

At A Glance

News and information for
The ParkShore Condominium Association
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UPCOMING MEETINGS @ PARKSHORE: Board/Building Committee 4/12 - 7:00 PM ♦ Board/Finance Committee 4/19 - 6:30 PM
♦ Board Meeting 4/26 - 7:00 PM

WHO DO YOU CALL in an EMERGENCY?

Living in a high-rise, people sometimes may be confused as to whom should be called in case of an emergency. As a resident, your first call in a bona fide emergency is most often going to be a **9-1-1** call to the Chicago Fire Department or Chicago Police Department. If your call is not appropriate for those agencies, the **9-1-1** operator will let you know or perhaps direct you to the City of Chicago's **3-1-1** service for assistance. If you have a fire in your home or you require medical assistance, you should call **9-1-1** first, and then call the Front Desk or Management Office to alert the building staff to the problem or situation. In case of a fire or medical issue, the most important thing is to notify the emergency first-responders first! You want those professionals on the way to the building as quickly as possible to assist you. If you have a domestic dispute or a problem with a guest that escalates in your home, your first call should also be to **9-1-1**. The Doormen on duty are not police officers and Maintenance staff members are not police officers; Association employees may not intervene in such matters. If you call the Chicago Police Department to your home, it is a good idea to call the Front Desk and alert the staff the police are on the way. Staff members will assist the emergency first-responders in reaching your home quickly. If your toilet overflows or your water won't shut off, by all means call the Front Desk or Management Office and staff on duty will assist you. If it's a matter of life and death, make the **9-1-1** call first!



SHAMROCK SHUFFLE

The annual Shamrock Shuffle is on **SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016** kicking off at Columbus & Monroe.

The route may differ from last year, so pay attention if you're driving that day. The course route is available online at www.shamrockshuffle.com/participant-information/course Good luck out there!

2015 FINANCIALS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

The ParkShore Condominium Association's audited 2015 financial statements are complete and now available to all unit owners. For convenient retrieval, the statements are posted on the Association's website. Access this information at:

www.parkshorecondo.com

Please contact the Management Office if you prefer a hard-copy. Hard copies may be door-dropped or mailed to you upon request. You may also stop by during office hours to pick up a copy. The office is open Mondays - Fridays, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

BOOK CLUB for APRIL

The ParkShore Book Club will meet on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016** at **7:00 PM** in the **56th Floor Library**.

The book selected this month is **The Boys in the Boat**

by Daniel James Brown.

All residents are welcome to join this fun group!

KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT! FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016 1st FLOOR CLUB ROOM

Hey kids, join your friends and their parents for another ParkShore kids' movie night in the 1st floor Club Room on Friday, April 8, 2016 at 5:30 PM, 6:30 PM & 8:00 PM.

5:30 PM

The Lion Guard

Kion, the second-born cub of Simba and Nala, fulfills his destiny to become a leader of lions as he assembles the members of the Lion Guard.

6:30 PM

The Peanuts Movie

Charlie Brown, the world's most beloved underdog, embarks upon an epic and heroic quest, while his best pal, the lovable beagle Snoopy, takes to the skies to pursue the Red Baron.

8:00 PM

The Good Dinosaur

In a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend.

Bring snacks for yourself or to share.

Any questions? Contact:

efrost@gmail.com

ELEVATOR MOD PROJECT
SERVICE CAR #2
SEPARATE CALL BUTTONS

The modernization of the #2 Service car is now complete and the car was back in service at the end of March. Please note the #2 car includes a separate call button on all floors so dog owners and walkers can call the #2 car to transport pets. Please refrain from calling the #1 Freight car and the #2 Service car at the same time. Calls for separate elevators from the same floor at the same time may actually delay service. Your cooperation is appreciated!

2016 FAÇADE PROJECT

This spring will bring the return of the ongoing façade inspection, and the building exterior will also be painted this year! Work around the pool deck will be scheduled as soon as possible to avoid interfering with the coming pool season.

All residents may hear the sound of the scaffolds moving, hammering when engineers test concrete, or drilling and/or other related noises for any spot repairs and water testing.

When work begins in April, it will generally take place weekdays from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. At times it may be necessary to close the Plaza pet relief area or the garage entrance ramp. Please watch for posted notice of the related temporary closures of the Plaza pet relief area, pool and roof decks as may be necessary.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

From the March Board Meeting:

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling
- Motion to Approve Property Manager Hire
- Motion to Approve HEX Pumps
- Motion to Approve Plaza Garage Door Operators
- Motion to Approve Comcast Contract Formalization with Added Requirements

AIR CONDITIONING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT WORKS?

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 cold weather to avoid frozen pipes damaging your unit and those below you!

ANNUAL BIKE ROOM FEE & BIKES for CHARITY

It’s that time of year when the annual \$50 per hook fee is charged. Residents with bike hooks will see the fee on the April or May assessment statement. The bike room waiting list has been reduced by half, and hooks are being reassigned. If you decide you no longer wish to keep your bike, just let us know! We’ve partnered with some great bike charities that will be happy to repurpose your bike for deserving kids or others who can’t afford bikes.

WHEN IS THE AIR TURNED ON?

There is no set date for the turnover from heat to AC. The normal start of the cooling season has historically been May. Over the winter the HVAC vendor and staff are typically completing the physical work of putting the chillers back together after off-season maintenance work.

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? The chiller will automatically shutdown with low temperatures in the 30s, 40s or 50s, which are still predicted as part of the weather pattern this spring.

It isn’t simple, is it? 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 and do 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. Happy spring! ©

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

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