

At A Glance

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

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Management Office: 540-6800
Management Fax: 540-6819
Doorman Station: 540-6821
Loading Dock: 540-6647
Garage Management: 616-9030
Garage Valet: 565-9240
Dry Cleaners: 946-0700
Market: 616-7676
Olga's Day Spa: 929-3940

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Decor Committee 2/3 ♦ Building Committee 2/10 ♦ Finance Committee 2/17 ♦ Board Meeting 2/24

EMPLOYEE NEWS

MAINTENANCE STAFF: We are very pleased to welcome back to work Janitor Ismael Torres! Ismael returned to work late in January after triple bypass surgery. We're happy to see him!

DOOR STAFF: You may have noticed some familiar faces have rotated a bit at the Front Desk. Doorman Jerrold Franklin resigned his position in January to accept a union apprenticeship with IBEW 134. Jerrold will continue working part-time for Standard Parking, presently at The ParkShore Garage. Jerrold was on a waiting list for over two years for this opportunity so congratulations, Jerrold! Doorman George Clemes who retired from full-time work a few years ago and continued to cover relief shifts has returned to work full-time. (He must have missed us!) George is back full-time on his original nightshift. Doorman Warnyeneh Pyne is moving to the swingshift formerly worked by Jerrold Franklin. We wish everyone well in their new roles and work shifts.



GARAGE COUPON RATES A BEST BUY!

Purchasing garage coupons remains the best and most economical option for your guest parking needs. Coupons may be purchased from either Garage Manager Steve Sassetti or the Night Supervisor. Coupons are available in sheets of 10-coupons for the following prices:

GREEN 3-Hour Coupons

\$70 per sheet of 10

+ \$1 = 4-Hours

+ \$2 = 5-Hours

+ \$5 = 24-Hours

BLUE 24-Hour Coupons

\$105 per sheet of 10

Car Wash Coupons

\$125 per sheet of 10

\$62.50 per sheet of 5

Please note The ParkShore Garage is not available for public parking. Parking facilities are for the exclusive use of ParkShore residents and their guests.

GARAGE CASH PARKING RATES

Less than 30-Minutes	FREE
31-Minutes to 1-Hour	\$10.00
1 to 2-Hours	\$11.00
2 to 3-Hours	\$12.00
3 to 4-Hours	\$13.00
4 to 5-Hours	\$14.00
5 to 24-Hours	\$17.00

PIANO PLAYERS WANTED

To all our young ParkShore residents taking piano lessons and adults wanting to "rev up" rusty piano skills... LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE TALKING!

The ParkShore has a wonderful grand piano in the Club Room. Let's start playing it! One possibility is to allow people to "sign up" (in the ParkShore Office) for reserved practice time at the piano (assuming there is not a party scheduled).

Please let us know if you would be interested. Send an e-mail to:

Julie Gibson Lay, #906

chicagofoodsafari@sbcglobal.net

Include days/times you would be most interested in reserving the room. Thanks!

NORTH HARBOR TOWER PARKING SCOFFLAWS BEWARE!

You know who you are...those few residents and their guests who think they can cheat the system and steal parking from our neighbors at 175 N. Harbor Drive. Our staff has recently caught two of you, and North Harbor Tower installed cameras a few months ago to capture the drivers and vehicle license plates exiting through the 175 garage. Please be aware that The ParkShore will cooperate fully with any theft investigation and help our neighbors identify vehicles and their drivers as needed. Please don't make The ParkShore look bad - our parking is less expensive anyway!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

IT'S COLD OUTSIDE... Opportunities to bring to The ParkShore some indoor activities are available for interested residents: Weight Watchers meetings and Yoga classes.

Weight Watchers fee for a 13-week series is \$156; for 15-weeks a cost of \$180. A minimum of a 15-20 people membership is required. With at least 20, a savings and special e-tools are available.

Inquires are being made to a number of yoga trainers as to their program and background. Yoga classes from one therapist are offered from an hour and 15-minutes to an hour and a half, at a cost of \$15 per student, or a minimum charge of \$30. You can sign up for a series or a drop-in basis for the minimum charge. Others charge on the basis of number in class, prices ranging from \$10-\$20 a session. Mats and other equipment are required.

Sign-up sheets for both activities will be available in the Management Office for interested residents, inquiring as to time of day (morning, afternoon or evening) and day of week.

A WARM EVENING... Barbara Rinella's book dramatization, *Loving Frank*, was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. Comments from the audience were sent back to Barbara. In answer to a question that was asked about how she determined what constituted a great book, Barbara replied, *"In my experience, a great book is one that is beautifully written, with characters or historical figures that come alive with vigor as they develop a plot or life story totally holding one's interest, and bringing important life lessons to the forefront! It should be a book that creates emotional involvement in the reader, immersing one in the 'world' of the book and causing one to share the beauty of the book with others. I believe Emily Dickinson was correct when she wrote, 'There is no frigate like a book.' A great book transports and transforms."*

Thanks again to Social Committee maven, Susan Ogden, for setting the environment and arranging for the food and libations and to her elf, Loretta Oakes, who is always on hand to set-up room arrangements for building events.

A SAD NOTE

We regret to share with you that our long-time former U.S. Postal Mail Carrier, Malcolm Harris, passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2009. For those residents who may wish to express their condolences to the Harris family, you may use this address:

**The Malcolm Harris Family
7739 S. Troy
Chicago, Illinois 60658**

We extend our sympathy to the Harris family, and to the related family of Janitor Brandon Walls, during this difficult time.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING

Many residents have heard that energy efficient light bulbs have been installed in hallways at the building. The initial estimates indicate that the Association can save about \$20,000 annually by switching to energy efficient lighting. If you'd like to see the current lighting samples, check out the 32nd floor and the 4th floor hallways. Identical light bulbs have been installed on both floors; but one floor is at the warm end of the color spectrum and one floor is at the cool end. Let us know what you think!

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

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

PLAZA PET RELIEF AREA

We hate to bring this up again, but a number of our dog-owners have requested that we bring this matter to the attention of other dog-owners...once again:

Pick up your own dog's poop in the Plaza Deck pet relief area!

Most dog-owners and dog-walkers are conscientious about removing solid animal waste from the pet relief area located at the northeast corner of the building on the Plaza level, and about keeping dogs within the designated relief area. Unfortunately, more and more people are not. Occasionally, Management Office staff will notice a resident who isn't following the rules for the pet relief area. If so, that person can expect to receive a letter with a reminder about the applicable rules. Break this rule a few times, and monetary fines ensue. Some folks seem to have the impression that the Maintenance staff is responsible for removing pet waste from the Plaza relief area; not so! While staff members will do what has to be done to maintain the pet relief area, residents are solely responsible for cleaning up after their own pets. The waste problem is exacerbated in cold weather, when waste freezes in place if the dog's owner doesn't promptly remove it. The Maintenance staff has to try to "chip" it loose, which is a dirty job. We thank those caring and responsible dog-owners and dog-walkers that use the waste removal bags provided in the dispenser located on a concrete column by the Plaza pet relief area. For those of you who leave your dog's waste to be removed by others, your actions are a violation of the Association's rules and regulations. We invite tattle-tales to report failure to remove dog waste to the Office. This isn't just about rules; it's about the safety and cleanliness of the whole pet relief area for dogs and residents. Do the right thing and be a responsible pet owner!