

# SHARING YOUR BLESSINGS WITH CHICAGO UPTOWN MINISTRY

This year, Park Tower has been sponsoring a food drive to help the unfortunate in our neighborhood who face an ever-growing concern -- HUNGER!

We sincerely appreciate all your contributions; if you haven't yet contributed to this worthy cause, please do so. Contributions are being accepted in the management office.

Suggested items are:



CANNED FOODS Meals-In-A-Can Tuna Fish Peanut Butter Canned Meat Vegetables Fruits Jelly Soup Tomato Paste Pork & Beans

DRY FOODS Macaroni, Spaghetti, Noodles Cereals Cake Mix Tea Bags, Cocoa, Coffee Crackers Dry Beans Sugar

OTHER USEFUL ITEMS Soap, Shampoo Toothpaste, Toothbrushes Razors, Shaving Cream Deodorant Toilet Paper

# CHRISTMAS TREES . . . AND ALL THAT TINSEL!!

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



- Take an old bedsheet with you to the tree lot. Wrap the tree in it before you put it in your trunk and leave it wrapped until you get it into your apartment. You won't have as many needles to pick up and this will help keep the corridors and service elevators clean.
- Water tree regularly. You may want to try one of the liquid tree preservers to prolong the life of the tree.
- To dispose of the tree, remove ornaments, take it out of the stand, and call the Management Office. Staff will discard the tree ...... free of charge.



ENERGY! ENERGY! ENERGY!

To minimize energy, use the plastic grilles in your heating units to direct air flow into the center of the room. <u>DO NOT</u> use these grilles to direct air flow towards the window. This wastes heat, requires higher fan speeds to maintain one's comfort level and increases your individual electric bill.

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

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

<u>NEVER</u> turn off your heating unit <u>via the valve</u>, but turn on or off by the switch at the <u>top</u> of the unit only. Turning off the valve may result in a pipe break causing considerable damage to your unit and many units below.

Consider the installation of thermostats to maintain a set comfort level at all times.

#### HUMIDIFIER INFORMATION

Humidifiers are used by many residents to increase the comfort level of their apartments during the heating season. When used properly, humidifiers cause no problem. However, when the humidity level of the apartment is allowed to get too high, serious water damage can occur. Moisture will condense on the cool window glass and frames causing damage to carpeting and window sills.

To prevent water damage problems, a humidifier should not be used without a humidity gauge. The maximum humidity should never exceed 30 to 35 percent in the apartment.

During cold weather, it is normal for some frosting of the windows to occur.

Keep humidifiers as far away from windows as possible.

Mop up any pooled water <u>PROMPTLY</u> to avoid damage to your sills and carpeting and the units below.

Turn humidifier off when cooking, bathing or entertaining large groups of people.





#### NOISY NEIGHBORS

While we hope you never find it necessary to make a complaint, here's how, if you do:

- 1. Call 769-3250 and indicate where you believe the noise to be coming from.
- Security will proceed to that unit and

   (a) request that the disturbance be stopped
   (b) prepare an incident report.
- 3. A follow-up letter will be written to the resident.
- 4. Should there be <u>three</u> complaints of disturbance from a unit, a Board of Directors hearing will be scheduled with the offender.
- 5. If the disturbance continues, legal remedies will be taken by the Association.

#### HELPFUL HINTS FOR NOISE PREVENTION

- 1. Speakers and TV's should not be placed near window sills, on floors, or along walls which adjoin your neighbors' apartment. The sound can transmit to several floors above and below.
- 2. Remember, all unit floors are to be 80% carpeted.
- 3. Be aware! Tune in....to the noise level in your unit.

Remember, a good neighbor policy is contagious. Let's spread it around!!





Holiday Greetings

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL OR VISIT OUR CENTER.







#### WALK . . . OR RUN

### -TO JOIN THE PTCA HEALTH CLUB-

1 9 8 7 is almost here, and usually at the top of the list of New Year's Resolutions is the vow -"I MUST EXERCISE MORE, AND LOSE SOME WEIGHT!" Park Tower Health Club can help keep that vow.

