community Council needs volunteers to work on issues of education, recreation, public safety, and planning. 334-5609.**

FROM THE OFFICE OF 48TH WARD ALDERMAN MARY ANN SMITH:

During her term of office Alderman Smith has been energetic in her initiatives to improve our neighborhood. Among her stellar accomplishments are the ongoing renovation of the Bryn Mawr commercial corridor and the rehabilitation of the Winthrop - Kenmore corridor, in partnership with the Edgewater Community Council and other city agencies. She has also supported the new Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS), which will be fully implemented in Chicago Police Department's 20th District (us) by the end of the year. (CAPS is a program, already proven successful in other Chicago neighborhoods, to combat crime by increasing continuity of staff assignment, utilizing rapid response teams, and maximizing officers' direct and personal contact with citizens.)

Alderman Smith was also behind the recently-completed renovation of the CTA El stations at Berwyn, Bryn Mawr, Granville, and Thorndale by means of a public/private partnership in this \$500,000 pilot program, a model for the city. She has brightened dark CTA viaducts and Lake Shore Drive pedestrian underpasses with new security lighting. She has scheduled repaving for three miles of Ward streets and 68 blocks of alleys. She has seen to the removal of problem pay phones that encouraged crime, and has monitored the installation of new pay phones. She has removed unsightly ad benches, has prevented the closing of the 20th District Police Station, and has

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE 48TH WARD (CONT)

obtained landscaping for Sheridan Road from Lawrence to Foster including new repaving, new curbs and gutter, and parkway improvements (watch for this work to begin soon.)

(These items are excerpted from the Alderman's 48th Ward Report. If you wish to read the entire text of this report you may pick up a copy at her office at 5757 N. Broadway. Alderman Smith's phone number there is 784-5277; the back page of the report includes the names of nine staff members to whom you may address specific queries and complaints at the same phone number.)

EDGEWATER BEAT

At a recent community meeting, Alderman Mary Ann Smith was saying that she had been successful in getting Woolworth's not to close our neighborhood store on Bryn Mawr. In the middle of her announcement, a stage whisper was heard from somewhere in the audience: "Woolworth's? There's a Woolworth's? Where is it?"

In case you don't know, Woolworth's is around the corner on the north side of Bryn Mawr just east of Broadway. It is a useful source of all the usual Woolworth's things, and it carries airmail envelopes, which Park Tower residents say they have trouble finding.

Across the street from Woolworth's and snuggled up next to the El at 1127 Bryn Mawr is a very nice Dunkin' Donuts. Its manager, Mike, offers dozens of kinds of good fresh doughnuts, and the store is open 24 hours a day. (The convenience of

having the store within walking distance of Park Tower is thus: after taking a long walk to lose weight, you will be very tired. Drop by Dunkin' Donuts on the way home to pick up a dozen assorted, all the better to restore your flagging energy. Right?)

Another local business, new and most welcome, is Minnesota Fabrics, at the corner of Broadway and Glenlake. Even if you don't sew, you may at some time need to locate a button to match the one that fell off your coat, or you may want to have your scissors sharpened or find a source of decorating or crafts materials. And, if you do sew, you will be glad that you can now get everything you need without having to travel to Skokie. Easy parking is available on Dominick's lot just across Glenlake.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES IF WE WANT THEM TO STAY HERE FOR OUR CONVENIENCE.

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Florence Isaacs, of 1409, would like to share the good news that she is a great-grandmother. Baby Jessica Marie was born the day after Mother's Day.

**The family of Richard Schuler, a Park Tower resident who died on July 4, wishes to thank Richard's friends who attended his visitation and funeral.

If you have a social announcement such as an engagement, a birth, an event in the party room, please write it on any piece of paper just as you'd like it to appear (25 word limit) and drop it into the Park Tower News collection box by the doorman's desk.

MANAGEMENT UPDATES

On June 28th, Park Tower Condominium Association held its Sixteenth Annual Meeting in the Party Room at 8:00 pm. The purpose of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting was to elect two members to the Board of Directors to serve two year terms. The Election Committee, Ruby Lippert, Joy Muench and George Pauly along with Susan Hess, Property Manager, collected all proxies and votes cast at the meeting and tabulated them in the Management Office. At 9:50 pm, the election results were announced:

Paul Groeninger	35.74%
Chuck Hutchison	26.78%

After the Open Meeting, the Board of Directors met and elected Officers. The new Officers are as follows:

Paul Groeninger	President
Carlos Vargas	1st V.P.
Marjorie Muzyczka	2nd V.P.
Chuck Hutchison	Treasurer
George Resis	Secretary

At this time the Association would like to thank Joe Lanuti for the tremendous service and dedication he provided during the past two years. Joe Lanuti not only served on the Board of Directors during this period, but was also the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. Joe Lanuti will not only be missed by the Board of Directors and Management, but by all Unit Owners of Park Tower Condominium Association. Thank you Joe, for your hard work and those long nights discussing building matters. We wish you the best!!

