



ParkTowerNews

BOARD TO BE ELECTED

The first annual meeting of the 5415 Park Tower Condominium Association will be held on Tuesday evening, May 29. You will receive an additional notice, but be sure to *reserve this very important date*.

One of the most important items on the agenda will be the election of the Board of Directors. The Board will consist of five people. A majority must be present on May 29, since a quorum is required for the election.

Ultimately, the Board is responsible for the total supervision of managing the property and for seeing that all Association responsibilities are met. Your Board can properly rule on policies and procedures, and it is responsible for approving the budget (which affects your monthly assessment) and for reviewing the records of receipts and expenses. The Board is also responsible for maintaining adequate insurance coverage for the common areas and for approving or protesting taxes on the common elements and areas.

Condominiums are very democratic institutions, and electing your Board of Directors is one of the most important steps you'll make as a condominium owner, since, in determining policy, the Board is actually affecting your life-style.

OWNERS' RECEPTION IS SET

A reception will be held in the Party Room of Park Tower (second floor) Thursday, May 24, to provide an opportunity for you to meet your fellow Association members seeking election to the Association Board of Directors.

All Association elections are important, but the first election, to be held May 29, is particularly significant. You, as an Association member, will be electing your representatives to the Board.

Be sure to attend.

WHAT'S IT LIKE IN RUSSIA?

By Dorothy Saxner

It happened in Moscow. Two couples introduced themselves and discovered they live almost next door to one another on Sheridan Road in Chicago. The couples were **Dorothy and Morrie Saxner**, of Park Tower, and **Adele and Maurie Fisher**, of 5445. They were all on a tour sponsored by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

What were their impressions of Russia? First, that everything there is big. Second, that Moscow is spectacularly beautiful. Third, that the people are well-clothed and robust, and there is no evidence of poverty.

The bigness is seen everywhere—in the huge apartment buildings; the wide streets; the St. Isaacs church, which is the third largest in the world; the immense Hermitage museum, which is really a series of palaces; and the imposing Kremlin, which contains many buildings, squares, and park areas.

The beauty of Moscow is in the grandness of the Kremlin, the architecture of St. Basil's and many other churches, and especially the many elaborately decorated subway stations. Gum's, which is Moscow's famous department store, is far more attractive than the huge but plain state department store in Leningrad.

As for the people, all were dressed in warm coats and fur hats (it was the last week in March), and the women wore boots. Unfortunately, it wasn't possible to converse with people on the street or even in the hotels, as only the Intourist guides spoke English. The English spoken on the street was limited to teenagers' requests for chewing gum, which all of the young Russians seem to have a passion for. In exchange for a package of gum, they will give you a belt buckle, lapel pin, or some kind of trinket.

And how, you may want to know, was the food? We can only report that our clothes got tighter as the trip wore on. Lots of bread, fried potatoes, and fried meat, plus raw onions, cucumbers, and cabbage, were the main fare. And there were also beef Stroganoff (which originated in Russia), caviar, and pastries.

The Saxners brought back something unexpected: tickets for walking across the street improperly. We didn't realize we were supposed to use an underground passage to get to the other side of the street. The fine for the two tickets totaled one ruble, which is roughly equivalent to \$1.50. Fortunately, we didn't have to go to the police station; the police collected the money on the spot.

Would these visitors go back again? Maurie Fisher's answer probably speaks for all: "I'm really glad I saw it, but I don't expect to return. I'd rather see another new place."

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 Rawnsley	Apt. 3211
Communication, Dorothy Saxner	Apt. 3501
Social and Recreation, Ed Arnold	Apt. 3205
Newsletter Editor, Carol Carman	Apt. 2504

IMPROVED SECURITY PLANNED

One of the most important concerns of condominium owners is adequate security. To make sure we are getting the best, several plans are underway.

- Instead of a security key, a magnetic card and card-reader will be used to gain entrance to the garage and building. Garage installation will be completed within a month. Instructions on usage will follow.
- Construction will begin shortly to restructure the entrance to the building. Anyone not residing at Park Tower will have to pass by the doorman to gain entrance
- A security guard is on duty Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. On Saturday and Sunday security guards are on duty 24 hours.
- Condominium owners and residents have received a letter from management emphasizing caution to be used in conjunction with existing security. Be sure to read this letter, and make certain that everyone residing in your unit is familiar with the basic safety and security procedures.
- There will no longer be a master-key system in Park Tower. If you should accidentally lock yourself out of the apartment, the management office will have only one key to your apartment. Should that key be misplaced after use by the owner or resident, there is no other. Extreme caution should be exercised not to lock yourself out of your unit.
- Plans are underway to resurface the circular driveway and to install a ramp to the front door for those who are handicapped. The entrance to Jonathan's will also be resurfaced.

IMPROVEMENTS NEARING COMPLETION

Your ad hoc committees are pleased to report that the following projects are now complete:

- Swimming pool repairs
- Trees and other outside shrubbery installed
- Stone coping sill replaced on roof in front of circular driveway
- Corrected leaks in floor slabs and knock-out panels of garage
- Corridor air-supply system repaired and operational
- Defective smoke tower windows repaired and operational

The following items are either in progress at present or will be started in the next 30 to 40 days:

- Terrazzo tile repair in front of building
- Masonry cladding over service doors of restaurant
- Racquetball facility on second-floor deck
- Roof repairs and flashing repairs
- Acoustical tile repair in mall area
- New security system throughout public areas of building (installation in progress now)
- Balancing air system (in progress now)

OOPS, WE GOOFED!

Maybe you've noticed that this issue of the newsletter is a different size than the April issue. That's because the printer made a mistake last month and printed our newsletter smaller than we requested. We hope you find this typesize a little easier on the eyes.

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BYLAWS ARE REVIEWED

The Legal and Rules Committee has been reviewing bylaws and governing documents. According to Chairman **Frank Reichert** (Apt. 5402), "Our primary responsibility is to assure that bylaws, rules and regulations reflect the best interest of all Association members. This is why input will be welcomed from all owners via the suggestion box."

This committee, like all Park Tower committees, is answerable to the Board of the Association and functions in a purely advisory capacity.

Frank indicates that there is still room for additional members interested in serving on this important committee, particularly for those with a legal background.

RECREATION AND SOCIAL

Plans are underway to organize our recreation and social committee. Participating in this effort are **Stuart** and **Leslie Dubin**, who are both very interested in physical education, and **Ted Arnold**, an attorney.

Good news for Park Tower residents. The pool is open again! For those less active, our new whirlpool can be a source of relaxation after using the exercise room. And don't forget the sauna.

Plans are not yet finalized on the racquetball courts, but architects renderings are now under review on patio plans.

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As an introduction to our new neighbors and old friends, we would like to offer these special savings as a way of saying thank you.

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