

At A Glance

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

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

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

LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM TESTING

Please be aware that the Association will be testing its life safety systems on:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10 &
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

The Association's vendor will be performing routine testing on the fire panel located in the 1st floor lobby and all related components. This will also include testing of the annunciator speakers located throughout the ceilings of the common areas.

Please do not be alarmed if you should hear sharp tones or test announcements over the speakers during the work days.

The testing process helps ensure all of the building's life safety systems are working properly in the event of an emergency. Your understanding of the work is appreciated.

IMPROVE YOUR MAIL DELIVERY

There are a few simple things you can do that will make a big difference in the timely delivery of your mail. Be certain that friends and businesses have your full proper address, including your unit number. Items that arrive without a unit number may take days or even weeks longer for delivery. Be certain to check your mail box often and remove your mail on a regular basis. If you're planning to be out of town for a weekend or a month, either place a vacation hold with the Post Office or request The ParkShore Office pick-up your mail. It's a complimentary service! Mail hold forms are available in the Office or at the Front Desk.

PARKSHORE YOGA CLASSES

Time to limber up! Yoga classes are coming to The ParkShore. In response to resident interest, some hard-working volunteers have arranged a wonderful opportunity for residents to participate in a weekly yoga class held in the 1st floor Club Room. **Instructor Diane Patten**, who currently teaches a weekly course at 340 E. Randolph, will be teaching:

**TUESDAYS @
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
1st FLOOR CLUB ROOM
\$10 per SESSION
BEGINNING
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

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 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. Special thanks to Board Secretary Phyllis Kenny and Julie Gibson-Lay for their work in bringing this class to The ParkShore. Enjoy!

MONTHLY ELEVATOR TESTING

Please be aware that the Association is required by City code to perform monthly "all-call" testing of the elevators. The all-call mechanism is used by the Chicago Fire Department in case of fire; one key calls all elevators to the lobby level for use and control by the CFD in a fire or other emergency. The Association's monthly all-call test will take place:

**THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH between the hours of
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.**

If you happen to be in an elevator at the time of the test, you will simply hear a buzzing noise and the elevator will return to the first floor. Please don't be alarmed or surprised! If you happen to be caught in the elevator during the testing procedure, a ParkShore staff member will greet you on the lobby level to explain the procedure and offer reassurance. The procedure is required to protect your safety and welfare in an emergency!

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

NEAR MEETING... On February 4, 2008, Alderman Brendan Reilly was the guest speaker at NEAR's meeting. Highlights of some of the topics discussed:

Children's Museum - Two lawsuits are pending, but the most important suit pertaining to Montgomery Ward's preservation of the Burnham Plan won't be filed until the "first shovel hits the dirt."

Elementary School Status - The CPS (Chicago Public Schools) is now in the design stage for the school to be built in Lakeshore East. Cost is estimated to be from \$30 - \$35 million. The three sites Magellan has proposed remain the same; a) in the multi-use building to be erected off Randolph and Columbus, b) on the northeast corner of the park, and c) on the corner section between the Lancaster and the Shoreham. Reilly was not favorable to these sites; citing safety issues of the multi-use building, the larger space required for the park site with the original plans for the K-4 school changed to extend classes to 8th grade, the corner site would have to be a tall structure. He plans to speak to the new CPS head, Ron Huberman and Governor Quinn about his concerns.

Grant Park Garage/Daley Park Renovation - Reconstruction awaits the timeline for the decision on the Children's Museum.

Pedway Extension - When the developer wrote a plan revision for new developments the pedway was not mentioned. The developer would have to request a new plan before anything can be done.

Potholes - The City is repairing these at a rate of 4,500 plus per day. Since the material used is not a permanent solution these holes reappear as traffic and large trucks pass over them.

Panhandling & Drugs - The 1st Police District was contacted by Reilly. Areas have been cleaned out, homeless moved. Hotels in the area have broadcast loud music in the early hours to discourage the homeless from settling in the area.

Attempts are being made by the City to encourage them to seek indoor shelters. Police pass through the areas regularly to oust the homeless and check on drug-dealing activities.

Olympics - Officials will be in the City in April. Projects such as Block 37, Riverwalk construction, and Buckingham Fountain repairs will be given special attention by the City to prepare for the visit.

Grocery Store - Treasure Island is no longer interested in moving into the mixed-use building. Roundy's Food Chain, headquartered in Wisconsin, will replace Treasure Island and occupy a larger space.

The Alderman encouraged residents to utilize his website and call his office with concerns:

www.ward42chicago.com
(312) 642-4242

SPEAKERS? ParkShore residents have enjoyed evenings with Barbara Rinella, book dramatist, and have requested that she be scheduled for a 4th year. Sometime in April or May, the Social Committee is planning to have Richard Linberg, author and research historian, at The ParkShore for a slide presentation of famous crimes occurring in Chicago. If residents express interest in similar presentations, the Committee will explore other options.

YOGA... Over 25 residents expressed interest in yoga classes. The majority preferred morning sessions on weekdays. Classes are open to anyone of any ability, and no long-term commitment is required. The first class will be on Tuesday morning, March 24, 2009.

WEIGHT WATCHERS... In-house classes are available, but the results of the sign-up indicated that the number of interested residents for morning, for afternoon, and for particular day of the week, did not qualify for the minimum of 15-people. Only one respondent wanted an evening session. The sign-up sheet will be kept in the Management Office for others who may show interest.

OVERLOAD.. Have you been overcome by claustrophobia when you round the corner to the Cleaners? In order to allow one to read the notices on the bulletin board, some clipping and deleting must be done. As stated in The ParkShore Handbook: *The bulletin boards in the Receiving Room are for the sole use of residents. Personal notices must be dated and appropriately sized (5" x 8" card is recommended). Management will remove old or inappropriate notices.* Your cooperation is appreciated!



BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

From the February Board Meeting:

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling Projects
- Motion to Approve City of Chicago 6-Month Scavenger Rebate Resolution
- Motion to Approve Filing of Assessed Valuation Complaint for 2008
- Motion to Approve Filing Protest of 2009 City of Chicago Triennial Reassessment of Property
- Motion to Approve an Epoxy Coating to the P4 Level over a Spring Weekend
- Motion to Approve Reimbursement of Operating Expenses and Working Capital to the Garage

FLOOR MATS in HALLWAYS

If you have a doormat placed in the common hallway, don't be surprised to find it suddenly removed! City of Chicago Fire Department regulations and The ParkShore rules prohibit the placement of personal property in the hallways or any other common areas. Hallways must be kept free and clear for ingress and egress, particularly in case of emergency. Your cooperation is very much appreciated!