

ParkTower

SEPTEMBER 1981

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PARK TOWER

IT'S SEPTEMBER ...

and, that's about the time of the year when we begin to wonder WHERE THE YEAR WENT!

Gradually, we all begin to pack away the "Summer things" (Park Tower residents don't have to put away bathing suits -- see Health Club information enclosed) ... and the deck chairs will slowly disappear into the dark corners of the building to wait until next Spring. Whether it brings happy thoughts or sad thoughts ... Autumn Arrives on September 23rd.

September brings to our Jewish residents the joys of celebrating ROSH HASHANA, and we wish to each a New Year filled with prosperity, good health and great happiness.

Hopefully, this September issue of the Park Tower newsletter will bring you information, enjoyment ... and bring us all together as neighbors.

HAPPY AND SAFE SEPTEMBER, EVERYONE!

Jan Zielke, Editor

P.S. We're sorry about being published just a bit later than usual, our printing deadline bumped up against our printer's vacation deadline, and the printer won! We hope you missed the paper!

INSIDE THIS MONTH ...

- September Social News
- HOW TALL IS PARK TOWER
- SOME HEALTHY SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU
- TAX TIPS
- POINTERS ON PETS
- MEMORIES ... and more

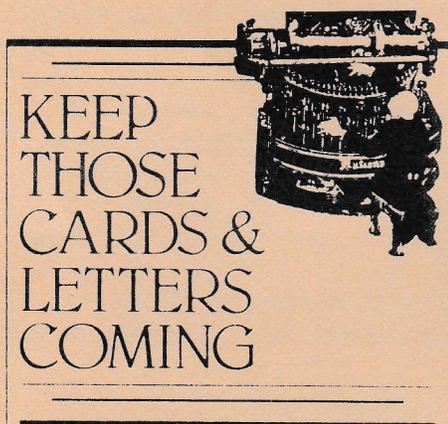
PARK TOWER PEOPLE

MRS. WALTER (JANE) BARANCIK has returned home following treatment at St. Luke's Hospital and we wish her continued progress on the road back to health!

A belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to CHARLOTTE LANGSON'S MOTHER FRIEDA SHAPIRO who celebrated her 90th on August 16th. Coming to celebrate the happy event was her "famous" grandson ANDY SHAW (NBC/Chicago) and many of her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, the latter ranging in ages 19 years to 5 months. Enjoying the youngsters as she does, we're wondering if FRIEDA had time during the party to make plans to go ROLLER SKATING with her Great Grandchildren!!!

Spirits are flying high for Park Tower resident "HINO" whose HIGH FASHION DESIGNS are featured on page 171 of Chicago magazine. From now on, the label to look for is HINO & MALEE ... and we wish them continued success.

Special condolences this month to the family of VINCE PRATO who passed away during the month of August. ELISSA PRATO together with VINCE established JAZZABELL'S in the Mall.



The Newspaper Committee has been very pleased with the response to the Park Tower Newsletter, and we've received many very nice items for publication. BUT ... BEFORE ANY INFORMATION CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION, WE MUST HAVE THE PHONE NUMBER AND NAME OF THE PERSON SUBMITTING IT. We will honor your request not to use your name, if you so desire. If you have something that you would like to share with your neighbors in Park Tower, put it in an envelope, mark it "NEWSPAPER", and drop it in the lock box in the Front Lobby Area.

GARAGE REMINDERS

NO ONE WANTS TO SEE AN ACCIDENT to prove the value of the speed and stop regulations now posted in the garage area. Please make a special effort to be mindful of them -- for YOUR safety as well as the safety of others.

JIM MCGLOIN notes "a car's lights are visible before the car is" ... so turn on the car's lights and be seen for safety's sake.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: A GOOD FRAME OF MIND IS ESSENTIAL ...
 TO BE A GOOD PICTURE OF HEALTH!

PATIENCE PATIENCE PATIENCE!!

Due to a large number of "move outs" and "move ins" during September and October, there could be a longer waiting time for the Service Elevators.

Your patience and understanding during this time is appreciated.



I'm not old enough to remember all the things about the Edgewater Beach Hotel that once occupied the PARK TOWER site. But, because I lived across the street in December 1969 when it's era came to an end, I'll share one of my memories with you.

Whenever I look out my window, I seem to recall the very cold day I climbed through the fence and "explored the pool area" after the last lights had been turned out for good. Much to my amazement, many of the changing rooms that apparently were rented for the "season" had been left totally undisturbed! Bathing suits hung on hooks, favorite inflatables lay on the floor, unopened snack foods and bottles waited on the shelves. There was something sad and eerie about the sight -- the changing rooms looked "just used" but weeds and leaves littered the dark water left in the Pool. The march of progress was in plain view -- one era ends, another begins.