We offer aerobic classes, surf & turf classes, Jazzercise, and a full service health club, with Nautilus equipment due by early spring!

Join a class! Join the health club! Don't make the same resolution next year!

Classes start on Monday, January 5, 1987.

Aerobic Classes

Tuesday & Thursday 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Surf & Turf

Monday & Wednesday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Jazzercise

Monday & Wednesday 6:45-7:45 p.m.



# A GREAT GIFT IDEA!

Park Tower Health Club T-shirts make great gifts!

The long-sleeved shirts are now on sale in the Management Office.

Cost: \$6.50 ea.



CABLE IS OUT!....

Your cable is out---you pick up the phone and call the management office, and are told to call Oxford directly. All cable repairs, orders, etc. must be done through Oxford's toll free number -1-800-632-2666.

The Oxford team is at Park Tower several days a week, but cannot complete the repairs/orders on your unit until they receive the okay from Oxford's main office.

For faster service, please use the toll free number.

If you continue to have difficulty, and have had no response from Oxford, then let the management office know.

#### BLUE CARD HEADACHES

For those of you who have had trouble with the blue cards not working and hearing those same words, "We are waiting for new cards," put the aspirin away!

It looks like we are on the road to solving the blue card headache. Over the years, people have loaned their cards to friends, neighbors; lost cards; exchanged cards with other units, etc. By doing so, the blue card numbers available to us have practically diminished.

In the next few weeks we will be reviewing with our contractor the possibility of changing our computer chips and issuing all new cards.

It is our intention to move as quickly as possible on this project and keep you informed accordingly.

We too are most anxious to solve the blue card headache!!

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<u>HEAR YE!</u> . . . <u>HEAR YE</u>! . . .

### LOCK-OUT FEES ARE

| 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m     | . \$ 5.00            |  |
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| 5:00 p.m 12: midn     | ight <b>\$10.</b> 00 |  |
| 12:00 midnight - 8:00 | a.m. \$20.00         |  |

Please remember that the lock-out fee is chargeable as soon as the engineer on duty has been called for the lock-out.

# I'm Confused......WHICH BUTTON DO I PRESS????

What's wrong with this intercom? It never works! I can't hear the doorman! Sound familiar? Don't be frustrated. Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the intercom.

<u>TO ANSWER</u> - (1) Press top button, speak clearly into intercom. (2) Press top button to hear the front desk talking to you.

TO CALL FRONT DESK - (1) Press bottom button.

 (2) Immediately press top button to speak and hear front desk. Remember, the doorman may be assisting a resident, so try again.

# PHONE SECURITY FOR SAFETY!

To ensure everyone's safety, we would like to remind each of you that should you notice a suspicious person lurking around the building, hear a disturbance, or anything else which appears to be a breach of security - CALL SECURITY at 769-3250.

Do not attempt to investigate the situation yourself. You could become involved in more than you bargained for. We have an excellent security staff <u>trained</u> to handle these matters.

Next time you are concerned about something you've seen or heard, pick up the phone - an officer will respond to your call.



December, 1986

Dear Owner/Resident:

As we approach the Holidays, the Board of Directors and the Management of the Park Tower Condominium Association wish to take this opportunity to extend to all of you our Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Also, at this time, we once again turn to you to ask you to join with us in expressing our appreciation to the many loyal and dedicated employees of Park Tower.

One of our traditions at Park Tower has been our Holiday Fund. This Fund gives us all an opportunity to make one contribution to a fund for distribution among all of the employees who perform services for us throughout the year. We might add that the members of the garage staff and the mailmen who are not employees of Park Tower are not included in this fund.

Many of the owners/residents have asked us for a suggestion as to the amount of the contribution. In the past, we have recommended a contribution of \$25.00 per unit. Any amount is, of course, greatly appreciated. The name of all of the contributors will appear on a list although the amount of the contribution will not be disclosed. 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 19, 1986.

Your check payable to the PTCA Holiday Fund may be dropped off in the Management Office, lobby lock box, or mailed to the Management Office.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Park Tower Staff, we extend to you our Holiday Greetings.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PARK TOWER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION