



Park Tower News

LEGAL AND RULES COMMITTEE HAS NEW CHAIRMEN

The Board of Directors has appointed **Charles Pikcunas** as chairman of the Legal and Rules Committee, replacing **Frank Reichert**, who is now secretary of the Board. **Morris Saxner** has been appointed as co-chairman of the committee. Both Pikcunas and Saxner are practicing attorneys who bring considerable legal experience to their committee jobs.

The committee is expected to start dealing at once with some important problems confronting Park Tower Condominium Association. Namely, clearly defined rules must be developed concerning pets; conduct in the mall, the exterior appearance of the building; and proper use of the garage, pool, health club, and other common elements.

ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

Immediately after the election of the Association Board of Directors on May 29th, the Board held its first meeting and elected the following officers, as prescribed by the bylaws:

Harold Pollen, president
Russell Baruch, vice-president
Peter Merrill, treasurer
Frank Reichert, secretary

All bring prior experience to the jobs, since they served on the Association's Ad Hoc Committee. The new Board and officers will serve for a one-year term.

IT'S PARTY TIME, AND YOU'RE INVITED

A kick-off get-together for Park Tower residents will be held Sunday, July 22, in the second floor party room. Everyone is invited for coffee and cake. If it's ham and eggs you want, better have it earlier or prepare enough for about a thousand and come on down. We look forward to meeting you. Dress casually.

YOUR APARTMENT CAN BE ON THE 'NO ADMIT' LIST

If you prefer that no service calls be made to your apartment unless you are home, call **Ann Champley** at the Management Office, 769-3250, and request that your apartment be placed on "no admit." It's that simple. Service will then be by appointment only, and servicemen will handle your work orders only when you are present.

To avoid wasting valuable time, however, it is essential that you give the Management Office a choice of two different dates for the service call, specifying morning or afternoon, since sometimes an emergency will prevent response on the first specified date. The Management Office will make every effort to oblige at a minimum of inconvenience to you.

Of course, residents who make appointments for service should be home when the servicemen arrive or should cancel the appointment well in advance if they might not be able to keep it.

VALUABLE ENERGY SAVER OFFERED FREE TO OWNERS

The shower heads throughout the building provide about 12 gallons of water per minute. A normal shower head produces about 6 gallons, which is all one really needs.

The Board of Directors has voted to install restrictors on showers in each apartment free of charge. This device will reduce the flow to 6 gallons per minute. It will not only save energy, but it will also improve the draining of water in the tub.

To place an order for a shower restrictor, call **Ann Champley** at 769-3250.

Park Tower Condominium Association

Harold Pollen, president	Apt. 2901
Russell Baruch, vice-president	Apt. 3006
Peter Merrill, treasurer	Apt. 2311
Frank Reichert, secretary	Apt. 5402
David Salmon	878-7100

Budget and Finance Committee, James Byrd	Apt. 1902
Building and Maintenance Committee, Russell Baruch ..	Apt. 3006
Communication Committee, Dorothy Saxner	Apt. 3501
Garage Committee, Robert Stieber	Apt. 1701
Legal and Rules Committee, Charles Pikcunas	Apt. 2907
Safety and Security Committee, Ben Rawnsley	Apt. 3211
Social and Recreation Committee, Ed Arnold	Apt. 3205
Newsletter Editor, Carol Carman	Apt. 2504

MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR COMMON ELEMENTS IS FREE TO CONDO OWNERS

Repair and maintenance work for items that are considered common elements is covered by condo owners' assessment fees. Therefore the following work is provided at no charge:

- Filter change in the heating/air-conditioning units
- Leaking connector unit
- Dripping faucet
- Clogged drain (unless the clogging is due to negligence)
- Window leakage
- Exterminating
- Intercom problem

All other work costs \$10.00 for the first half hour and \$5.00 for every 15 minutes thereafter. These fees accrue to the Park Tower Condominium Association.

If you have leased an apartment from an outside investor, you are required to obtain written authorization from the owner for any repair work within your apartment, except in the case of an emergency. An emergency repair may be handled without the authorization.

If you are still under a lease with the Edgewater Management Company, you should contact the Management Office in order to obtain the proper authorization.

The maintenance staff is on duty Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For service, call Ann Champley at the Management Office, 769-3250, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In case of an emergency at other times, call the same number to reach the engineer on duty.

