

# At A Glance

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

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Building Committee 2/9 ♦ Finance Committee 2/16 ♦ Board Meeting 2/23 ♦ Decor Committee 3/2

## PARKSHORE YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes are still available at The ParkShore on two weekly mornings in the 56th floor Library. Instructor Diane Patten teaches:

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
**10:00 AM - 11:15 AM**  
**56<sup>th</sup> FLOOR LIBRARY**  
**\$10 per SESSION**  
**NO COMMITMENT!**

All ages, all sizes and all fitness levels are welcome to attend this class. New to yoga? Beginners are welcome too! Instead of committing to a number of weeks, just show up any Tuesday or Thursday and pay as you go! Plan to bring a yoga mat and a beach towel with you; wear loose, comfortable clothing, and bring a blanket if you like. Yoga mats are available at most major retailers. Please note that all participants will be required to sign a waiver for the Association and for the instructor. Enjoy!

## U.S. MAIL TROUBLE?

Residents occasionally report problems with delayed, lost or returned mail. The postal service has designated one central person to receive your complaints, comments and suggestions:

**JEANETTE DENNIS**  
**CUSTOMER RELATIONS COORDINATOR**  
**(312) 983-8392**

Please note that if you are experiencing trouble with your mail delivery, you do need to be the person to report it. For the convenience of residents, there is now a pre-printed *Chicago Post Office - Customer Contact Form* available for your use in the Management Office, if you wish to report your mail difficulties in written format. Please stop by the office to pick up the form, or call to request it be door-dropped to you. The best way to achieve better postal service is to take the time to report any problems!

## COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

It's just starting to get colder outside, so please remember that in cold weather, all residents are requested to follow these practical directions:

- Windows should be **CLOSED**.
- Windows should be **LATCHED**.
- Balcony Doors should be **CLOSED**.
- Balcony Doors should be **LATCHED**.

Open windows in cold weather often result in frozen pipes inside the unit. When those frozen pipes burst and the gushing water infiltrates other dwelling units, the Unit Owner with the frozen pipes is responsible for the resulting damage.

## ROOF PROJECT COMPLETED

The roof project was finally completed in January, including safety markings around the pool. The pool deck remains closed due to safety considerations until the swimming pool can be covered for the remainder of the winter season. The pool will be covered as soon as weather permits, and the deck will then be reopened except for dangerous weather conditions. We look forward to spring and the debut of the new roof for the 2010 pool season!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Property Manager **Christine Friend** recently served on the Labor Negotiations Committee for ABOMA, the Apartment Building Owners & Managers Association of Illinois. The ParkShore is a member of ABOMA, and ABOMA negotiates the collective labor bargaining agreements with SEIU Local 1. The Association's Door and Maintenance personnel are members of Local 1. At ABOMA's Annual Meeting, Ms. Friend was nominated to the ABOMA Board of Directors, and now serves as ABOMA's newest Director. Congratulations, Christine!

## PARKSHORE BOOK CLUB

The ParkShore Book Club is making a comeback! The first gathering of interested readers will take place on:

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
**7:00 PM in the**  
**56<sup>th</sup> FLOOR LIBRARY ROOM**

If you're interested in joining this self-starter group, please stop by the Management Office to sign-up or call the Office to add your name to the list. We hope to see you there!

## WELCOME, PARIS!

Many residents have already had the pleasure of meeting The ParkShore's Administrative Assistant, **Paris Flores**. Paris started working at the property back in October, and she's doing a wonderful job! Please feel free to stop by the office to meet Paris during office hours. We're glad she's here. Bienvenu, Paris! ☺

## **EVACUATION SAFETY REMINDERS**

The ParkShore has an Emergency Evacuation Plan in effect and filed with the City of Chicago. The ranking on-duty staff member is in charge in case of emergency until the Chicago Fire Department arrives on the scene.

Evacuation of the building takes place only when there is a threat to occupant(s) safety, as determined by the Chicago Fire Department. There are three common options for the evacuation of building occupants in a high-rise scenario. These types are as follows:

- Limited removal of occupants from the vicinity of immediate danger;
- Partial building evacuation, and/or;
- Complete building evacuation.

