

Park Tower News

WELCOME, CONDO OWNERS—

To all 5415 residents who have just become condo owners and to all other new owners and residents, the newsletter staff extends its welcome. We hope you like the newsletter and find it useful.

Let us know if the articles are of interest, and tell us what other kinds of articles you would like. You can also give us your ideas and questions for the Ad Hoc Board of Directors and the committee chairmen. Just put a note in the suggestion box in the mailroom, and we'll see to it that it reaches the right party.

WE NEED FLOOR CAPTAINS—

If someone should come knocking on your door asking you to be a floor captain, try to lend a hand. A floor captain's job isn't a lot of work. Primarily what you have to do is walk around your floor twice a month and fill out a simple checklist that the Building and Maintenance Committee has developed. If you know you want to help, you don't have to wait until someone knocks on your door. Just contact the chairman of the Building and Maintenance Committee, Russell Baruch, apartment 3006, telephone 728-2616 (evenings), or put a note in the suggestion box in the mailroom.

BULLETIN BOARD NEWS—

The bulletin board will remain to the right of the security door, in the inside lobby. A suggestion box in the mailroom will be available for you to tell us all events you wish to report. We ask that these events be of interest to all homeowners.

Park Tower Ad Hoc Committee

Harold Pollen, chairman	Apt. 2901
Peter Merrill, secretary	Apt. 2311
Budget and Finance, James Byrd	Apt. 1902
Legal and Rules, Frank Reichert	Apt. 5402
Bldg. and Maint., Russell Baruch	Apt. 3006
Garage, Robert Stieber	Apt. 1701
Safety and Security, Ben Rowsley	Apt. 3211
Communication, Dorothy Saxner	Apt. 3501
Social and Recreation, Ed Arnold	Apt. 3205
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BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY

As new owners of 5415 you'll be interested in the following report summary of a recent meeting between the Ad Hoc Committee chairpersons and Robert Sheridan and his staff.

- Presentation by engineer engaged to correct negative pressure. Work commencing immediately to make all existing systems functional, which should take several months to do. Then, steps will be taken to make further improvements toward proper air pressure balance. Entire process expected to take about 6 or 7 months, with a recheck at the end of a year.
- Repairs in cracks in ceiling and walls of garage pretty well completed, and other defects to receive attention soon.
- Pool to be drained about end of April for resurfacing and painting lines along pool bottom. At the same time, other needed repairs will be made, including the installation of a new whirlpool and heater. Should take about 10 days.
- Plans already drawn for improving security, principally by eliminating rear intercom, and visitors who enter in rear will go to front lobby. New console in lobby. Sophisticated electronic system to be installed, with strategically placed cameras, and entry by a card to activate door lock, instead of opening by key.
- Racquetball courts, already on drawing board, to be built on part of sundeck near pool, with newly placed entry area leading to pool and the courts. Should all be completed in about 7 to 8 months.
- Timetable for condo transfers should permit first annual meeting of the association itself, primarily for election of the actual association officers, to be held sometime early in May. A large hall in the neighborhood will be sought to accommodate the large turnout expected. Time and place will be announced.

REPORTS FROM YOUR COMMITTEES

GET TO KNOW YOUR CHAIRMEN

Ad hoc chairmen and their committees have been named in an effort to serve you. Have any problems? Address them to the proper committee, and deposit in the suggestion box located in the mailroom. Remember, these committees are your "house government", so to speak. In order to make 5415 a real community, they want to hear from you. In turn, they are already hard at work at improvements.

Budget and Finance—**James Byrd**, Chairperson
Legal and Rules—**Frank Reichert**, Chairperson
Building & Maintenance—**Russell Baruch**, Chairperson
Garage—**Robert Stieber**, Chairperson
Safety & Security—**Ben Rowsley**, Chairperson
Communication—**Dorothy Saxner**, Chairperson
Social & Recreation—**Ed Arnold**, Chairperson
Harold Pollen is chairman of the board, and **Peter Merrill** is the secretary.

COOPERATION GETS RESULTS

The Building and Maintenance Committee is establishing some goals and setting a keynote for operations with a direct line of communication between the chairman, **Russell Baruch**, and management and the chairman and the developer's office.

Management and the developers are supplying records and lists about operations for the committee's study, and some progress can already be reported. Improving housekeeping, fixing windows in the smoke shaft, and, specifically, cleaning out storage locker areas are either already corrected or are currently being corrected.

In order to learn more about the building, members had a walking tour through 5415 and its service facilities, guided by **Ed Kargus**, chief engineer. More firsthand knowledge will be forthcoming as new owners take control of the building.

June Baruch

SENIOR CITIZENS—

We Need You. Right now is the best time of all to begin getting to know your neighbors. Several residents have expressed a desire for a meeting place and some planned activities for senior citizens who live in the building. A room has been made available, so all that is needed are ideas for activities and interested participants. Let us hear from you. What are your interests? Drop us a note with your suggestions along with your name and apartment number, and we'll be back in touch. Address your replies to the Communication Committee, and drop in the mailroom suggestion box.