When I think of that experience, I feel that since the era of the Edgewater Beach Hotel had come to an end ... I'm glad they replaced it with a building as nice and pretty as "my home" Park Tower.

* Jan's pinch hitting for Leslie Dochterman this month. We hope to have Leslie back in October.

INFORMATION ... THAT'S FUN TO KNOW

ED and MARY McGOWAN recently asked CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S ACTIONLINE column a question many of us may wonder about, so we thought we'd reprint it.

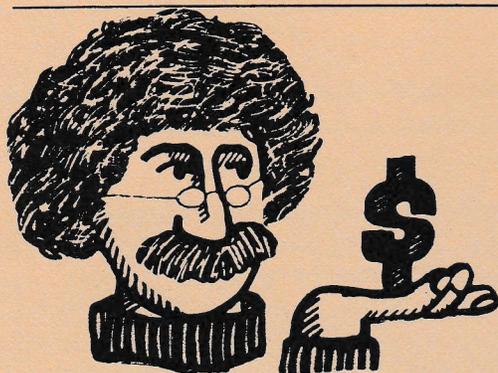
QUESTION: Someone told us that high buildings have underground support comparable to the height of the building. It also was mentioned that in the Chicago area, the support is held firmly in a hard layer formed during the time the ocean covered America. Is this true? Those of us living in highrises would be particularly interested!

ANSWER: If you mean a 1,000 foot high building has supports extending 1,000 feet into the ground, the answer is no. It is only necessary that the proper number of supports (based on the building's weight) be anchored in or on any appropriately hard surface. In Chicago, that hard surface is supplied by a bedrock of Niagara limestone hundreds of feet thick. The limestone was formed by many thousands of generations of shelled sea animals who lived and died here when Chicago was under a great sea. Above the limestone is a mixture of sand, clay, and gravel left by glaciers. The gravel-bearing hardpan is almost as tough as the limestone. In the case of a building such as the Hancock, the support is provided by 239 caissons, of which, 57 were sunk into the limestone to a depth of 191 feet and 182 sunk into the gravel hardpan to a depth of 88 feet. To see what we are talking about, just look into one of the many limestone quarries in Bridgeport, Thornton or west of Chicago.



DID YOU KNOW ... that the overall height of PARK TOWER is 498 feet and 10 inches. Solomon, Cordwell & Buenz, building Architects, told us that the main roof is 475 feet, 10 inches, but the "penthouse" brings it an additional 23 feet into the clouds.

Editor's Note: The Newsletter Committee welcomes information about both PARK TOWER and the old EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL. If you have knowledge to share, turn it in.



Each month, HOWARD COHEN has agreed to answer a question dealing with TAXES IN THE 80'S. If you have a question to be answered, write it out, giving your name and phone number, mark it "TAXES" and drop it in the front lobby Lock Box. HOWARD is a Park Tower resident and heads HOWARD J. COHEN & ASSOCIATES.

QUESTION: I'm a retired individual, 67 years of age, who is presently collecting Social Security. But, I would like to take a part time job to supplement my income and keep busy. How much can I earn?

ANSWER: As a retired individual between the ages of 65 and 72, you may earn \$5,500 in 1981 without loss of benefits. Were you under age 65, your earnings would have been limited to \$4,800 -- while individuals age 72 or older have no restrictions on the amount they can earn. Should you exceed the above limits, you lose \$1 in benefits for each \$2 of earnings over your limit.

There is an important exception to the above FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF RETIREMENT. The annual earnings limitation does not apply, but starting with the month after retirement there is a monthly limitation for the balance of the year. The monthly earnings limitation is \$459 if you are OVER 65, \$340 if you are UNDER 65.

IF YOU FEEL YOUR REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE TOO HIGH ...

Management has spoken to Mr. Gertner, tax attorney, who stated that he believes all assessments received by homeowners in August will be accurate. However, should a homeowner find that their assessed valuation is far different than their neighbor's -- above or below the valuation -- his office should be notified at 782-9000.

DOLLARS AND \$ENSE: "It's not that hard to meet expenses these days ... it seems we meet with expenses everywhere we go".

HAVE AN INTEREST IN FINANCE???

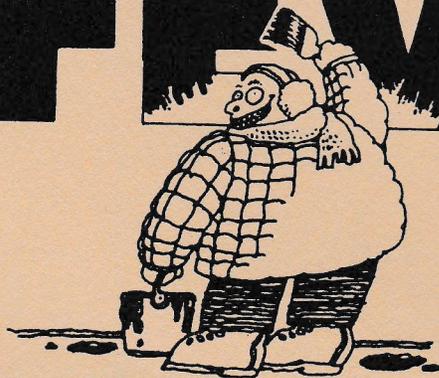
Then you might be interested in knowing that the PARK TOWER FINANCE COMMITTEE is welcoming new members. For more information, call FRANK GOMES at 769-5378.