CURTAIN WALL REPAIRS

The original contract with Cupples, the contractor doing these repairs, have now been completed. Although the current work seemed successful, it was determined that additional work would be needed in order to ensure the success of the exterior work to prevent water infiltration. The Board approved additional caulking to the 06 tier along with approving the manufacturing of and installation of a weep hole cover.

We would like to remind all residents in the 06 tier of the importance of letting the management office know if you have any water infiltration when it rains. With your help, we will know if the current work being done is successful.

BOILER MAINTENANCE

During this time of year we normally do preventive maintenance work on our heating boilers so that when the cold temperatures set in we are ready to go. We have contracted with Mega-Therm to do these repairs for us. Mega-Therm has started the work and should finish by mid August.

HVAC FILTER CHANGES

We have now completed the HVAC filter changes in each apartment with the exception of those units that did not allow us access into their apartment. If you did not allow us access, please contact the office to make an appointment to have your filters changed. This will definitely help in reducing your electric bills and will also ensure a longer life to the convector motor.

MANAGEMENT UPDATES CONT.

DOORMEN UNIFORMS

We have placed an order for new uniforms for our Doormen. The colors will be a dark green jacket with beige pants and a beige hat. (Our Doormen picked the colors). Anticipated arrival date is early August. Take a look and let us know what you think of the new look.

NEW CARPET FOR ELEVATORS

We have also ordered new carpets for our elevators. They are due to arrive mid August. Please help us in keeping these carpets clean! Do not eat or drink while in the elevator. Most of the stains on the carpet are coffee stains, beer stains and food stains. Report anyone seen eating or drinking to the Doormen. If you should spill something on the carpet, report it immediately! We might be able to remove the stain while it is still fresh. Thanks for your help.

WINDOW SHADES

To maintain continuity in exterior building appearance, the Condominium Declaration is specific about the type of shades permitted in units (page 7 of the Property Act). This issue is also addressed on page 3 of the House Rules: "All windows shall be equipped with window shades having a gray exterior color."

Nothing detracts more from the overall appearance of the property than many-colored shades visible from the street. Please, if you must have decorative interior shades, see that the exterior is standard building gray. Unit owners with non-standard shades will be notified of the violation and a Board hearing scheduled.

RECENT UNITS SOLD

Tier	Upper/Lower	Date	Amount
15	upper	6/28/94	\$ 54,181
15	upper	5/23/94	49,000
15	upper	6/28/94	44,800
11	upper	5/12/94	109,228
11	upper	4/29/94	138,000
11	lower	5/16/94	118,000
11	lower	5/17/94	98,000
10	lower	6/29/94	30,005
09	upper	5/23/94	52,000
09	upper	6/30/94	49,000
08	lower	5/17/94	41,000
07	lower	6/29/94	31,000
05	lower	5/25/94	62,500
05	upper	5/12/94	59,218
04	lower	5/23/94	63,000
04	lower	7/01/94	57,992
03	upper	5/19/94	41,000
01/02	upper	5/26/94	177,000
02	lower	5/27/94	55,000

LAUNDRY COURTESY

If you leave the laundry while your clothes are in a washer or dryer and have not returned to remove them by the end of the cycle, other residents may remove your clothes and put them on one of the tables. Similarly, if your drying cycles end and you are using several machines, even if you are present in the laundry, please empty ALL of your dryers as soon as they have stopped running, so that the machines will be free for other use. This consideration is especially necessary if you have used the large commercial dryers, which are always much in demand. If you are a careful, methodical folder of your clean clothes, you cannot fairly expect other residents to wait for half an hour or longer while you (folding all the while) empty one dryer at a time.

LAUNDRY COURTESY CONT.

If you spill detergent or bleach, please wipe up the spill. If your load leaves a mess of lint, crumbled foam rubber, or similar stuff in the washer or dryer, please tidy the machine you have used and leave it the way you would like to find it.

(Do you have comments or suggestions about the laundry room? Write them on a slip of paper and drop them into the Park Tower News Collection box in the front lobby.)

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1994



KATHY KUPKA
2ND FLOOR MAINTENANCE

Kathy Kupka, PTCA's 2nd floor Maintenance/Housekeeper, has been employed here since April 29, 1991. Due to Kathy's hard work and dedication the amenities on the 2nd floor have never looked better! As you pass Kathy on the walkway to the pool, she will greet you with a smile and knows most of our residents by name. She is always willing to give that little extra. Kathy also has the responsibility of monitoring and cleaning the top 11 floors of our building. During the summer months, Kathy helps us with the cleaning of the Laundry Room while her co-workers are on vacation. Thanks Kathy, for your hard work & dedication.