LEGAL AND RULES COMMITTEE GIRDS FOR ACTION

Committee Chairman **Frank Reichert** has been fielding a multitude of questions to be answered by the Legal and Rules Committee, particularly on rules governing condo ownership. The committee has already held two meetings and is formulating plans for dealing with the complexities of the condominium association structure.

The conduct of Part Tower owners is presently governed by the rules in the association report prepared and distributed to condo purchasers by the developer, **Robert Sheridan & Partners/Park Tower**. With this report as a basis, the Legal and Rules Committee will try to interpret the rules for association members, explore the need for implementing and modifying those rules to better serve our purpose, and seek means of uncovering and handling infraction of rules.

In addition to Chairman Reichert, those now serving on the committee are **Dr. Ira Garoon**, **June Baker**, **Larry Garfen**, **Darlene Chung**, **David Dorenfest**, **Sylvia Krain**, **Dolphy McLaughlin**, and **Morris Saxner**.

Condo owners are invited to help the committee by placing comments and suggestions in the mailroom suggestion box. These will be promptly forwarded to the committee for consideration. Persons interested in serving on the committee can contact Chairman Reichert, apartment 5402, or telephone 728-1547.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Several meetings of the ad hoc Budget and Finance Committee, chaired by **Jim Byrd**, have been held for the purpose of formulating the actions to be taken by the committee. Although individual responsibility of the various committee members have not been finalized, committee members did meet with management on February 22nd, at which time a limited review was made of the estimated budget for 1979, existing contracts now in force, and the financial information which will be available to the condominium association on an ongoing basis. It is the intention of the committee to make an in-depth study of the aforementioned areas and advise and make recommendations to the condominium association via the Board of Directors.

Donna Cohen

MEANWHILE, DOWN IN THE GARAGE—

Communications committee liason **Faye Eisenberg** sat in on a meeting of the Garage Committee recently and tells us they are seriously at work on problem solving. Overcrowding, maintenance, and lack of cleanliness were up for discussion, and Faye tells *Park Tower News* that improvements are in the works.

YOUR SIGHT IS ON THE LINE

By Dr. Shirley Blum
Optometrist

You live in a beautiful world . . . of sunshine, smiles, and changing seasons. But as the saying goes, "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder." In fact, everything you do begins with what you see and how well you see it.

When your eyes do their job properly, you can appreciate and react to your environment. When they don't, you lose sight of it.

Think of your eye as a camera with an opening for light to enter, and as a screen to register the image received. With a camera, you can vary the openings, light system, etc. The human eye has to handle all of these variables on its own to achieve a perfect picture. The eye has to focus on dimly and brightly lit objects, both at a distance and very close to your eyes.

To accomplish this feat, the human eye has its own complex lens system and screen upon which the image is formed in the eye. A miracle indeed.

There are many reasons why an eye may not function properly. An eye practitioner can determine your problems and prescribe the best possible solution, whether it be corrective lenses, contact lenses, etc.

The best way to maintain good vision is to set up a program of yearly appointments with your optometrist or ophthalmologist to determine whether or not your eyes are functioning properly . . . with or without corrective lenses.

Let's make 1979 a year to protect the precious miracle of sight. There are many people who have never experienced this miracle. Make this your thought for today—foresight is better than hindsight.

Dr. Blum, a 2½-year resident of Park Tower, is an optometrist with Level Optical, 69 E. Madison. When she isn't promoting good eye health, Dr. Blum enjoys research and reading, horseback riding, and travel. She is a member of Park Tower's Communication Committee and will be reporting on social activities.)

GOTTA STORY IN YOUR TYPEWRITER?

You've always wanted to be a writer, right?

Thought you could do as well as Royko or Bob Green?

Here's your chance to get it off your chest. If you have some expertise in a certain area, whether it's leisure time sports, gourmet cooking, or a professional essay from your line of work, and if it has general appeal to 5415 residents, we'd like to see it.

If, in the view of the editors, residents will find your article of interest or help, we'll print it in an upcoming issue. *Park Tower News* is for you, and we want it to be by you as much as possible.

Drop your articles in the suggestion box, addressed to the *Park Tower News* editor.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE?

If you missed the special meeting on fire safety held recently in the Park Tower party room, here are some important points that were covered.

To begin with, protect yourself by installing a smoke detector in your apartment. One detector is generally sufficient for a small one-bedroom apartment, and two detectors usually do the job for a two-bedroom apartment.

If a fire should break out in your apartment, leave your apartment immediately and close the door behind you. If the smoke is thick in the apartment when you discover the fire, crawl on the floor along a wall to get to the doorway. Once you are out of the apartment, call the fire department and the doorman from a neighbor's apartment. Then knock on the doors of every apartment on your floor, and tell them all to leave immediately via the stairs. Never use the elevators during a fire.

If you smell smoke and it is not coming from your apartment, call the fire department and the doorman. Then, stay in your apartment.

In all situations concerning fire it is important not to panic. To keep from panicking, your best bet is to be familiar with fire safety rules. So next time there is a fire safety meeting, try not to miss it.

