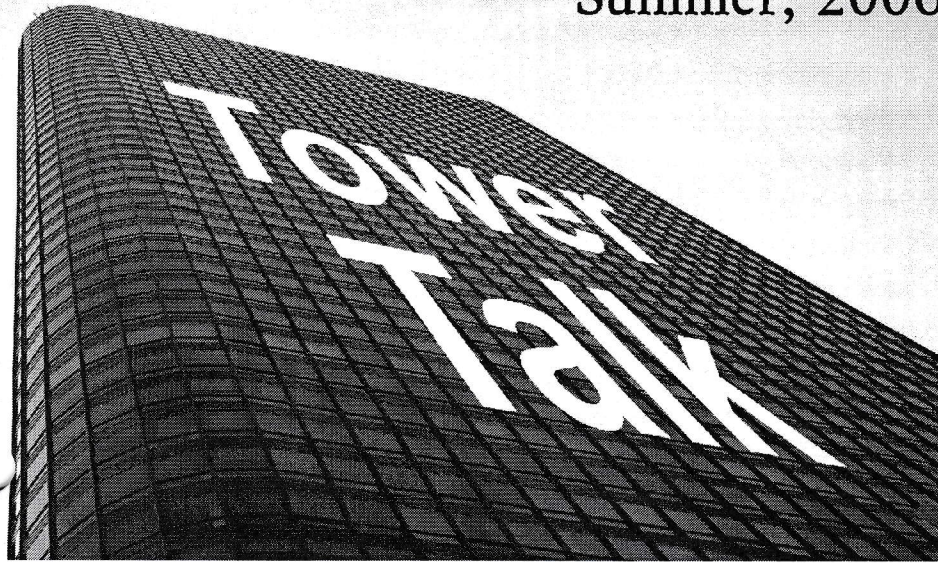


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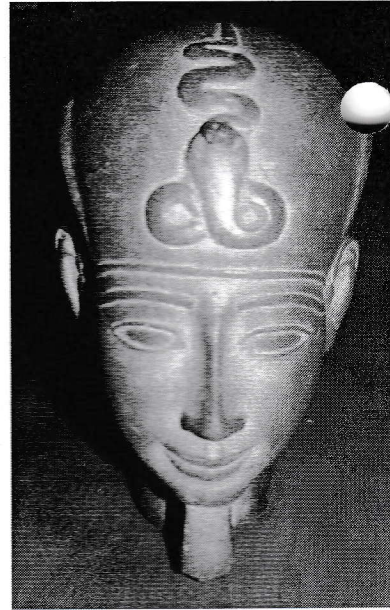
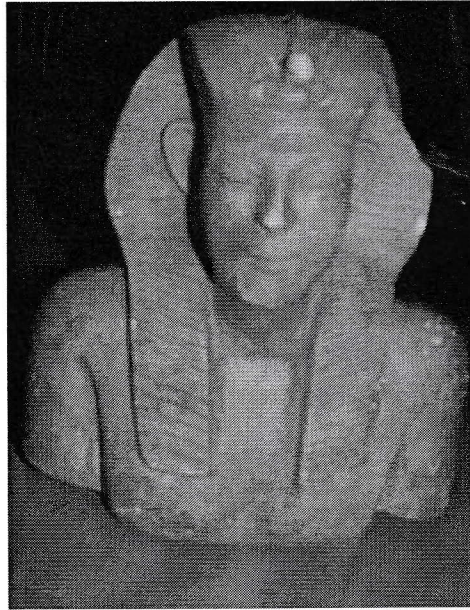
As most of you know, we have had a long-term problem with mail delivery in our area. After many false starts contacting the local post office directly, Christina and Jodi from our management office were able to put together a meeting with Rachel Friedlieb, a representative of Jan Schakowsky's office, and Joanne Martin from the Chicago Post Office. Together they have worked out a plan to insure that we get our mail delivery correctly from the Uptown branch, including new labels that have been installed in each mailbox to help the postal carriers determine who lives where. You can help in the following ways:

- Make sure that both your unit number and your complete 10-digit zip code are known to everyone sending you mail. The extra 4 digits of the zip code are unique to each floor and help the mail get sorted correctly before it ever arrives at the building.
- If you receive somebody else's mail (or haven't received an important piece of mail you need), contact the management office. They are keeping a log of such experiences to give to our representatives.

The management office also now has forms from the Post Office that you can fill out to have your mail forwarded for a move or held while on vacation.