And, to conclude our FINANCIAL PAGE ... why not match the country with the currency?

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| 2. Brazil | 10. Nicaragua | B. lempira | K. cruzeiro |
| 3. Costa Rica | 11. Pakistan | C. drachma | L. rupee |
| 4. Denmark | 12. Paraguay | D. schilling | M. guilder |
| 5. Greece | 13. Portugal | E. rand | N. cordoba |
| 6. Guatemala | 14. South Africa | F. won | O. bolivar |
| 7. Honduras | 15. South Korea | G. rupiah | P. quetzal |
| 8. Indonesia | 16. Venezuela | H. guarain | Q. escudo |
| | 17. Zambia | I. kwacha | |

This little quiz came from CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS ... we'll print the answers in October!

STAMP OUT CABIN FEVER!



THERE'S NO NEED TO SUFFER FROM "CABIN FEVER" DURING THE FALL AND WINTER MONTHS WHEN YOU LIVE IN PARK TOWER!!!

WHY??? Because the Park Tower Health Club features YEAR-ROUND AMMENITIES LIKE ...

- * POOL
- * EXERCISE ROOM
- * SAUNA
- * WHIRLPOOL
- * SUN ROOM
- * RACQUETBALL COURTS

If you are presently a Health Club Member or even a possible member, the Health Club would like some healthy suggestions on how to make the facilities and services even better. COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

1981/1982 HEALTH CLUB SUGGESTIONS

I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING THE FOLLOWING EVENTS CONSIDERED ...

- HEALTH CLUB MEMBER PARTY.
- EXTENDED HOURS (such as _____)
- OPEN HOUSE
- WEEKLY FREE GUEST DAYS
- MONTHLY FREE GUEST DAYS
- ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC HEALTH CLUB EQUIPMENT (such as _____

_____)
- RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT
- SWIMMING LESSONS () PRIVATE () GROUP
- 50 MILE SWIM CONTEST
- WATER SPORTS () Pool Volleyball () Innertube Basketball
- AEROBIC/JAZZERCISE CLASSES
- EDGEWATER COMPLEX AMMENITIES MEMBERSHIP
- PIPED IN MUSIC
- OTHER, such as _____

NAME: _____ UNIT NUMBER: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (days) _____ (evenings) _____

ARE YOU A CURRENT HEALTH CLUB MEMBER? () YES () NO

DROP COMPLETED HEALTH CLUB QUESTIONNAIRES IN LOCK BOX
IN FRONT LOBBY. THANK YOU.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

From time to time, we'll print a reminder of the regulations established in the Declaration of Condominium. This month, a "refresher course" on the subject of PETS!!!

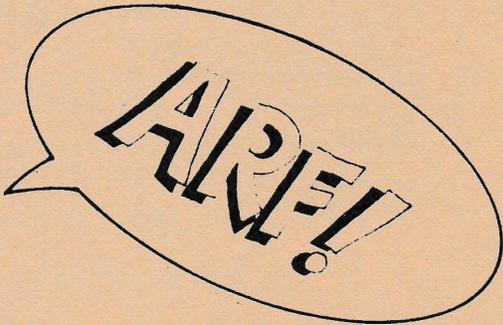
Members of the P.T. Condominium Association are allowed to keep a pet on the premises ONLY if they owned the pet at the time they took possession of the unit. Once this pet dies or is no longer being kept in the unit, the owner may NOT replace the pet. Also, the PTCA reserves the right to withdraw permission to keep a pet in the building at any time as set forth in the terms of the Declaration.

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HARMONY THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING AND TO ENSURE THAT THE PET POLICY IS EQUITABLY ADMINISTERED, ALL AUTHORIZED PET OWNERS MUST ABIDE BY THE REGULATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