—Dorothy Saxner

(Dorothy Saxner is taking a busman's holiday as chairman of the Park Tower Communication Committee while holding the post of manager of the Department of Books and Newsletters of the American Hospital Association. She has an M.S. from the University of Chicago and is an Associate Fellow of the Society for Technical Communication. Dorothy and her husband, Morris, an attorney, have been Park Tower residents for two years and have just returned from a holiday in Russia.)

AN INVITATION TO PLAY

Thomas F. Hackett, one of our own residents, is director of the Chicago Park District, and he's offering lifetime permits for senior citizens at reduced rates. Permits are valid at any of the Park District golf courses. For more information, contact the Park District. Tell them Tom sent you.

The five Chicago Park District golf courses opened Saturday, April 7. Greens fees for the nine-hole courses at Columbus Park, 5800 west on Jackson Blvd., Marquette Park, 6700 south at Kedzie Ave., the Waveland course in Lincoln Park, 3600 north at Lake Michigan, and the South Shore Country Club Park course, 7059 S. South Shore Dr., will be \$3.00 on weekdays and \$3.50 on weekends and holidays, Hackett reports. The fee at the 18-hole Jackson Park course, two blocks east of Stony Island Ave. at 6300 south, will be \$4.00 on weekdays and \$4.50 on weekends and holidays.

Senior citizens 65 years and older and juniors 16 and under with permits may play from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays and after 4 p.m. weekends for \$1.50 for the nine-hole courses and \$2.00 for the 18-hole course.

HOW TO BUY A SOFA

At last! No more rent payments, no more have-to-keep-it-white walls, no more pictures hung by never-work adhesive tapes. You're a home owner . . . Now you can decorate the way you've always wanted to.

You've been waiting to get settled before doing it right—right? Until now it's probably been second-hands, bargain basement, and mother's attic. No more; now you've arrived. You're home.

Take care. Buying quality furniture to last is more than picking out something that looks good. And selecting the right sofa is more than picking out a pretty fabric to go with the antique "thingamajig" Grandma brought back from the country or the ultra-modern "whatsit" you couldn't resist on your last trip to Italy.

Remember these rules of thumb: comfort, styling, size, frequency of use. If you have small children, you'll want to stay away from delicate fabrics. Will it get lots of use? Patterns and darker colors will hide dirt longer, and you'll want to ask about stain-resistant treatment.

That 16-piece around-the-room seating unit sure looks sophisticated, but will it really fit into that small room? Measure your room so you'll be sure the sofa will fit. Let the salesperson know just how much space you have. That may be the prettiest sofa in the store, but if it's too large for your space, it's useless. Buy comfort. Sit, relax, take your time.

Go ahead — lounge the way you do at home. Make sure you're buying the comfort you want. Be assured a quality furniture store wants you to be happy with your purchase; it reduces the chance of returns and paperwork for them.

Lasting comfort is dependent on basic construction—materials and workmanship. Traditionally the most comfortable base construction has been the eight-way hand-tied coil. However, over the past few years spring unit construction has been improved to offer increased value as well as the slender profiled platform seating found in so many contemporary pieces.

Now you're ready to select fabric. The one you see on the floor is only a sample. There are usually dozens of fabrics and colors from which to choose. Let the salesperson or store designer know your styling and color theme.

And don't be afraid to ask questions about construction, price, and delivery dates.

—Carol Carman

(Carol Carman is editor-in-chief of Furniture Design & Manufacturing Magazine, an internationally circulated business publication. She has also contributed articles on various subjects to the Chicago Sun-Times, Sphere, Avenue M, Budget Decorating, and Cincinnati magazines. Carol is editor of the Park Tower News and will be including other news, views, and tips on home fashions from time to time.)

A SPRING TREAT

The aroma of home-baked goodies, especially on a winter or spring day, reminds us of childhood days around mother's apron strings. Part Tower resident Faye Eisenberg echoes the same sentiments and sent along one of her favorite recipes to share with her neighbors.

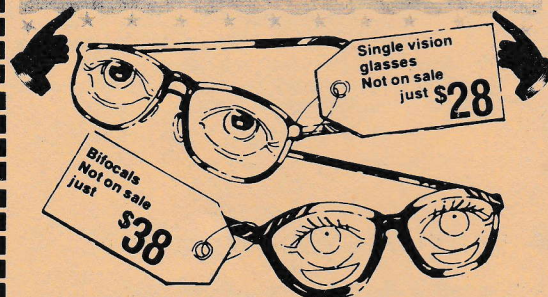
TEA BARS

¼ lb. butter
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
3 tbs. milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Shape into four balls; roll and fill with apricot jelly, cinnamon, sugar, and nuts. Bake in 350-degree oven for about 35 minutes. Enjoy!

Faye Eisenberg moved with her husband to Park Tower five years ago and was immediately recruited as a Democratic judge, registrar, and canvasser. She is a rep for World Book Encyclopedia, does merchandising work for a New York firm, and works part-time at the Merchandise Mart. The good aromas on the fifth floor are probably coming from Faye's kitchen.

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