

At A Glance

News and information for
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Upcoming Meetings: Rules Committee 4/4 – 7 PM ♦ Building Committee 4/11 - 7:00 PM
Finance Committee 4/18 - 6:30 PM ♦ Board Meeting 3/26 - 7:00 PM

OSHA Rules to Interfere with Window Washing Schedule

Effective January 1, the governmental agency of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) enacted a new regulation requiring our building (and many, many other buildings nationwide) to comply with the load testing and certification of our rooftop anchoring system used to support scaffolding for window washing or façade repairs. Additionally, the requirements of this new OSHA regulation prohibits the use of bosun's chairs for window washing or other work on buildings taller than 300 feet.

The ParkShore was built with no anchoring system, so we are in the process of contacting engineering firms to install such a system. Until such time as we have a legal system in place, we may not allow window washers to perform window washing using tie-backs to non-certified anchor points.

We are also working with our window washing contractor to come up with alternative methods to using an anchoring system, in particular, to use counterweights for use with scaffolding.



Window washers employing bosun's chairs, heretofore used to clean ParkShore's windows, are now prohibited by OSHA for use on our building.

Market Space Plans

Residents have asked about the old Market Space on the Concourse Level, and what may become of this space. Presently, after a survey and much discussion in Committee, the leading options are to configure the space for two different functions, namely, 1) to relocate the Dry Cleaners/Receiving Room because of rapidly growing on-line ordering of packages and 2) to add storage lockers as a means of producing some revenue and to address a need for extra storage for residents.

Pricing is being sought to move the Receiving Room from its present location to the Concourse Level, and additional pricing will be secured for installing storage lockers. These recent discussions followed a design created in 2016 which was ultimately not accepted because of the great capital outlay for implementing the design.

In the meantime, plans are in the works to install proper blinds on the windows rather than the kraft paper which is currently being used.

A Note from the Chief

Chief Engineer, Tom Walsh, reports that using drain cleaners, such as Draino, in your kitchen or bathroom can lead to disastrous results.

Recently, drain cleaner is presumed to have exacerbated a drain problem by loosening up sludge on the sides of our main stack sewer line, causing the sludge to re-form lower down and creating a clog in the main sewer line.

Note that most work orders to unclog a drain are no-charge, so please place a work order before using Draino, or other drain cleaners. Thank you.

A Picture is Worth...

..a quicker repair.

If you notice an elevator screen problem (or anything else which needs attention in the public areas) please take a picture and email it to Office@ParkShoreCondo.com If you don't have a camera with you, just stop in the office or telephone us for a speedy response.

Remodeling and Hard Surface Flooring



Recent sound attenuation tests performed by acoustical engineers in a ParkShore unit have revealed that their sound-absorbing underlayment is insufficient and failed to meet ParkShore's soundproofing requirements.

The test was performed using an impact sound generator like the one shown above left, and a sound level meter similar to what is pictured above right, to precisely record sound transmission from one home to another.

The upshot is to select your flooring underlayment carefully for your next remodeling project to adequately soundproof your flooring. All hard surface flooring, including wood or stone flooring, must have a soundproofing underlayment to help quiet the flooring when walked upon. As reference, the rating in your home must meet or exceed a 56FIIC rating for wood floors and a 59FIIC rating for stone flooring.

A ParkShore Secret Shortcut?

If you want a different way to get to the Loading Dock or Recycling area, try the following route: Take the garage elevators to P3. Turn left when you exit the elevators and go around the corner to the stairwell. You should see the following:



Go through the stairwell door and you will notice a sign pointing you toward the Dock Office. Proceed down two ½ flights of stairs and you will be on the P4 Level near the Loading Dock.



Management Office: 312-540-6800
Management Fax: 312-540-6819
Front Desk: 312-540-6821
Loading Dock: 312-540-6647
Garage Manager: 312-616-9030
Garage Valet: 312-565-9240
Dry Cleaners: 312-946-0700
Olga's Day Spa: 312-929-3940
Comcast: 866-594-1234
ComEd: 800-334-7661
Alderman Reilly: 312-642-4242