1. ALL pets must be registered with the Management Office.
2. ALL pets must be taken in and out of the building through the REAR door.
3. Pets are ONLY ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING'S SERVICE ELEVATORS.
4. When taken in or out, ALL PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH AND ATTENDED BY AN ADULT (preferably held in their owner's arms). NOTE: PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE COMMERCIAL MALL AREA OF THE BUILDING.
5. PET OWNERS MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY for personal injuries or property damage caused by their pet.
6. ALL PET OWNERS MUST AGREE TO INDEMNIFY THE PTCA AND HOLD IT HARMLESS AGAINST ANY LOSS, CLAIM, OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER ARISING FROM OR GROWING OUT OF THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING A PET IN THE BUILDING.
7. If the pet disturbs or annoys other owners or residents in any way, including -- but not limited to -- crying, barking, or biting, the pet owner will be notified of the disturbance or annoyance. UNLESS THE PROBLEM IS CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY, PERMISSION TO KEEP THE PET WILL BE REVOKED. In such cases, the pet must be removed from the building within three days.
8. If the pet causes damage or odor to common area carpet that cannot be easily removed or repaired, the unit owner AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS THAT MAY RESULT FROM REPAIRS OR SHAMPOOING OF THE CARPET TO REMOVE THE ODOR, OR FULL REPLACEMENT OF THE CARPET SHOULD THE PTCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEEM IT NECESSARY.

NOTE: IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OR CONDOMINIUM, THAT PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN RESOLD AND/OR RENTED UNITS.

THE FULL COOPERATION OF ALL PARK TOWER
OCCUPANTS IS ANTICIPATED AND APPRECIATED!



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MEETING MINUTES ...

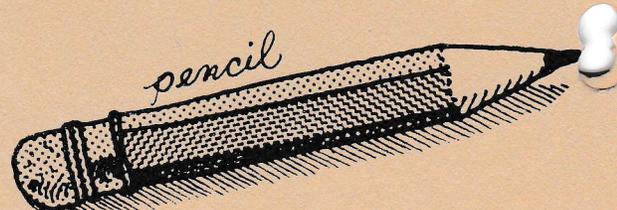
THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 12, 1981. We print this information to keep you apprised of what's happening in PARK TOWER, but your attendance is encouraged at any Board of Directors Meeting.

- * The Association contract with DYNABALANCE, energy consultants, was renewed for one year at a cost of \$5,500.
- * The telephone and button panel at the receiving room entrance will be removed and the space will be covered at a cost of \$125.
- * Association legal matters will now be handled by the firm of KRUPP & MILLER.
- * Association insurance will now be handled by the LUBIN-BERGMAN ORGANIZATION.
- * An exercise class, to be held in the party room, is under consideration.
- * INDIVIDUAL Swimming lessons will now be available at a cost of \$72.00 for six lessons to non-members, this fee to include a two month membership to the pool. The fee for current members will be \$62.00. ALL LESSONS MUST BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE.
- * Mr. YALE SIEGEL has resigned as Chairman of the Building and Maintenance Committee.
- * Mr. JOE McGRATH, Jr. was appointed Chairman of the Social and Recreation Committee upon the resignation of RUDY GETER.
- * A determination was made to combine the Social and Recreation Committee with the Activities Committee, Mr. JOE McGRATH and Ms. SANDRA GOLD will act as Co-Chairpersons.
- * The Association has joined ASCO -- Association of Sheridan Road Condo Owners.
- * A button device at a cost of \$100 will be installed to enable doormen to admit delivery personnel via the service elevators.
- * A two-way communication system will be installed in the passenger elevators.

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ATTENTION PARK TOWER HOMEOWNER: The following work items are covered by your assessment fees and will be handled at NO EXTRA CHARGE:

1. Filter changes in heating/air conditioning units.
 2. Leaking convector units.
 3. Dripping faucets.
 4. Clogged drains (unless clogging due to owner negligence).
 5. Window leakage problems.
 6. Exterminating services.
 7. Intercom problems.
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TAKE TIME THIS MONTH TO LOOK AT
-- AND COMPLETE THE HEALTH CLUB
QUESTIONNAIRE!!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - THE SEARCH FOR ALEXANDER

Meet in Front Lobby

11:00AM

We will take a bus to the Art Institute. There will be a one hour slide lecture orientation at 1:00PM and then we will see the exhibit. Price is \$3.00 for Adults, \$1.50 for Children, Students and Senior Citizens.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - CULTURE BUS SOUTH

Meet in Front Lobby

10:30AM

So you think you have seen ALL the Museums of Chicago? Have you visited the Oriental Institute or the DuSable Museum?

If you're interested ... JOIN US!!!

SEPTEMBER SATURDAYS - SOFTBALL

Meet in Park behind Park Tower

2:00PM Sharp

Guys and Gals welcome to play and cheer!

BEGINNING JOGGING

Tuesday & Thursday

7PM

Meet at Back Door

BIKE RIDING

Wednesdays

7PM

Meet at Back Door

EVENING VOLLEYBALL

Thursdays

7PM

The North Beach Building has invited us to play volleyball. Meet in the Park behind 5455 Building.

GET HAPPY - GET INVOLVED!

SEPTEMBER 1981

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27 CULTURE BUS 10:30AM	28	29 JOGGING 7PM Rosh Hashanah	30 BIKE RIDING 7PM			