

At A Glance

News and information for
The ParkShore Condominium Association
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UPCOMING MEETINGS: Decor Committee 4/6 ♦ Building Committee 4/13 ♦ Finance Committee 4/20 ♦ Board Meeting 4/27

CLUB ROOM KITCHEN REMODELING IS COMPLETE

The Club Room kitchen remodeling project was completed on schedule in March, with a bit of extra time dedicated to the punch-list details. The Club Room will be available for parties again beginning in early April. The Board of Directors wishes to thank the Décor Committee members for the hard work on this project. Special thanks to Mary Ann Holan and JoAnne McDonald for their day-to-day supervision of the project. The Décor Committee is now working on completing redecorating the remainder of the Club Room during 2010. Residents will be advised when the room may be unavailable for additional remodeling. An open house to see the Club Room changes is tentatively planned for late spring. Residents will also have the opportunity to see the room during the Social Committee's June party. We hope you like it!

POOL & ROOFTOP SUNDECK

Although the new roof project was completed in January, the Association's consultant couldn't fully inspect the roof surface until it was free of all snow and ice. The roofing vendor is now in the process of addressing all punch-list items from the winter roof project. Unfortunately, some debris from the roofing project did affect the swimming pool coating, so that also needs to be addressed. If the interior pool coating requires additional work, that may delay the opening of the pool and decks. Cross your fingers and we'll keep you posted!

U.S. CENSUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The United States Census Bureau is now hiring for the 2010 Census and will be testing any interested residents right here! Field and office positions are available. The ParkShore is sponsoring two more hiring days on:

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010
1st SESSION @ 2:00 PM
2nd SESSION @ 6:00 PM
1st FLOOR CLUB ROOM

The test is a 30-minute basic skills test consisting of 28 multiple choice questions. Please be on time, and bring two forms of ID. Good luck to those who may choose to apply.

HEALTH CLUB SAFETY REMINDERS FOR PARKSHORE CHILDREN

Recently, residents have expressed concern for children using the Fitness Center despite the posted rules signs. Please remember the following rules are in place:

- >No one under 16 years of age is permitted in the Fitness Center.
- >No one under the age of 16 is permitted to use or be in the saunas.
- >Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times at the pool, on the sundecks, and in the whirlpool.

We are all concerned with the safety and welfare of our youngest residents. Your comments and concerns are appreciated.

BIKE ROOM SPRING CLEANING & FAIR WARNING!

Everybody knows that bike hook assignments in the Association's three (3) bike rooms are at a premium. Most residents are pretty good at following the rules and wait patiently for their turn on the bike room list. Some people aren't so nice. This is your fair warning that the Association will be making a special effort to remove all UNLICENSED, UNIDENTIFIED & UNDECALED bikes from the bike rooms during the month of April. Your ParkShore bike decal must match your assigned hook, or your bike will be outta there!

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 Projects
- Motion to Approve Club Room kitchen Final Payment pending punch-list completion
- Motion to Approve Amended Sales Disclosure Form
- Motion to Approve Aerial Photography Permit
- Motion to Approve Insurance Valuation
- Motion to Approve City Elevator Inspections
- Motion to Approve Façade Inspection
- Motion to Approve Façade Inspection Rigging

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 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!



WHEN IS THE AIR TURNED ON?

There is no set date for the turnover from heat to AC. 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, 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 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! Be assured, the staff does work to maintain the integrity of the equipment as well as your comfort to the best of our ability.

BOOOK CLUB & NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

BOOK CLUB MEETS: The book discussed, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, had been on the *New York Times* best seller list for nearly a year. The story was told as experiences of the three main characters: two black maids in Mississippi and the white woman who felt their stories deserved telling. The ParkShore Book Club members found that the subject and the characters that were depicted let to thought-provoking dialogue.

The book *Kitchen Boy: A Novel of the Last Czar* by Robert Alexander is scheduled to be discussed at the Book Club meeting on Thursday, April 22 in the Library beginning at 7:00 PM. Coffee and tea are provided. Some members have expressed the desire to bring something to munch on between the expressions of their views. If reading is your pleasure, join your neighbors at the next meeting.

SPRING IS HERE (AND THERE): The sun might not be shining; the temperatures may in the 30s or 40s, but the City offers the following diversions:

Storms @ the Museum of Science & Industry...

New exhibit offers experiences of stepping inside a tornado, of witnessing lightning strikes, starting an avalanche, a tsunami, etc.

You! The Experience @ the Museum of Science & Industry...

New permanent exhibit features the connection between the mind, body and spirit of the 21st century with interactive displays of a 3D giant heart that beats with your pulse and a giant sized hamster wheel that records your response to activity.

Spring Flower Shows @ Lincoln Park & Garland Park...

Displays of annual and perennials bring visions of spring to winter-weary Chicagoans.

Mayor Daley's Kids & Kites Festival...

Bring your own kites or use the limited free kites for children to design. Professionals will assist in helping to improve your kite-flying skills.

Willis Building Skydeck Ledge...

Witness the City from glass boxes on the 103rd floor of the building. Only for the brave!

Planet Explorers @ the Adler Planetarium...

For families with children ages 3-8 there are three play areas (Exploring Earth, Exploring Space, Exploring Planet X) where children explore the earth using MiScopes (electronic magnifying glasses), where they become Mission Control ground teams using interactives that simulate life-offs, experience space movement, where they become planetary explorers on a distant planet.