TIPS ON SAVING ENERGY IN YOUR HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS

- Settle on a desired temperature in your apartment, and leave the thermostat there rather than adjusting it frequently.
- Be sure obstacles do not block registers or outlets, so that the air conditioning or heat can flow through the unit.
- Maintain thermostat controls for cooling at not less than 75° during the cooling season, and maintain heat controls at not more than 68° during the heating season.
- Drapes, blinds, or shades can act as insulation. During the winter, keep them open to let the sunlight warm the air and cut the heating system's load. On summer days, close drapes on the sunny side to cut incoming heat.
- Appliances give off heat that the cooling system has to counteract, so during the hottest time of the day, minimize their use.
- Keep refrigerator coil surfaces clean to provide maximum cooling.

WHY CORRIDORS GET COOL

Even though the cooling system in the corridors is set at a constant 78 degrees, the corridors sometimes get colder. This happens when the outside air is considerably colder than 78 degrees, since an outside air supply is required to be brought into the corridors at certain times. When the corridors get too cold, the outside air supply is shut off temporarily. The summer months should pose no problem, however, because the outside air is warm.

A FEW WORDS TO THE WISE

In accordance with the condominium declaration for Park Tower, all pets must be registered with the office, and any homeowner owning a pet should contact Ann Champley in the Management Office to be sure the pet is properly registered.

We have had two homeowners with shattered oven doors. Please remember to leave oven doors ajar when broiling.

With the heavy moving schedule expected during the coming months, it is extremely important that every homeowner be using the proper locker designated for their corresponding unit. Should anyone be using a neighbor's locker, please notify the Management Office as soon as possible. Please also remember that the Fire Code requires all locker room aisles be kept clear and any items found outside the lockers themselves will be removed.

Since bicycle season is in blossom, we would like homeowners to be reminded that all bicycles must be registered. All bikes should be registered now. Each bicycle owner will be assigned a stall number and given a 1979 sticker to be placed on the bicycle. All bikes should be locked and secured in an upright position at all times. Unregistered bicycles will be removed. The key to the bicycle room may be obtained from the doorman. Remember that you are responsible for returning the key after each use.

Please report any washers or dryers in the laundry room that are out of order to the Management Office. On weekends, report same to the doorman.

We have found that two different residents installed either portable dishwashers or washing machines in their kitchens, causing plumbing problems for those entire tiers. It takes a great deal of time and manpower to trace down the offending unit and then have the homeowner find that our plumbing will not facilitate these items. Any installation of this kind should be approved in advance by the Management Office.

DOORMEN WILL SPORT NEW UNIFORMS

New uniforms have been ordered to give the Park Tower doormen a new look. The jacket is black with gray trim, and there are winter pants and summer pants to match the jacket. The winter pants are black with gray trim, and the summer pants are the reverse—gray with black trim.

The new uniforms are a result of action taken by the newly elected Board of Directors. The doormen are especially pleased, not only because they will have new uniforms but because they were given the opportunity to select the style and color.

See if you still recognize **Sam Calderone, Lester Long, Ernest Lowery, and Foster Thomas** when you see them in their new uniforms in August.

CONSERVE ENERGY BY SAVING WATER

Here are some tips for conserving energy when you use water:

- If you notice a leaky faucet, notify the office management immediately. A leaky water faucet dripping one drop per second can waste as much as 650 gallons of water in a year.
- Take a shower rather than a bath. The average shower uses only 5 gallons of water, whereas the average bath uses almost 10 gallons.
- Wash your clothes with cold water whenever possible. The major cost item in washing clothes is the hot water used.
- Use the correct amount of detergent in your dishwasher, and load it properly. A dishwasher is most economical when used at full capacity.

CALL THE RIGHT PERSON TO HELP YOU WITH SERVICE AND INFORMATION

The Management Office recommends that you contact the following people if you have problems or questions.

If you need service for your apartment or have questions about maintenance, call **Ann Champley** at 769-3250. If you have questions about your assessment charges or other charges, call **Ina Goldberg** at 769-3250.

If any service request is not handled to your satisfaction within three working days, call Manager **Joy Pipala** at 769-3250 or Property Supervisor **Rosemarie Wert** at 769-1350. Efficient service to Park Tower residents is the Management Office's aim.

THE NEW GERMANY: PHANTASTISCHE!

By Carol Carman

No more landing cards! No more leaving your passport at the hotel desk overnight! No more lines to get through customs!

Traveling through West Germany these days is as simple as traveling from one state to the next in the U.S. The alien feeling is gone; the warm smile, the kindness, the generosity, the hand of friendship is in.