ANTIQUITIES AT PARK TOWER

Our own Nessim Hannah has given the Oriental Institute of Chicago a magnificent donation of Egyptian and Roman artifacts. Valued at over a million dollars, this collection of over 100 pieces ranges as far back as the 14th century BC! Included in the collection is (left) an 8" tall Pharaoh dating back to the Ramesite times (14th or 13th century BC) and (right) a beautifully finished head of a prince wearing the Blue War Crown of the New Kingdom. It is believed to be the face of Ramses II, and dates back to between the 13th and 11th centuries BC.



There are also many smaller pieces: fragments of Egyptian papyrus written in ancient Coptic or Greek script, Roman coins, and Egyptian figurines that were kept with mummies. Nessim inherited the collection from his uncle in 1965 and had decided the time had come to share these tremendous pieces with the city of Chicago. Many thanks, Ness, for your generosity.

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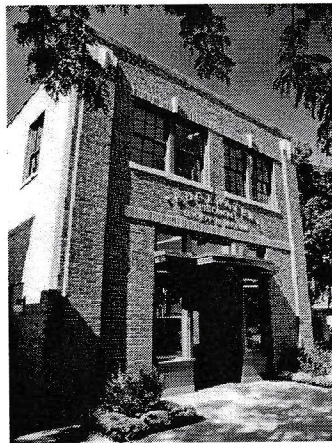
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THE PRESENT IS BUT PROLOGUE

Did you know that the Edgewater Community had its own post office and that Casius Clay (AKA Muhammed Ali) was its postmaster? That several personalities from the silent and silver screen lived in Edgewater, including Charlie Chaplin, Francis X. Bushman, and Gloria Swanson? That Edgewater gained renown for its local architect J.E. O. Pridmore, who constructed several of our better-known buildings such as the (Anglican) Church of the Atonement at Kenmore and Hollywood, and the "Manor," a magnificent English Tudor style apartment building at the southeast corner of Bryn Mawr and Kenmore? That the film-making industry had its birth in Chicago and the Essanay Studios were due south of Foster Avenue? That coal trains rumbled down the El tracks adjacent to the old Bryn Mawr Theater and horse-drawn ice wagons rumbled down the street through the 1930's?



The Edgewater Historical Society grew out of a local oral history project conducted by the Edgewater Community Council. This project was a tribute to the neighborhood centennial in 1986. Residents, businesses, and clergy contributed memories, photographs, and souvenirs.

"Edgewater" first appeared as the name that real estate developer John Lewis Cochran gave in December 1885 to the first subdivision in his great design. Edgewater was never incorporated as a town but was a suburb within the Lakeview Township established in 1865 and became part of Chicago in 1889. At the turn of the century, real estate agents called Edgewater, with its wooded glens, "one of the prettiest places to visit or to buy a home." (This still holds true today: in 2000, the Fannie May Foundation conducted research and found Edgewater to be one of 10 "Just Right Neighborhoods" within the USA.) The Edgewater Historical Society was founded in early 1988. The Society used the Community Council premises as its home for some years, but acquired the old fire house at 5358 North Ashland in 1997, which it renovated as a museum and community events center.

Edgewater today extends from Lake Michigan west to Ravenswood and from Foster north to Devon. It also includes Andersonville, named for a farmer (local history considers him Swedish) who acquired land around present-day Foster and Clark Streets. Today, the Edgewater community has added many different cultures to its Swedish, German, and Luxembourg roots; it is considered Chicago's greatest port of entry for new immigrants; middle- and far-eastern populations are reflected in its many restaurants and businesses: Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Persian, Hmong, Syrian, Korean, Egyptian, and many others.

The firehouse museum is open from 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays and some Sundays. The programs are generally free or with a nominal charge. For radio fans, there is a series of performances from "Those Were the Days" (the old Hall Closet). Different organizations also use the venue to air community concerns. As an example, last year "The Open Road," by TEAM Edgewater, was a film on the aging of America.

Membership in the Society includes the association's quarterly Edgewater Scrapbook (also available as an e-Scrapbook). They can be reached by phone at 773-506-4849, or you can check out their website at www.edgewaterhistory.org. And think twice before you discard books, period clothing, or other possible artifacts for the museum. Even local playbills -- you could be throwing away tomorrow's history!

