

At A Glance

News and information for
The ParkShore Condominium Association
195 N. Harbor Drive; Chicago, IL 60601

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Olga's Day Spa: 312-929-3940

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Building Committee 4/10 ♦ Finance Committee 4/17 ♦ Board Meeting 4/24

NATO SUMMIT in MAY RESTRICTED DATES

As you are already aware, the building is planning ahead for how to best address the welfare and security of residents during the NATO summit in May. The summit dates are May 20 and 21, 2012, but due to travel plans we do expect neighborhood life and Chicago traffic to be somewhat disrupted for several days before and after the meeting dates with the arrival and departure of world leaders and their delegations. The Department of Homeland Security and the Secret Service have already been on the property, and staff members have attended special event training offered by ABOMA (Apartment Building and Owners Association of Illinois) and SEIU Local 1. Please note the following restrictions will be in effect in the building for periods in May for security reasons:

- *No guest parking
- *No grills/furniture on the Plaza Deck
- *Pool & rooftop deck closures
- *No moves or deliveries
- *No contractors permitted in the building

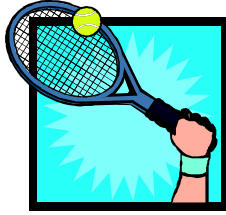
Residents will receive a detailed letter in early May to confirm specific restrictions and dates. We realize life may be a bit inconvenient for approximately 5-10 days in May. We're listening to recommendations and suggestions made to us by various government agencies. It seems like the sensible thing to do! We've been providing information and various reminders to residents since February to help you prepare and understand some of the possible issues or inconveniences that may be expected. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, please do sign up for **NOTIFY CHICAGO** to receive up to the minute information on street closures, bus re-routes and more. You can receive alerts via text, e-mail or recorded phone call regarding emergency and non-emergency situations, including options for weather alerts and sporting events. To sign up for this free service, visit:

www.notifychicago.org

BOOK CLUB EVENT for APRIL

The ParkShore Book Club will host
RICH LINDBERG
Chicago Historian, Author & Guest Speaker
Thursday, APRIL 26, 2012
at 7:00 PM in the Library.

All residents are invited and welcome!



TENNIS COURT

Spring has officially arrived, and we know some dedicated tennis players are very anxious to begin using ParkShore's court. If you recall we announced a court closure of 2-3 weeks would be scheduled this spring as soon as weather permits for the new coating installation. Although the spring weather has been nice for people, the somewhat unstable climate (periods of excessive warmth intermixed with showers and more seasonal temperatures) has not been conducive for the coating material. The application conditions have to meet certain standards to maintain the quality of the coating. On Thursday, April 5, 2012, the coating vendor installed two moisture test kits on the tennis court to determine the moisture content on the concrete. The test results will help determine how many layers of coating material will need to be applied. Hopefully, people won't disturb the test kits! The test kits need to remain undisturbed on the court surface for 60-72 hours to achieve an accurate reading. With positive test results the vendor will hopefully be able to schedule and complete work in April or early May, **if the weather cooperates!**

CITY OF CHICAGO DOG REGISTRATION

The City of Chicago has announced that starting in May, Chicago Animal Care and Control will be greatly increasing enforcement of the little-known but mandatory Chicago dog registration law.

Dog registration is \$5 for neutered or spayed dogs or \$2.50 for sterilized dogs with a Chicago owner over age 65. Unsterilized dogs are \$50 to register or \$5 if the owner is age 65 or older. City dog registrations are available in 1 or 3 year increments, with the expiration date coinciding with the rabies expiration date. Fines for not registering a dog range from \$30 to \$200. Dog registration can be purchased online at:

www.chicityclerk.com

or an application can be mailed to the owner by calling 312-744-DOGS (3647). Registration is also available at any City Clerk's office location: 121 N. LaSalle in Room 107, 5674 S. Archer Avenue or 5430 W. Gale Street. Chicago's dog registration tag is a simple sticker that adheres to the back of the rabies vaccination tag. The sticker contains the unique dog registration number as well as the phone number for the City Clerk's missing dog and registration hotline, 312-744-DOGS (3647).

IT'S TOO BEAUTIFUL TO COOK SO CALL PARKSHORE MARKET!

Do you really want to cook when you could be outside enjoying the spectacular weather? Call The ParkShore Market instead! Have dinner delivered to your door, whether it's sandwiches or something hot from the deli. Planning a spring party? Ask the Market to prepare your cheese platter, fruit tray, or meatballs; there are lots of possibilities and you can't beat the convenience!

BOOK CLUB & PARKSHORE DOINGS

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

TIME on your HANDS? Do look now, as ParkShore has activities that might fill that space:

BRIDGE CLUB

Meets every Monday in the Library from 9:00 AM until ???

