



# Park Tower News

## PARKING REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED

Enforcing parking regulations at Park Tower is done for a reason, several of them. Building security, fire regulations, and the safety of you, the resident, are all considered in the new setup.

With this in mind, the following rules have been issued and **will be strictly enforced.**

- Any homeowners wishing to park at the east delivery entrance to facilitate unloading may use this area for fifteen minutes only. Any automobiles found in the area beyond this limit will be towed.
- Any automobiles parking in the circular drive may do so for fifteen minutes only to facilitate pickup or drop off passengers. Any automobile found in the circular drive past this limit will be stickered and towed.
- There are two outdoor parking lots. The area closest to the building is for monthly parkers who have signed a lease with Ganser-Oguss for this purpose. The other is a transient parking lot where homeowner's guests may park for a fee. Any unauthorized cars in either of these lots at any time will be stickered and towed.
- At no time are cars allowed to park at the north end of the building or the east end (except in the loading dock area for fifteen minutes only), and any cars found in these areas will be stickered and towed immediately.

## FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met in July. Included in the meeting were the following items of general interest to Park Tower residents:

- Volunteer floor captains have been named for at least half the building. **Bobbie Corbett**, chairman of the Building and Maintenance Committee, has met with them and outlined their duties and responsibilities.
- **Ben Rawnsley**, chairman of the Safety & Security Committee, reports that Robert Sheridan's office promises completion of the security systems within the next couple of weeks.
- **Jim Byrd**, chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, is still looking for more committee members. The committee will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Management Office.
- **Dorothy Saxner**, chairman of the Communications committee, requested that all articles for the newsletter be submitted to the newsletter editor, **Carol Carman**, Apt. 2504, by the 15th of each month. **Donna Cohen**, Apt. 1511, should be contacted for items to be placed on the bulletin board.
- **Peter Merrill**, treasurer of the Board, reports that the Social and Recreational Committee will be distributing a questionnaire in an effort to determine the types of activities homeowners would like to see in the building. Here's your chance. Speak up.
- **Charles Pikcunas**, chairman of the Legal & Rules Committee, is inviting residents to participate in the preparation of a list of building rules and regulations to be submitted to the Board. The list will be ready for Board review by October 1.

## PARKING LOT HAS NEW ENTRANCE

If you park your car in the lot just south of Park Tower, you will have to get used to entering the lot from Sheridan Road instead of from the driveway just north of the building. This change in the location of the parking lot entrance was made to eliminate the heavy traffic in the driveway, free up the dock and delivery areas, and improve security.

### Park Tower Condominium Association

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<b>Russell Baruch, vice-president</b> .....	<b>Apt. 3006</b>
<b>Peter Merrill, treasurer</b> .....	<b>Apt. 2311</b>
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<b>Building and Maintenance Committee, Bobbie Corbett</b> ..	<b>Apt. 1109</b>
<b>Communications Committee, Dorothy Saxner</b> .....	<b>Apt. 3501</b>
<b>Garage Committee, Robert Stieber</b> .....	<b>Apt. 1701</b>
<b>Legal and Rules Committee, Charles Pikcunas</b> .....	<b>Apt. 2907</b>
<b>Safety and Security Committee, Ben Rawnsley</b> .....	<b>Apt. 3211</b>
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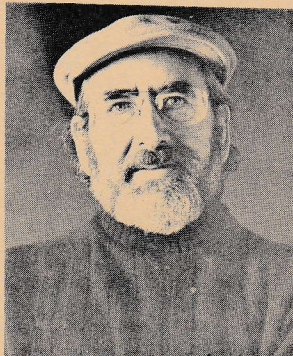
Deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.

## MEET HAROLD POLLEN, CONDO PRESIDENT

What kind of person is **Harold Pollen**, president of the Board of Directors of Park Tower Condominium Association? What is behind the reserved, thoughtful exterior? According to this reporter, our Board president is a person with a wide range of interests.