NEW GUEST ENTRY POLICIES

There are changes in place for guest admittance into Park Tower. We are adding a phone contact system to the intercom system currently used. Residents should have recently received a letter listing contact phone numbers. Correct as needed, and if you prefer that the doorstaff contact you via phone when guests arrive, just circle the number you wish them to use. (It must be a 773 area code number.) If you prefer to be contacted via the intercom, don't circle any number.

To have long-term visitors enter without phone or intercom, fill out a Permission to Enter form at the front desk. Use this also for hired help (house-keeping, contractors, etc.) or "in case of emergency" contacts. You can fill out these forms with no expiration date if you so choose.

MEET THE STAFF

Joe Parish has been working at Park Tower for the past 4 years. He also works as a doorman at 5100 M. Marine.

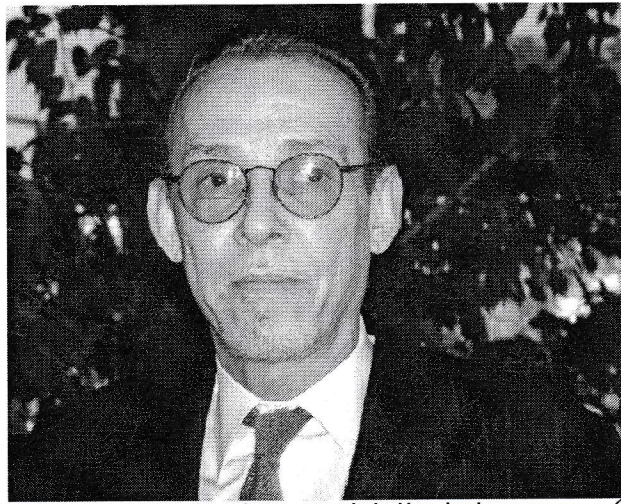
Comparing the two residences, Joe says "Park Tower is like a little community, like

la mini city. It's great to know the families here, watch the kids growing up, be a part of the lives here."

Joe has been working as a doorman for the past 15 years, but a significant chunk of that time was spent in Waikiki, HI working in a surf shop and a private club. "September 11th destroyed the economy out there, though," he says, "and so it was time to move back to Chicago."

Before becoming a doorman, Joe worked as a mental health counselor for those suffering from drug addiction. He spent two years helping clients receive court-mandated counseling and rehabilitation. The program would help these people to break their addiction and re-integrate into mainstream society.

Joe served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He has a brother here in Chicagoland and two other brothers living in NYC. He is father to two boys and a girl, all in their 20's. Joe's also a huge jazz aficionado and particularly a fan of Miles Davis.



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THE JOYS OF LAUNDRY

There has been a lot of discussion between owners, management, and our laundry company (Universal Laundries) to fix some long-standing problems with the machines. The solutions include:

- A new checklist held in the management office to list what machines are out of order and how long it takes to repair them.
- We are cleaning the dryer vent tubes that lead to the outside. If these tubes are clogged, dryer efficiency is affected.
- Universal is creating a report for management and the Board to indicate work done during the month.
- Universal and Park Tower staff will work together to maintain cleanliness both inside the machines and in the laundry room in general.

There are many ways that we can help so that using the laundry facilities a more pleasant experience for everyone:

- Do not overload the machines; only fill them to the top line of holes. Be sure to use the right amount (and the right kind!) of detergent. (Dish detergent creates too dense a bubble to work well in washing machines!)
- Run your laundry card through the reader slowly. Make sure the surface of the card is clean (don't wash it, just wipe it with a clean cloth).
- Tag any inoperable machine with an Out Of Order sign. These are kept by the card machine near the entrance to the laundry room. Please call the number on the tag (or call the office) to report the machine as out of service.
- And, of course, please remove your clothing from the machines in a timely manner and do your best to keep the facilities and the laundry room clean.



CELEBRATE THE 4th AT PARK TOWER

Our Annual Independence Day party is on Tuesday, July 4th from 5:30 to 8:30PM. There will be food, sodas, and a DJ, followed by fantastic fireworks courtesy of our neighbors, The Cycle and Saddle Club. It is free for Park Tower residents and \$10 for guests. Guest passes may be picked up at the front desk or in the management office.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

You may now contact the Management Office and the Board of Directors by e-mail. We are unable to send documents or forms via e-mail at the present, but please use these additional means to contact the office staff or board:

Management Office: ParkTowerCondo@DraperandKramer.com

Board of Directors: ParkTowerBoard@yahoo.com

And if you have any information you'd like to share with others here at Park Tower (births, marriages, etc.), please email Tower_Talk@yahoo.com!

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