



Park

# "Tower Talk"



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## Seasons Greetings

Dear Owner/Resident:

As the 1990 Holiday Season approaches, we once again invite you to join with us in expressing our appreciation to the loyal and dedicated staff of Park Tower.

One of our traditions has been the Employee Holiday Fund. This gives us all an opportunity to make one contribution to a fund for distribution among our 33 employees who perform services for us throughout the year. The garage employees and mailmen are not included in this fund.

Many of the owners/residents have asked for a suggestion as to the amount of the contribution. In the past we have recommended a contribution of \$25. per unit. Any amount is, of course, greatly appreciated. The proceeds of the Fund will be distributed to the Employees at the annual Employee Christmas Party which will be held this year on December 20th. Your check payable to the PTCA Holiday Fund may be dropped off in, or mailed to the management office; or, dropped in the lobby lock box by December 19th.

Please do not include with your assessment payment.

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family Best Wishes for a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Daniel Comera  
Maureen J. Muzyska  
Robert Dwyer

Paul Greening  
John E. Taylor

## TOYS FOR TOTS

In keeping with our holiday traditions, the Board of Directors is sponsoring the "Toys for Tots" reception. We extend our personal invitation to each of you to join us on Monday, December the 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the party room.



In cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps, we will collect **new, unwrapped toys** that will be distributed to needy children in Chicago.

Please plan to come to meet your neighbors, enjoy refreshments and to participate in this very worthwhile cause.

## SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

We are also collecting food donations to contribute to Edgewater's local pantry, CARE FOR REAL.

Please bring your contributions of non-perishable foods such as canned goods and dry foods to the management office or to the Toys for Tots reception. Other useful items: soap, shampoo,

toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Your participation will brighten someone's holiday. Deadline for donations is Friday, 12/21.

## CHRISTMAS TREE TIPS

If you are planning to have a live tree this holiday season, the following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Take an old bedsheet with you to wrap the tree in **before** you carry it to your apartment.
2. Cut off the base of the tree so it absorbs water readily and **water daily**.
3. To dispose of the tree, remove all decorations, remove from stand and call us. We will dispose of the tree for you...**FREE OF CHARGE**.

## HEALTH CLUB HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve:  
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day & New Year's Day:  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For a great holiday gift, purchase that special person a membership.



Membership fees:

Single.....	\$175.
Double.....	\$250.
Family.....	\$350.



## **IT'S A FREEBIE!!**

Our maintenance staff will tend to the following repairs inside your unit at no charge to you:

Filter Changes (during the spring filter change program only)  
Leaking Faucets  
Extermination Service  
Smoke Detector Installation  
Clogged Drains (unless caused by neglect)  
Intercom Problems

All other repairs are charged at \$15.00 per 1/2 hour plus parts.

If you rent your unit and you are in need of repairs that involve a charge, please have your unit owner call the management office to authorize the work.

## **POINTERS FOR KEEPIN' COZY**

To minimize energy use, position the plastic grills in your heating unit to direct air flow into the center of the room. Do not direct air flow towards the windows. This wastes heat, which requires higher fan speeds to keep your apartment comfortable while increasing your electric bill.

On sunny days, keep your shades raised to get the benefit of solar heat. Pull shades or drapes at night to retain heat.

Do not block convectors with furniture. Doing so will interfere with the circulation of heat throughout the apartment.

**NEVER** turn off your heating unit via the valve, but turn on or off by the switch at the top

of the unit only. Turning off the valve may result in a pipe break causing considerable damage to your unit and units below.

## **STORAGE ROOM USE**

This is to remind you that no items can be left outside of the individual storage cages. This is a fire hazard and will not be allowed.

If you see a violation of this regulation in your storage room, please call us immediately. We will see that the items are disposed of.

Also, only use the locker whose number corresponds with your apartment number. Persons using the wrong locker cause a great deal of inconvenience to the rightful user and to the person who has to send letters to every unit on the floor.

As always, we love it when everyone cooperates!!!

## **OUR NEW "EXTRA STARS"**

We found two new "Extra" stars for the movies living at Park Tower. Ruth and Irv Heller have appeared in the movies Father Jim, Back Draft and the latest movie now being produced "Only the Lonely". Look for them in the movie "Home Alone" showing in theaters now.

## **SOME "SOUND" ADVICE**

We know you like to listen to your stereo and we know you don't want to disturb your neighbors. We recommend placing speakers on stands, away from the windows.

## PARK TOWER'S SPECIAL PEOPLE

By: PTT Reporter George Resis



Ruby Lippert has lived at Park Tower since 1978 and she is someone you should know.

She was on the Social Committee for eight years and she's been a member of the Rules Committee and the Decorating Committee for over two years. She is excited about the renovation of the lobby and the passenger elevators that's coming soon.

Ruby is also Floor Captain and her "beat" are floors 3 - 8. She likes the people on her floor and she thoroughly loves living here. She does her grocery shopping at our commissary and she enjoys our building because of all of the conveniences we have at Park Tower.

She wishes more of the owners would attend the open and executive meetings.