There's a new civility stretching across the whole of that country since I was a student living in Europe some 10 years ago. No longer am I objurgated for U.S. involvement in Vietnam; no longer are villages pointed out to me as places extirpated "by the Americans during the War." Now my German hosts more quickly apologize for their own country's past offenses. The apology, if it can be called that, is genuine; the tone of voice is angry. They are remembering in an attempt to forget.

The discussion ends; we talk of other things. Prices—very high. The American dollar is worth about 50 cents when exchanged for Deutsch marks. Sheraton or Hilton type rooms range from \$60 to \$100-plus in the major cities. Stay away from the bright lights and opt for the more charming small villages where resort hotel rooms with view, balcony, and birds to sing you awake go for about \$25 per night.

Taxis—use them. About the same in price as Chicago, but the cabs are mostly Mercedes, spotlessly clean with courteous, young, well-dressed drivers. Food—moderate to expensive, but mmmmm good. Be daring. Order bratwurst *only* if it's the only thing you understand on the menu and no one speaks English.

Trains and highways—so simple to use they don't need an explanation. Gasoline, however—are you ready?—sells for \$2.50 per gallon. Rent a Volkswagen!

Places to go: Rothenburg, old, filled with history and cobble-stoned streets is a must. Bad Saltzuflen (further north near Hannover) if you're ready for salt baths and a peaceful atmosphere.

Best of all, try to get to Germany on a business trip, like I did. I was there 10 days before I ever spent a dime. Your German hosts are insulted if you argue the point. Be gracious, smile, take along your sense of humor. Yes, they have one, too, and it's beautiful!

BIRDS SAVE ENERGY, TOO

Did you know that when some species of birds migrate north they fly in a V formation in order to save energy? When a bird flies, its wings churn up the air, leaving behind an air current. In the flying wedge, or V, each bird is in the right position to get a lift from the current left by the bird directly ahead. This makes less work for all the birds except the leader, and that is why birds take turns leading the formation during migration.

ANNA HELD

**Edgewater Beach Flower Shop
5555 N. Sheridan Rd.**

561-1940

*Wedding specialists and
flowers for all occasions*

**We send flowers everywhere
Specials for parties**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE IN GEAR

Hello there to all the fun and sun lovers of Park Tower. Have we got news for you! The Social and Recreation Committee had its first pow wow with Chief Ed Arnold and his super group—Irv Heller, Eunice Pollen, Sue Sutton, Bob Phatt, Lois Senderoff, Rose Neelson, Ollie Anderson, Mabel Enright, John Mickalows, Ann Garoon, Sylvia Crain, and Sandra Gold.

Fun-loving Lois accepted responsibility of being liaison between Communication and Social, so we'll be keeping you informed on exciting upcoming events.

Ollie and Irv have taken on the monumental task of "The Questionnaire" to find out all about you and what your preferences are in the way of future activities, programs, suggestions, etc. Please respond as quickly as possible. Newsletter wants to know more about you, too. We'll be featuring individuals and families in upcoming issues—with photos.

Never let it be said that any meeting was in progress and our Board people were too busy to attend. Not only were they there, but we did get to see the exciting plans for the racquetball courts and the sun deck. Have heart, the best is yet to come!

—Shirley Blum

HAVE YOU TRIED THE SPONGE POSITION?

Thought that would get your attention. It's a very relaxing position in Yoga, and we're doing it and a lot of other energy-producing positions every Monday night at 8 p.m. in the second-floor party room.

Yoga, if you haven't tried it, is not tiring exercises. It's energy-building, can be slimming for those looking for weight loss, and firming for those who like what they've got and want to keep it that way.

It's fun and a good way to meet new people. Men, are you listening? We want you, too. Call Sharon Steffensen, the instructor, at 561-1058 for further details.

—Carol Carman

EN GARDE!

A new eight-week course for beginning and intermediate fencers will start July 25. Class meets in the North Beach Party Room (40th floor) each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. The session will finish September 12.

Each class will last about one hour, and equipment will be provided. The entire course is \$10. Call Max Healey for more details—561-9237 or 878-1184.

PENALTY FOR PAYING ASSESSMENT LATE

It is important to watch the due date for paying your assessment, for if you miss the due date, you will have to pay a penalty. If the assessment is over 30 days in arrears, you are subject to having all payments due for the current calendar year accelerated and payment may become due immediately.

WORKSHOP IS READY

Got a table to sand? A little painting to do? We have a room set aside on 2P (lower-level parking) to make it all a little easier. The doorman has the key. Just be sure to clean up afterwards and promptly return the key.

PERSONALS

I would be interested in a canasta game.—Mrs. Neeleson, Apt. 1502.