Report to the Board 20250714 from the Social Commission

The Social Commission hosted Park Tower's Annual Independence Day Picnic. Five hundred and seventeen people attended with the support of 47 volunteers filling in 105 volunteer time slots.

It was a whoppin' party with hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, samosas, potato salad, chips, chocolate and vanilla sheet cakes, water, soda, beer and wine. The weather was gorgeous, warm with a light cool breeze off the lake, and the fireworks were called by many the best they've ever seen.

This party is an enormous effort on behalf of a lot of people to whom are owed enormous thanks.

Here is a list of your neighbors who volunteered to publicize the event and find volunteers, to set up the party, decorate the room, to order, purchase, pick up and deliver food and drink, to serve, to lend their coolers, to lead dancing, to wash up, clean up and put everything away –

Lloyd Allison, Rita Allison, Sheldon Atovsky, Neil Averick, Paul Baczek, Heidi Baruch, Debbie Bell, Cheryl Bombay, Mimi Broeker, Eve Brownstone, Sue Burke, Maggy Burnes, Jim Cundiff, Kevin DePhillips, Vince DiFruscio, Marty Fiesler, Monique Fouant, Terry Gorman, Angela Gottschalk, Joe Guzzardo, Sheri Hodges, Cairn Hutter, Jim Jardine, Nikoo Karbassi, Catherine Kestler, Angelica LaRosa, Sherman Lundy. Ida Manning. Baldev Mehra. Antje Milcke-Nickels, Ann Murray. Hossain Naziri. Michael Parrie. Becky Rossof. Clare Salamon. Bob Shamo. Razia Sultana. Betty Terry-Lundy. John Thorne. Carlos Vargas. Sharon Walker. Steve Weiss. Anne Whiting. Tabitha Wiggins. Dale Woods, John Yardley. Sissi Zhu.

Thank you also to Tim Patricio and our Management Team, especially Vanessa Glass and Danny Bravman – Patrik Janic and our Maintenance Team, especially Bill Rini, Kayland Tillman, Szymon Szuster and Steven Thomas – our Front Desk staff, especially Ken Hill, Angel Wilson, Daniel Klimczak and Maurice Miller – our Security staff, especially Adonis Bell, Daniel Klimczak and Mike Dickey – and our Garage staff. Thank you to our Board for supporting this event.

Thank you for donations of cutlery and napkins sealed in plastic from Maggy Burnes, cups and soda from Sue Burke and Jerry Finn, and cake spatulas from Debbie Bell.

We loved how Eve Brownstone, who led our line dancing, encouraged so many others to lead dances in so many other styles, Persian, Indian, Latin and how our DJ, Creagh Bennewate was able to produce the music needed with such wonderful diversity. We are very happy, also, to work with our caterer, Alicia Gellineau, and her very professional and helpful staff. They do a lot of work behind the scenes at the last minute and really make it all happen.

The next time you run into these neighbors and staff give them a big smile and a warm thank you. They have all worked very hard to provide us all a wonderful celebration and a wonderful night.

Sincerely submitted, Sheldon Atovsky, Acting Chair Social Committee Park Tower Condominium Association