Naturally, one of his interests is the apartment he now owns and the building he lives in. Says Harold, "Like the other owners, I want a home with the comforts and amenities that Park Tower offers." And that's why he became active on the Ad Hoc Committee and then decided to run for the Board of Directors.

Another interest is his work, of course. Harold teaches computer technology at Senn High School. He holds degrees from the University of Illinois, Roosevelt University, and Illinois Institute of Technology. His teaching career, however, is only nine years old. For the 25 years before that, Harold owned and operated a hardware and mill supply business.



His wife, **Eunice**, is also a schoolteacher. When summer rolls around and the Pollens are not teaching, they travel. They enjoy canoe trips, camping, and hiking, and they pursue these interests nearby in Wisconsin and also afar in California, where their three children and four grandchildren live.

They also are collectors of *objets d'art*, which decorate their apartment beautifully. The items come from trips they have made all over the world. The Pollens have lived in their Park Tower apartment for four years.

And as for other interests, Harold still finds time to serve as a director of two suburban banks. These business interests, his prior business experience, and his computer background—together with his six months of service as chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee—make Harold Pollen's selection as president of the Board an asset to all of the owners.

—Dorothy Saxner

## STOP VANDALISM; IT'S COSTING YOU

There is no place and certainly no excuse for vandalism at Park Tower. If you see it happening, say something. You don't have to be nice about it; this is, after all, a building you have paid for.

Immediately report the culprit to security, to the Management Office, or to the doorman if that's the most convenient at the time.

Renters should be aware, too. Vandalism in the building means costs to the owners and that, in turn, will inevitably mean eventual higher rents to you.

## GOTTA REPAIR PROBLEM?

Maintenance work inside the apartment is always a nuisance, of course. To help you keep that nuisance to a minimum, Park Tower offers a "convenience service" that should keep costs to a minimum over outside contractor costs.

But keep this in mind—warranties on parts are the warranties offered by the manufacturer only.

In addition, the building has been instructed to collect money in advance on any work that will require a great sum or involve outside trades, i.e., using contractors that offer discounts to Association members.

The only exception will be emergency repairs and simple maintenance tasks, which management will charge through your homeowner assessment statement.

## GROUPS ARE WORKING FOR EDGEWATER

The Edgewater area has at least three groups actively seeking to improve the neighborhood: ASCO, the Edgewater Community Council, and Operation Winthrop-Kenmore.

ASCO is an association of condominium owners founded in 1973. It is headquartered in the Malibu building, 6007 N. Sheridan Rd., and **Charles Sackett** serves as its president. Its purpose is to police the Edgewater area, principally Sheridan Road from Foster to Devon, in order to detect situations that might adversely affect condominiums or the rights of their owners.

A number of Sheridan Road condo associations are already members of ASCO, and there is now a drive on to increase membership. The Park Tower Board of Directors is considering the advisability of enrolling.

The Edgewater Community Council, headquartered at 1112 W. Bryn Mawr, includes in its membership not only property owners, but also tenants. Its efforts are directed toward improving conditions for all area residents: owners and tenants.

The Council has set up Operation Winthrop-Kenmore. As the name implies, Operation Winthrop-Kenmore concentrates on the Winthrop-Kenmore "corridor," which runs from Foster to Devon. It is dedicated to the revitalization of this corridor, which has been inundated with change in recent years—an inordinate influx of nursing homes, halfway houses, and transient singles.

The Edgewater Community Council has adopted a series of objectives, to be implemented in an ambitious five-year program during which priority will go to upgrading conditions along Winthrop and Kenmore, seeking to maintain a highly urban, diverse, and balanced community in Edgewater.

All three groups render essential and valuable service to the entire Edgewater community. They represent a potent force for good in the area and deserve the support of all area residents.

## DON'T BE FINED; PAY ON TIME

The Park Tower management office reminds owners that assessment payments are due on the *first of each month*. Late notices will be sent on the 10th, and, yes, you will be charged for late payments. "We've been flooded with calls from people who think the due date is the 15th," says **Rosemarie Wert**. Remember—the due date is the 1st, not the 15th.

