

At A Glance

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

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Loading Dock: 540-6647
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Garage Valet: 565-9240
Dry Cleaners: 946-0700
Market: 616-7676
Olga's Day Spa: 929-3940

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Décor Committee 1/5 ♦ Building Committee 1/12 ♦ Finance Committee 1/19 ♦ Board Meeting 1/26

THE PARKSHORE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY FUND

Each year during the holiday season, the unit owners and residents of The ParkShore have the opportunity to express appreciation to all of the Association's employees by contributing to the Employee Holiday Fund.

If you choose to contribute to the Employee Holiday Fund, a separate check should be made payable to "The ParkShore Employee Holiday Fund", and can be dropped off in the Management Office by Monday, December 14, 2009 in order to allow time for accounting and distribution prior to the holidays. Additional Holiday Fund letters are available in the Management Office, and a second letter will be sent out in mid-December announcing the final contribution date for this season.

THE PARKSHORE GARAGE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY FUND

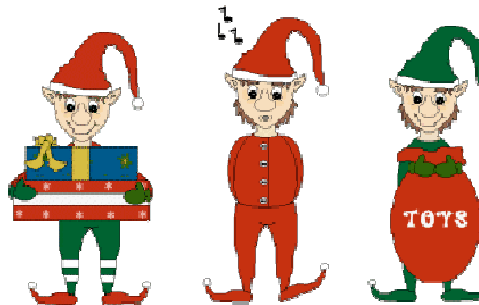
Whether you are a valet parker or self-parker, or perhaps you only use the garage services for guest parking, making a contribution to the Garage Employee Holiday Fund is a nice way of expressing gratitude to the hikers for the service they provide throughout the year. Please make checks payable to "The ParkShore Garage Employee Holiday Fund" and drop off checks by Monday, December 14, 2009 if you wish garage employees to receive your contribution in time for the holidays. Garage holiday fund contributions may be delivered to either the Management Office or Garage Office. Your generosity is appreciated!

THE SANTA PARTY IS BACK!

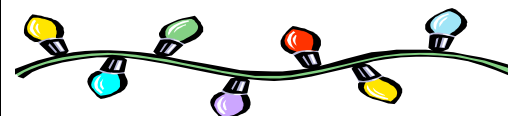
The Association continues its tradition of hosting a Santa Party AND a Holiday Party for residents. The Santa Party is back and scheduled for

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th
5:00 - 7:00 PM
1st FLOOR CLUB ROOM

Santa and his elf will be appearing at the Santa Party, but will NOT appear at the Holiday Party scheduled for Thursday, December 17th. All ParkShore residents are welcome to attend either or both parties.



Some wonderful Association parents are planning fun and games to help with the holiday celebration for our younger residents. Bring your singing voices for caroling! Olga's Day Spa will provide face painting and nail painting for the little ones, and light refreshments will be served for party guests. Bring the children or grandchildren. We hope to see you there!



PARKSHORE HOLIDAY MAGIC

It's that time of year again! Join your neighbors for food, music and conversation at the annual ParkShore Holiday Party on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th
6:00 - 9:00 PM
1st FLOOR CLUB ROOM

Spread some holiday cheer and spend a little time celebrating!

HOLIDAY MUSIC

For the enjoyment of ParkShore residents and guests, there will again be live music in the Parlor lobby on the following days:

Harpist Joy Hoffman

Friday, December 4th
Friday, December 11th
Friday, December 18th
Friday, December 25th

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

2010 ASSESSMENT REMINDER

Please remember that the newly approved budget becomes effective on January 1, 2010. That means all owners will see an increase in assessments based on the percentage of ownership assigned to your unit. The monthly cable fee will also increase to \$26.50 per month. Look for these changes on your January assessment statement.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

From the November Board Meeting:

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling Projects
- Motion to Adopt 2010 Operating Budget
- Motion to Adopt 2010 Reserve Budget
- Motion to Approve Purchase & Installation of Health Club Flat screen TVs
- Motion to Approve Carpet Cleaning Program
- Motion to Approve Market Lease
- Motion to Approve Laundry Room Lease

GARAGE PARKING COUPONS

The price of guest parking at The ParkShore goes up on January 1, 2010, as does the price of garage coupons. **The good news is you can still buy coupons until December 31, 2009 at the lower rates!** Parking coupons have no expiration dates. See Garage Manager Steve Sassetti to take advantage of the lower prices.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Management Office will be **CLOSED** on **CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 & 25, NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009 & FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010.** Regular office hours resume on Monday, January 4, 2010. If you require assistance while the office is closed, please contact the Front Desk. Thanks, and enjoy the holidays!

FIRE PANEL TESTING

The Association is in the process of upgrading the fire panel and alarm system. Work will be completed in mid-December. Testing of the upgraded system will take place during weekdays, and residents will hear tones and announcements from the annunciator system. Watch for posted notice of testing dates.

CHUTE ROOM PAINTING

The trash chute rooms on the residential floors are scheduled for painting this month. The chute rooms may be unavailable to residents for 1-2 days at a time during the project. If it becomes necessary to lock-off the freight elevator during the project, dog-walkers will be allowed to utilize passenger elevators during the limited work period. Please watch for taped-off work areas or posted notices on your floor to avoid wet paint or damage to the newly applied paint. If you want to view the color scheme selected by the Décor Committee for the chute rooms, please stop on the 37th floor to see the sample trash chute room.

LAUNDRY ROOM CLOSURE

In the first few weeks of December, it will be necessary to temporarily close the Laundry Room for a few days. A new heat exchanger will be installed in the mechanical space located over the Laundry Room ceiling. The ceiling will need to be removed and replaced for the project, before and after the heat exchanger installation. Please watch for posted notice when the closure is scheduled.

LOWER WACKER TRAFFIC JAM

Tired of the one-lane restriction on lower Wacker Drive heading north to Navy Pier and Lake Shore Drive? Alderman Reilly's office has advised that CDOT says the work to repair the four sidewalk panels on the mid-level of the Lake Shore Drive bridge should be over by mid to late December. Cross your fingers!

PARKSHORE CLEANERS HOLIDAY HOURS

The ParkShore Cleaners Holidays hours will be:

**CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24
OPEN 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CLOSED on Christmas Day, December 25
Open normal hours on December 26.**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31
OPEN 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CLOSED on New Year's Day, January 1
Open normal hours on January 2.**

PACKAGE DELIVERY REMINDERS

The holidays are here and more and more residents are doing holiday shopping online and through catalogs. Please remember that when you are ordering large items or purchasing multiple items to retrieve them promptly from the Cleaners. **Large deliveries may only be accommodated for a limited time. Residents who fail to promptly retrieve large boxes may be charged for the Association to move and store those boxes.** We respectfully request that residents refrain from calling the Cleaners to ask if packages have been received. The package volume at this time of year is simply overwhelming. Please check your mailboxes for pink slips to announce package delivery. UPS and FedEx typically deliver to the property two times each day, and DHL may deliver once or twice a day. There is no set schedule for carrier deliveries, and as carrier loads increase the delivery times occur later and later in the day. Help us to better serve you by retrieving your packages promptly. Your cooperation and understanding are much appreciated.

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

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