

At A Glance

News and information for
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UPCOMING MEETINGS: Building Committee 2/14 ♦ Finance Committee 2/21 ♦ Board Meeting 2/28

NATO & G8 SUMMIT in MAY TIME for VACATION?

There is a lot of media information out there about the NATO/G8 meetings that take place in Chicago this May. This will be the first time an American city other than Washington, DC has hosted a NATO summit. It is also the first time in over 30-years that a city has hosted both meetings. More than 2,000 journalists from around the world are expected in the city to report on the events. The "official" events website is:

www.chicago8nato.org

The exact dates and venues for events may be published at the last minute for security reasons. We do know events are likely from at least May 16 – 22, 2012. We also know to expect there will be traffic delays and frequent changes in traffic patterns while world leaders move around the city for meetings. You know how often Lakeshore Drive is shutdown when the President is in town, right? Now multiply that by 10, 20 or 40! We know there will be protestors, and we know a lot of those protests will be nearby in Grant Park and Millennium Park. Please note that The ParkShore may have to take some additional security precautions that may temporarily disrupt normal life in the building during the summit: things like eliminating guest parking, closing the P4 garage door at certain times, etc. may be necessary in the best interests of the safety and welfare of all residents. If you want to avoid the inevitable hassle and frustration that are likely to accompany life in the City of Chicago during these meetings, we'll understand if you plan to take a vacation in May!

BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

From the January Board Meeting:

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling
- Motion to Approve 2015 Electricity Contract
- Motion to Approve Uniform Contract
- Motion to Approve Plaza Garage Door Operator
- Motion to Approve New Lobby Door Operator

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW MINUTES FOR A GRAD STUDENT PROJECT?

A ParkShore masters candidate at Northwestern is in need of your assistance for a special school project. It involves the creation of a local electronic market and its potential uses. Can you spare a few minutes to complete a short questionnaire? Copies are available in the Management Office or by ParkShore Cleaners. You can contact Teri Cross for further information:

teri_cross@hotmail.com

ParkShore Market Specials

Our friends at The ParkShore Market are working hard to find new ways to serve their loyal customers, especially our residents. Guess what? ParkShore Market will honor any Bockwinkel's coupons! No need for you to leave the building.

BOAR'S HEAD SANDWICHES
BUY 9 get the 10th FREE!

Stop by The ParkShore Market deli to receive a Boar's Head punch-card. Get your card punched every time you buy a Boar's Head sandwich, buy 9 and get the 10th sandwich for free! Boar's Head meats, cheeses and condiments are made from the finest ingredients, and are all gluten free. Stop in for your sandwich today! ☺

BINDONATED NEWS

The BinDonated charitable program returns to the property in February with a book drive. Residents should watch for posted notice on what items are being collected at what times, and place those items in the big green barrel you will find in the Receiving area by ParkShore Cleaners when drives are active. BinDonated will do fewer drives this year to concentrate on the successful ones. Flyers will be out soon for the book drive scheduled for 2/12/12 until 2/25/12, benefiting several children's and educational outreach groups. Thanks for your participation!

2015 Electricity Contract

By Dave Strouse

Last month the Finance Committee and Board approved a contract with Exelon Energy to provide electricity to the Association in 2015. When we initially looked in August 2011 at contacting our electricity usage for 2015, prices were high and we would have paid considerably more than what we will pay under our contract with Exelon for 2014. We did not think it made sense to lock-in our costs at that time, as we expected the price of electricity to decline in tandem with a weaker price for natural gas. When we checked the price of 2015 power in January, it had declined approximately 24% from the price we were quoted in August. Given that the projected total budget was comparable to our budget for 2014, the Finance Committee and Board decided it was prudent to approve the contract in order to provide certainty in 2015 for one of our largest expense lines. By waiting until January to contract for electricity, we saved the Association approximately \$65,000 in 2015 versus what we would have paid if we had agreed to the pricing that was available in August. This savings is equivalent to almost 2% of our 2012 assessment income.

Power prices are highly correlated with the price of natural gas, which has been extremely weak due to growing supplies from new shale fields in the United States. If power prices continue to decline due to weaker natural gas prices, we expect that we will be able to benefit from lower natural gas costs (another large expense line). In addition, the price of natural gas in 2015 is much higher than the spot price, and the forward market is much less liquid. Consequently, contracting our electricity pricing for 2015 made more sense than trying to hedge our energy costs by locking-in natural gas pricing.

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

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

COMCAST CABLE CHANNEL LISTING

Some residents have recently inquired as to what is included in the Association's current cable contract. To follow is the list of channels available as part of the Association's expanded basic package, which includes the digital starter package. Please note that ParkShore residents are entitled to two (2) digital converter boxes per home at no additional charge. HD boxes or additional services as noted by asterisks may be obtained through Comcast for an extra charge to your individual account.