Ruby calls herself "The Warden". She surely has earned this nickname because of her constant vigilance on our behalf as well as her own. She's that pretty lady with the gorgeous white hair perfectly groomed. She always is dressed to the nines in beautiful sweater and skirt combinations.

## PLUMBING PROJECTS

If you are planning work in your bathroom and/or kitchen that



involves shutting off the water and you find that your valve is not holding, STOP! Call the management office to attend to the repairs.

## POOLSIDE ONCE AGAIN

Hopefully by the time you're reading this, you'll be sitting next to our newly painted pool, admiring our beautiful new "Bird of Paradise" plants that replaced the poorly ficus trees. We're sure you noticed the new rubber tile that was installed in the pool walkway.

Health Club members will receive a month's extension on their membership to compensate them for the pool closing. We hope members took advantage of the equipment during this time.

The Board of Directors is considering placing new equipment in the weight room. Let us know your preference, a Stairmaster or treadmill.

## MAILBOX SLOT

To save you a few steps, there is now a mail slot installed in the hi-rise mailroom door.



## SPECIAL DATES

Birthdays- 12/7, Irv Heller; 12/10, Ruby Lippert; 12/12, Herb Zimmerman; 12/14, Bea Steiber; 12/21, Mildred Golub; 12/25, Dorothy Beskin; 12/23- Congrats to Irv and Ruth Heller for 47 years of wedded bliss!



### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Dec 20th- 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Dec 24th & 25th- CLOSED  
Dec 31st- 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
Jan 1st- CLOSED

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Margaret Langford has already brought in her generous donation for the food drive. Hats off to you Margaret!!

Thanks to Beth Spencer for her help with the newsletter and other special events. She's always very helpful and always very nice!

### R-E-C-Y-C-L-E IT!

As you may have noticed, we now have recycling containers adjacent to the garage office on 1P. At this time, we are only handling aluminum cans, newsprint and plastic bottles. To educate us on the proper procedure, Vaughn Kirschner of Ace Disposal will hold an orientation in our party room. on Thurs., Dec 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend and please plan to recycle all that you can. For locations to recycle the materials that we aren't handling at this time, please contact the management office.

### OCTOBER 23RD MEETING HI-LIGHTS

The Board approved the following:

Garage Painting & Leak Repairs  
Pool Renovation  
1991 Landscaping Contract  
New Night Maintenance

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1991

Please save the following schedule to refer to for next year's meetings.

All meetings are on Tuesday evenings. Executive Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the management office and Open Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the party room.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETINGS-

January 29	July 30
February 19	August 20
March 26	September 24
April 23	October 22
May 28	November 26
June 18	December 17

#### OPEN MEETINGS-

February 26	August 27
April 30	October 29
June 25	December 17

The annual election will be held on June 25, 1991.

### YOUR ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

We would like to remind you that your assessment payment is due on the first day of the month.

Please, always include your coupon with your payment. If, for some reason, you do not have a coupon, you are still required to pay on time to avoid a late fee.

A word to the wise...allow ample time to overcome the sometimes "sluggish" mail service. Five days just does not "cut it" anymore. This does not reflect on Joel, our mailman for PT. He's super!

## **NOTICE TO OUR PARKERS**

BY: Irv Heller, Chairman  
Garage Committee

We ask for your cooperation by following a few rules of safety when driving in the garage:

### **TURN ON YOUR HEADLIGHTS!!**

- \*Observe stop signs
- \*When coming around corners, please slow down.
- \*Observe 5 MPH speed limit!
- \*Speed bumps are there for your safety...slow down, don't fly over them.
- \*Let's avoid the near collisions that occur during rush hour periods.
- \*If your car is leaking fluids, please repair to prevent charges for clean-ups.

Your cooperation will greatly be appreciated..**AND...**

Painting has begun in the garage and there are now plans to improve lighting... It all takes time, but we will get the job done.

### **PTQ**

While cooking, please make sure that you keep your overhead kitchen light on.

The light switch operates the damper for the exhaust system that pulls odors from the building.

### **ATTN OWNERS WHO RENT THEIR UNIT**

**REMINDER-A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS IS NEEDED TO PROCESS RENTALS.**

Please remember that we need copies of lease renewals. You

can save us time by submitting the copy of the renewed lease before we have to contact you.

### **PROPER ELEVATOR USE**

Bikes, shopping, luggage and golf carts are permitted on the service elevators only.

Also, laundry, building materials, equipment deliveries and food deliveries must be transported via service elevators.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

We are still in need of books for our library located in the laundry room.

Also, if you borrow a book, please return it.

### **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

If you have changed jobs or you have a new home phone number, please relay the new information to the management office.

It's very important that we are able to contact our owners and residents in the event of an emergency.

### **SOME NEW AND FAMILIAR FACES**

LaVerne Saletko has returned to work at Park Tower after working at two other condo buildings. She just couldn't stay away! Welcome Back!!

Also, we would like to welcome Donna Smith, our new service coordinator and Vio Negrau, maintenance helper.