

Report to the Board 20260713 from the Social Commission

The Social Commission hosted Park Tower's Annual Independence Day Picnic and no, the rain did not stop us! Five hundred and thirty people attended with the support of 48 volunteers filling in 108 volunteer time slots.

It was the same whoppin' party with hamburgers, hotdogs, fried chicken veggie burgers, samosas, potato salad, fruit salad, chips, chocolate and vanilla sheet cakes, Philadelphia Water Ice, water, soda, beer and wine. The weather was disappointing but we had a good time ... in the mall.

The committee, including Bob Shamo, John Yardley, Monique Fouant, Rita Allison, Shalise Ayromloo, Stephen Weiss and myself, has been working since March to make this party happen.

Thanks for enormous support provided by Tim Patricio and his Management Team, especially Vanessa Glass and Danny Bravman, who are fastidious in keeping track of all of those wristband transactions, by Patrik Janic and his Maintenance Team, especially Dilan Malagon, Maria Silva, James White, Tony Jefferson, Humberto Martinez and Terrance Jackson, who worked tirelessly to help realize our Plan B, In Case of Rain, and to spotlessly clean the mall so quickly following, by Daniel Klimczak at our Front Desk, Robin Anderson on Security 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.

Here is a list of your neighbors who volunteered to publicize the event, to set up the Party Room, to decorate the room, to order, purchase, pick up and deliver food and drink, to transact wristbands in the Lobby on the day of, to serve the offerings, to lend their coolers, to wash up, clean up and put everything away – Lloyd Allison, Rita Allison, Neil Averick, Shalise Ayromloo, Heidi Baruch, Afsaneh Beiranvand, Debbie Bell, Mimi Broeker, Eve Brownstone, Sue Burke, Maggy Burnes, Jim Cundiff, Marcia Henry Czopek, Kevin DePhillips, Vince DiFruscio, Marty Fiesler, Monique Fouant, Cynthia Garcia, Terry Gorman, Joe Guzzardo, Roger Heaton, Sheri Hodges, Tingting Hou, Jim Jardine, Catherine Kestler, Sherman Lundy, Ida Manning, Saleh Mazidi, Antje Milcke-Nickens, Ann Murray, Hossain Naziri, Doug Nygaard, Michael Parrie, Sandra Pletz, Becky Rossof, Izumi Saika, Clare Salamon, Laurie Shaman, Bob Shamo, Dodi Shatzman, Betty Terry-Lundy, John Thorne, Sue Udry, Sharon Walker, Steve Weiss, Anne Whiting, Dale Woods, John Yardley and Sissi Zhu. What a fantastic group!

We loved that people, despite the party being in the Mall, danced to the music of our DJ, Creagh Bennewatel!

We are very happy, also, to have worked 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 were amazingly ready to realize Plan B.

We're grateful to Windy City Shaved Ice not only for serving their wonderful Philadelphia Water Ice but without hesitation also running to get extra tables out of their van so more people would have a table to sit at to increase their enjoyment of the party.

The next time you run into these neighbors, vendors and staff give them a big smile and a warm thank you. They have all worked very hard to provide us all with a wonderful celebration and a wonderful night. At Park Tower, we've got a lot to be proud of!

Sincerely submitted,
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