The extent of any evacuation is determined by the degree and severity of the threat.

### ***:: Where do we evacuate?***

Depending on the extent and severity of the emergency, a limited, partial, or complete building evacuation may be necessary. In the event of evacuation, occupants will be directed to move to an Emergency Assembly Point that is a safe area away from immediate danger.

### ***:: Who does the evacuation?***

The Chicago Fire Department upon arrival to the building will assume responsibility for any evacuation. Building personnel shall provide support and assistance as requested by the Fire Department.

### ***:: How do we evacuate?***

Once the Chicago Fire Department arrives and assumes control of the property, the Fire Department will utilize the building's annunciator system to issue any direction if an evacuation is necessary. Typically, occupants will be directed to stairwells to exit the building. It is important for residents to remain calm and listen to and then follow any announced directions.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

**READING A GOOD BOOK?** If you are intending to join The ParkShore Book Club, please sign up on the sheet in the office before the February 25<sup>th</sup> gathering. On the sheet you can indicate whether you prefer afternoon or evening meetings and suggest a book title for upcoming meetings. At the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM, discussion will center on such particulars as refreshments, leadership, fiction-non/fiction, keeping records of books read or to read, time limitations, etc. Handouts will include suggestions for questions while leading a discussion or while reading the books, a list of titles from which to choose.

### **MUSEUM HOPPING...**

**Adler Planetarium:** Fly Me to the Moon 3-D Space Show. Animated show of a space adventurer with 3 houseflies and the Apollo crew's moon landing. Children continue in the exhibition room to make a lunar landing and view the Gemini 12 spaceship. Not shown on a regular schedule. Call (312) 922-7827 for next showing; 1300 S. Lake Shore Drive.

**Chicago History Museum:** Presidents Day, Monday, February 15, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Presidents Day celebration, featuring storytelling, dramatic performances, craft activities, music portray the lives of American Presidents. Free! No reservations required. (312) 642-4600; 1601 N. Clark Street.

**Chicago Maritime Festival:** Saturday, February 27, 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Daylong activities with seminars, workshops, lectures, films, exhibits of life at sea, underwater archeology, shipwrecks, model shipbuilding, tall ships. Maritime Music Concert, 7:00 - 10:30 PM. Honors the maritime culture. Cost for Festival only: \$10 adults, children 12 & under Free. Cost for concert only: \$20. Festival & concert: \$25 or early-bird special of \$20 by February 20. 10% discount for Museum members. For tickets:

[www.chicagomaritimefestival.org](http://www.chicagomaritimefestival.org).

## **CORRIDOR TILE REPAIRS**

The replacement of damaged cream-color tiles in the residential corridors will be taking place sometime in February and March. As the cream-color tile varies in appearance from floor to floor, it has been challenging to find marble lots that compliment that variation. When suitable material was finally located, in a sign of the economic times, the vendor arrived to purchase the material only to find the reputable business closed and padlocked! Suitable marble will be obtained from alternate sources, and residents can expect to see replacement of the individual damaged tiles very soon. Please be careful when work occurs on your floor and walk with care.

## **LAUNDRY ROOM CEILING IS STILL MISSING**

Residents may have noticed the Laundry Room ceiling remains missing. Unfortunately, the new heat exchanger scheduled for installation in the Laundry Room has yet to be installed in the mechanical space located over the Laundry Room ceiling. Efforts to freeze pipes to facilitate the installation of the heat exchanger failed, so the project is now waiting for warmer weather when the heating system can be drained and re-filled. The ceiling will be replaced after the heat exchanger installation. Please watch for posted notice when that work is scheduled. Thanks for your patience!

## **SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS**

<b>AT&amp;T</b>	<b>(800) 244-4444</b>
<b>Comcast</b>	<b>(866) 594-1234</b>
<b>ComEd</b>	<b>(800) 334-7661</b>
<b>GE (repairs &amp; service)</b>	<b>(800) GE-CARES</b>