YOGA CLASSES

Meets Tuesdays & Thursdays in the 1st floor Club Room
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
\$10 per Class

BOOK CLUB

Usually meets on the 4th Thursday Of the month at 7:00 PM in the Library

A resident expressed the possibility of having a group gathering of those who knit, quilt, crochet or do any other type of handwork. A sign-up sheet will be available in The ParkShore Office for those interested in forming a group to share handwork skills. If interested in any of the other activities, just show up at the scheduled time.

BOOKING for APRIL: During the month of April, ParkShore Book Club members will be reading books of their own selection instead of one title selected by the members. In lieu of a book discussion, Rich Lindberg, a lifelong Chicagoan, historian and writer of sixteen books has been invited to be the guest speaker at the next Book Club meeting. He writes about Chicago history, crime, politics and sports. His most recent book *Whiskey Breakfast: My Swedish Family My American Life* is a poignant saga spanning 100 years, and his struggle to come to terms with a family torn asunder by alcoholism, divorce and the childhood peer abuse he suffered in grade school. Mr. Lindberg has appeared on numerous television and radio programs giving his insight on criminal and political topics. The ParkShore has been honored to have him as a guest speaker for the last two years.

Book Club members are extending an invitation to all ParkShore residents on **Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 PM in the Library** for Mr. Lindberg's presentation dealing with how he chooses his book topics, researches, prepares them for publication and the setbacks and pitfalls of book publishing. Want to get a book published? It's not for the faint of heart, as Rich will explain. Should be an interesting evening for those who enjoy reading!

AIR CONDITIONING SEASON ARRIVED EARLY THIS YEAR. HOW DOES IT WORK?

Every spring, residents begin to wonder when the air conditioning will be "turned on." Like the majority of residential high-rise buildings, The ParkShore cannot operate both heating and cooling systems at the same time. It's one or the other!

Residents have electric heat that is available at any time in dwelling units. Heat in the common areas is provided by hot water circulating through system piping. The building systems heat all of the common areas, including residential hallways, the commercial spaces, and small areas of the garage. The building systems cool those same areas, and also provide cooling to dwelling units. AC for all areas is provided by the building systems. The Health Club actually has an independent auxiliary unit installed to cool it. Residents only have air conditioning available when the building systems are converted to AC.

The AC is provided by chilled water circulating through system piping. During the winter, the chillers are off and the water for the resident units' AC remains in the pipes throughout the entire building. It just isn't being chilled or circulated. That's why it's so important to keep your windows closed in the winter to avoid frozen pipes damaging your unit and those below you.

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

- AT&T (800) 244-4444**
- Comcast (866) 594-1234**
- ComEd (800) 334-7661**
- GE (repairs & service) (800) GE-CARES**

BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

From the March Board Meeting:

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling
- Motion to Approve 2011 audit
- Motion to Approve Elevator Consultant Audit Purchase

WHEN IS THE AIR TURNED ON? REALLY EARLY THIS YEAR!

There is no set date for the turnover from heat to AC. With the record warmth in March, the A/C was turned on its earliest ever on March 20, 2012. The air conditioning equipment was in the process of being restored from winter maintenance. The normal start of the cooling season has historically been May. March is when the HVAC vendor and staff are typically completing the physical work of putting the chillers back together after off-season maintenance work. The staff worked to bring the A/C on-line 6-8 weeks ahead of normal schedule due to the record-breaking weather. Please note that the A/C may not remain in service depending on weather. The chiller will automatically shutdown with low temperatures in the 40s and 50s, which are still predicted as part of the weather pattern this spring.

Normally, Management and the Maintenance staff have to consider a number of factors including daytime and nighttime temperatures, weather projections, resident requests and mechanical requirements in making the decision to convert between heating and cooling capabilities.

There are a lot of questions to ask: What is the 5-7 day forecast? Are temperatures going to drop too low at night? What will the air temperature be during the day? Will there be enough residents using AC to prevent the chillers from idling? If it will only be warm for 2 days, should we put that strain on the equipment? How many residents have called the Management Office? Is the weather consistent yet?

It isn't simple. Switching between heating and cooling can take up to 10-hours of gradual circulation of chilled water, and does involve a series of manual procedures with large (and expensive!) equipment. If the outdoor temperature is too cool, the chillers may shutdown. Lack of use and idling time can actually be detrimental to the chillers, while consistent demand is what the chillers are built to accommodate; much like cars are built to be driven so long trips are better for the life of the vehicle than short trips. In any case, please know the staff works to maintain the integrity of the equipment as well as your comfort. ☺