REVISED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that the Board of Directors have changed the schedule of the Executive and Open Board Meetings for the months of August, September, October, November and December. The schedule for these months are as follows:

August 23 - Office 6:30pm
September 27 - Office 6:30pm
October 04 - Party Rm 7:30pm
October 25 - Office 6:30pm
November 22 - Party Rm 7:30pm
December 13 - Office 6:30pm
December 13 - Party Rm 7:30pm

CLASSIFIED ADS

(Starting now, Park Tower News will print in-house classified ads carrying such items as For Sale. Wanted, Services Offered, etc.. Please write your item as you wish it to appear (25-word limit). Be sure to include your phone number. Drop your item into the Park Tower News collection box near the doorman's desk. Your name will not be printed, but we ask you to sign the item in case we need to contact you to clarify or discuss content. The advantages of in-house ads include exposure to over 700 households and the security of dealing only with fellow residents, not to mention that the ads are FREE). (This does not include ads for businesses or ads from real estate brokers). Note: On hearing about this new ad service, one resident remarked that, rather than sell unwanted items, he donates them to a charity. This is good, but please bear in mind that many of our co-residents are students who would appreciate the opportunity to purchase low-cost household items. Remember what life was like when you were in school?)

CLASSIFIED ADS CONT.

For Sale: Sofa, chairs, single bed with headboard & drawers, wall unit. 728-7614.

For Sale: Dhurrie handmade wool rug 6x9, good condition, \$20. Bukhara Oriental handmade wool rug 2x3, perfect, \$60. 275-0179.

For Sale: Sofa, loveseat, and 2 chairs. 334-6317.

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS: UNDER OUR ROOF

Park Tower News wants to hear from you. Please use the Park Tower News collection box (near the doorman's desk in the front lobby) to give us your input. We are interested in publishing your classified ads, social announcements and suggestions. We will not print your name but we ask that you sign your communication and give us your phone number in case we need to contact you. Living together under our roof are more than 700 households, a thousand souls surely. Are we just bodies that use the same elevators, or can there be more to our sharing this space and time, this humanity? Let us suggest a dozen ways in which we could use Park Tower News so that we may better be a community:

- 1) Are you looking for someone with whom to share a car-pool to work or a Saturday drive to Gurnee Mills Mall?
- 2) Has a Park Tower Employee especially pleased you, so that you would like to recommend him/her for praise?
- 3) If you are a unit owner, do you have useful information you could share about remodeling or decorating services or

sources?

- 4) Are you looking for a tennis partner, a volleyball team, a bridge game, or someone to play golf with?
- 5) Are you new to Chicago and not too sure about where to find the this and that you need?
- 6) Are you in need of a weekend babysitter or a housekeeper?
- 7) Do you have a question for other owners, such as, has anybody ever tried putting their A/C blower switch on a thermostat?
- 8) Have you had experience with neighborhood crime that might serve as a useful warning to your fellow residents?
- 9) Are you from another country and would you like to meet co-residents from your home?
- 10) What do you like about living at Park Tower -- what would you like to see changed?
- 11) Do you have complaints or concerns about what you see in the neighborhood (as, there are almost no trash cans around)?
- 12) Is there a committee you would like to serve on?

Let Park Tower News be the instrument of your communication. Please let us know what's going on under our roof.

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for children and adults
Flexible hours
Evenings and weekends
Hours by appointment**

EDGEWATER MARKET SPECIALS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SPECIALS

MEAT

Center cut Pork Chops	\$2.59 lb
Fresh Chicken Legs	\$1.09 lb

DELI

USA Ham	\$1.49 1/2 lb
Potato Salad	\$.99 lb

PRODUCE

Fresh Cut Fruit Salad In The Deli Case	\$2.99
Look For Weekly Specials	

BEER

Bush & Schlitz	\$1.99/6 pk
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WINE

Tavernello Red or White (Italian)	\$2.99 per bottle
Fox Run Lambrusco Red or White (Soft Wine)	\$2.99 per bottle

LIQUOR

Black and White Scotch	\$11.99 750
Ashbourne Irish Creame	\$8.99 750

MISCELLANEOUS GROCERIES

Wonder White Bread (1 lb Loaf)	\$.89 per loaf
Milk (2% and Skim) Gal.	\$2.49
Milk (Whole Milk) Gal.	\$2.59
Page Toilet Paper (4 roll pk.)	\$.99
Page Paper Towels (per roll)	\$.69

PARTY TRAYS AVAILABLE --- FRUIT BASKETS MADE TO ORDER ---	
TRAVELERS EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS	\$.75 ea
COPY MACHINE (PER COPY)	\$.05
ALL LOTTO GAMES AVAILABLE HERE	