- 2 WBBM(CBS) / HD 189**
- 4 WSNs(TEL) / HD 193**
- 5 WMAQ(NBC) / HD 188**
- 6 WGBO(UNI) / HD 182**
- 7 WLS(ABC) / HD 187**
- 8 WPWR(MNT) / HD 184**
- 9 WGN (CW) / HD 192**
- 11 WTTW(PBS) / HD 191**
- 12 WFLD (FOX) / HD 190**
- 13 WCIU, The U / HD 183**
- 14/138 TLN*
- 15 WXFT / HD 194**
- 16 HSN
- 17 WYIN (PBS)
- 18 WJYS*
- 19 CAN TV
- 20 WYCC (PBS) / HD 240**
- 21 CAN TV
- 23 Government Access
- 25 Local Origination
- 27 CAN TV
- 36 CAN TV
- 38 WCPX (ION) / HD 238**
- 42 CAN TV
- 49 Government Access
- 89/164-Shop NBC*
- 95 QVC
- 96 TV Guide Network
- 98 CSPAN
- 99 The Weather Channel
- 100 Comcast Network 100*
- 104 CSPAN 2*
- 110 Cable Marketplace 1*
- 114 Leased Access*
- 119 EWTV*
- 217 ABC 7 Live Well HD**
- 239 WYIN (PBS) HD**

- 341 NBC Chicago Nonstop*
- 342 Universal Sports (via WMAQDT)*
- 345 ABC 7 Live Well*
- 353 Antenna TV (via WGN-DT)*
- 357 Me-TV*
- 358 Me-TOO*
- 359 THiStv*
- 360 The U Too*
- 368/629 WTTW V-me*
- 369 WTTW Create*
- 370 WTTW Prime*
- 372 WYCC World*
- 376 WYIN-Lakeshore Kids*
- 380 WWTO TBN*
- 381 WWTO-Smile*
- 382 WWTO-JCTV*
- 383 WWTO-Church*
- 384/633 WWTO-Enlace*
- 385/687 WJYS*
- 386 MCTV (via WJYS-DT)*
- 389/596 LATV (via WOCK-DT)*
- 390/599 mega tv (via WOCK-DT)*
- 391/689 KBC (via WOCK-DT)*
- 393/598 Azteca America*
- 701-764 Music Choice Channels*
- 900 Cook County Access Channel*

EXPANDED BASIC***

- 3 ESPN
- 10 CLTV
- 24 FX
- 30 ESPN2
- 32 TNT
- 33 TBS
- 34 Spike TV
- 37 Comcast SportsNet Chicago
- 39 USA Network
- 40 ABC Family
- 41 Lifetime
- 43 AMC
- 44 BRAVO
- 45 Animal Planet
- 46 Discovery Channel
- 48 VERSUS
- 52 Big Ten Network
- 54 Nickelodeon
- 55 Disney Channel
- 56 Cartoon Network
- 57 CNN
- 58 CNBC
- 59 MSNBC
- 60 Fox News Channel
- 61 Headline News
- 63 HGTV
- 64 A&E

- 65 History
- 66 Oxygen
- 69 TLC
- 70 Food Network
- 71 E!
- 72 Comedy Central
- 73 The Golf Channel
- 74 VH1
- 75 BET
- 76 MTV
- 77 MTV 2
- 78 Galavisión
- 83 Travel Channel
- 101 Comcast Network 101
- 102 Cable Marketplace 2
- 103 Leased Access
- 105 CSPAN 3
- 106 Fox Business Network
- 118 Style
- 127 PBS KIDS Sprout
- 128 Bloomberg Television
- 129/159 Jewelry Television
- 131 Hallmark Channel
- 136 G4
- 149 MoviePlex
- 160 Syfy
- 172 TV One
- 255 Big Ten Network
- 271 Investigation Discovery
- 275 BIO
- 504 Lifetime Movie Network
- 692-694 Comcast Xtra

DIGITAL STARTER

- 001 On Demand
- 171 AMC HD**
- 173 ESPN HD**
- 174 VERSUS HD**
- 175 History HD**
- 176 TLC HD**
- 177 Syfy HD**
- 179 HGTV HD**
- 181 Food Network HD**
- 197 Disney Channel HD**
- 198 ABC Family HD**
- 199 The Golf Channel HD**
- 200 Comcast SportsNet HD**
- 203 ESPN2 HD**
- 204 TnT in HD**
- 205 HD Theater**
- 207 Universal HD**
- 208 A&E HD**
- 209 Palladia HD**
- 216 CNN HD**
- 218 Discovery HD**

- 219 TBS HD**
- 221 USA HD**
- 224 Animal Planet HD**
- 225 Nickelodeon HD**
- 226 Cartoon Network HD**
- 227 Hallmark Movie Channel HD**
- 228 Lifetime HD**
- 229 Lifetime Movie Network HD**
- 234 NHL Network HD**
- 256 Big Ten Network HD**
- 262 E! HD**
- 264 Fox Business Network HD**
- 265 Fox News Channel HD**
- 266 CNBC HD**
- 267 FX HD**
- 269 BIO HD**
- 270 Weather Channel HD**
- 278 Bravo HD**
- 282 QVC HD**
- 285 Comcast Info Channel HD**
- 287 Style HD**
- 288 G4 HD**
- 289 TV One HD**
- 290 Spike HD**
- 293 Travel Channel HD**
- 294 Comedy Central HD**
- 295 BET HD**
- 296 MTV HD**
- 297 VH1 HD**
- 317 MSNBC HD**
- 318 Headline News HD**
- 320 truTV HD**
- 321 Hallmark Channel HD**
- 322 HSN HD**
- 323 History International HD**
- 324 Investigation Discovery HD**
- 333 XFINITY 3D****
- 334 ESPN 3D****

**To receive channels offered in HD, your HD television, HDTV equipment and a subscription to the channel's service level or underlying premium are required.



***Available to customers with Expanded Basic who use a digital receiver or compatible equipment.

****Your full 3D TV, compatible equipment and Comcast 3D authorization are required.