

At A Glance

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

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Dry Cleaners: 312-946-0700
Market: 312-616-7676
Olga's Day Spa: 312-929-3940

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Building Committee 3/9 ♦ Finance Committee 3/16 ♦ Board Meeting 3/23 ♦ Decor Committee 4/6

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 takes 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!

CAR WASHING PROGRAM

Please be aware that the Board of Directors is considering additional information prior to finalizing a decision on the future of the car washing program. In the meantime, car washing services are still available, pending further review. Thank you to all those residents who expressed an opinion on the issue. Your input is appreciated!

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 Sasseti or the Night Supervisor. Coupons are available in sheets of 10-coupons for the following prices:

GREEN 3-Hour Coupons

\$80 per sheet of 10
+ \$1 = 4-Hours
+ \$2 = 5-Hours
+ \$5 = 24-Hours

BLUE 24-Hour Coupons

\$115 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	\$11.00
1 to 2-Hours	\$12.00
2 to 3-Hours	\$13.00
3 to 4-Hours	\$14.00
4 to 5-Hours	\$16.00
5 to 6-Hours	\$20.00
6 to 12-Hours	\$22.00
12 to 24-Hours	\$25.00

STORAGE LOCKER ROOM & BIKE ROOM LIGHTING

Please be aware that occupancy sensors have been installed for the lighting in the Concourse Bike Rooms as well as in the P1 Storage Locker Room. The Maintenance staff is in the process of installing occupancy sensors for the lighting in the P2 and P3 Storage Locker rooms. If the rooms seem dark, don't worry! As you walk into the rooms and through areas, the lights will come on. The new sensors will save the Association money on electricity use in these lesser used areas where lights previously burned 24/7. Thanks to the Maintenance staff members for this cost effective change!

CORRIDOR TILE REPAIRS

The replacement of damaged cream-color tiles in the residential corridors will begin on **Monday, March 8, 2010**. As the cream-color tile varies in appearance from floor to floor, it has been challenging to find marble lots that compliment that variation. Please be careful when work occurs on your floor and walk with care through the work areas.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY

From the February Board Meeting:

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling Projects
- Motion to Approve 2009 Scavenger Rebate
- Motion to Approve Laundry Room Remodeling
- Motion to Approve Collection Attorney
- Motion to Approve North Harbor Tower Expansion Joint Payment

**THE PARKSHORE
CARPET CLEANING DISCOUNT**

You may have noticed that the residential corridor carpets were recently cleaned. The Association has a quarterly program in place with ACR, Inc. to keep the new carpeting looking good. The Association's vendor has also offered a great deal for ParkShore residents: 20% OFF on services! Contact:

**ACR, INC.
KRYSTAL URBAN
(866) 645-1165**

ParkShore residents will receive a 20% discount on carpet, upholstery and area rug cleaning. Just call Krystal and mention that you live at The ParkShore at 195 N. Harbor Drive. Such a deal! Take advantage of it. ☺

2010 CENSUS TIME

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative but cautious with Census workers, so as not to become a victim of identity theft. A U.S. Census worker knocking at your door will reportedly have a badge, a handheld device, a canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see an ID before answering questions. Whether or not you invite a Census worker into your home is your choice. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, you don't have to answer anything about your finances. The Census Bureau wants to count you, and to gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data. Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person, but reportedly won't use e-mail. Remember, be cooperative but careful!

BOOOK CLUB NEWS

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

BOOK CLUB MEETS: On Thursday evening, February 25th, The ParkShore Book Club met in the Library. The group determined that the meetings would be held in the evening beginning at 7:00 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Some thoughts were expressed that meetings should not be held during summer months, but that option will be explored at other meetings.

It was determined that each month a different member would be responsible for heading the book discussion. The leader of both March and April were determined. A list and summary of possible book selections were distributed along with suggested questions for guidance in reading and leading the book selections.

Due to miscommunications, the book selection *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett was not discussed at the February meeting and will be the topic for the next meeting of March 25th. In addition, the group determined that the book for April would be *The Kitchen Boy: A Novel of the Last Czar* by Robert Alexander. Phyllis Kenny indicated that she would be willing to purchase the April novel from Amazon for those interested. Names can be left in the Management Office.

For those who indicated that they would be unable to attend the February meeting the pass-outs will be door-dropped. Membership remains open. Come to the next meeting in March. Everybody is welcome.

SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS

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

**HELP FIGHT CRIME
ANONYMOUSLY**

The Chicago Police Department created the **TXT2TIP** program so that YOU can anonymously and SAFELY help rid your community of crime by sending information to the Chicago Police Department via text message from your cell phone. Follow these easy steps to submit a tip via text message:

- > **Create a new text message or SMS text on your cellular phone**
- > **Enter the number 274637 (CRIMES) in the "To" line**
- > **In the message box, type the word CPD, a space, and then your crime tip information**
- > **Hit "send" to send the text message.**

You will automatically receive a system generated message back on your cell phone acknowledging your tip. Your identity will not be sent to the Chicago Police Department. If you see a crime in progress or need to report an emergency, please call 911. For more information on TXT2TIP, please visit the CPD website at:

www.chicagopolice.org/txt2tip

Cash rewards up to \$1,000 may be available. The cash reward is provided by Cook County Crime Stoppers for information leading to an arrest. Let your fingers tell the tale!

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.