## NEW GARAGE MANAGER NAMED

**Harold Heller** has been named garage manager at Park Tower. **Ken Smith** will be assisting him.

At the last meeting of the Garage Committee, self-parking versus attendant parking was discussed. More on this later.

—Faye Eisenberg

## STOP! READ BEFORE BUYING WINDOW SHADES

Nothing cheapens the looks of a beautiful building more than inconsistency in the colors of window coverings. To maintain Park Tower as the class structure it is, the Board of Directors has approved a standardization ruling on exterior shade colors.

Beginning now, all windows must be equipped with window shades that have a grey exterior color similar in exterior color and mounting to those already in general use throughout the building.

The ruling is for shades only and will not affect draperies or other window treatments.

In case you didn't know, shades can be bought with grey on the exterior side and any color you want for the interior, so your decorating color scheme is saved.

## HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR DRAIN PANS?

If you are having odor problems with the drain pans under the window heating/cooling units, it may be that you need to clean them. Periodic cleaning will not only prevent odor, but will also keep the drain holes from getting clogged. If they should become clogged, the pans will overflow and cause water damage to the carpet.

## CONDO OWNERS' ENERGY COSTS ARE SHARED

The energy cost on your monthly assessment statement represents your share of the energy used for common elements of the building as well as the energy used for heating and cooling the apartments. If you have any questions about these costs, call **Ina Goldberg** in the Management Office, 769-3250.

## LETTER FROM PARIS

**June Baruch**, wife of Board member **Russell Baruch**, has just returned from Paris and London with two of her friends. June reported on the sights and sounds.

Small hotels and walking still appear to be the best bargains in Paris, and June reports "I didn't miss a thing." The trio walked "from one end of Paris to the other . . . did the Louvre, and there she was, Mona Lisa, behind glass and a thousand people crowding around her."

Museum guards appear to remain unchanged, too. Says June, "Don't try to ask them for information on other museums. They don't know anything and care less!"

One of the many plus aspects of Paris was the fact that it stays light until after 10 p.m. this time of year. "That gave us many hours to do everything," June exclaims. "The Left Bank, the Eiffel Tower, and all the loveliness of Paris in general."

The trio rented a car and drove to the Loire Valley after their feet finally gave out in Paris. A stop at Versailles, of course, was a must. "Those French kings sure knew how to live," June observes.

The group arrived in time for dinner in Amboise, overlooking the Loire River, and decided to stay five days touring 12th to 18th Century castles built by the kings of France, "usually for their lady friends."

Next it was off to Normandy, in the northwest of France, and a visit to Omaha Beach still covered with German bunkers and American and British landing craft. Then "a sad and touching visit to the American Military Cemetery."

June also reports on the French people—"very friendly, especially outside the cities; helpful, contrary to everything we had heard.

"But it was still a relief to take the hovercraft across the channel to England and to people we could understand—sometimes!

"If we thought prices in Paris were high, London was ridiculous! In honor of our arrival, the VAT (sales tax) was doubled to 15 percent. And a number of restaurants have a new wrinkle—a cover charge, a head tax just to sit and eat. Europe is pricing itself out of the market!" (Or could it be the continued devaluation of the American dollar only makes Europe seem more expensive?)

June wrapped up her report with one important piece of advice—"if you're planning a trip to Europe, **take money!**"

Gas in France, according to June, was \$3 to \$3.50 a gallon. "We had to put a quart of oil in the car, and it cost us \$8 a quart!" The dollar exchange in France, says June, was approximately four francs to the U.S. dollar. In England, the exchange rate was one pound to two U.S. dollars.

## RADIOS ON THE SUN DECK

Whether it's Bach or Rock, loud radios played on the sun deck may be to your liking, but not necessarily to those around you. Courtesy makes you a good neighbor. Keep radios turned low—for your ears only. Your neighbors may prefer another type of music, or maybe they'd prefer concentrating on a book. Let's all be good neighbors.

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