

# At A Glance

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

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Décor Committee 5/5 ♦ Building Committee 5/12 ♦ Finance Committee 5/19 ♦ Board Meeting 5/26

## **CHICAGO SPRING HALF MARATHON & 10K @ LAKESHORE EAST SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009**

Magellan is sponsoring the Chicago Spring Half Marathon and 10K on Sunday morning, May 17, 2009. The event will start and finish in the park at Lakeshore East, and use the P4 service drive to move to and from the lakefront. The course will involve some traffic restrictions.

**THE P4 SERVICE DRIVE WILL BE CLOSED  
6:45 AM – 7:15 AM**

**THE NORTH SIDE OF THE P4 SERVICE  
DRIVE WILL THEN REMAIN CLOSED WITH  
THE SOUTH SIDE OPEN UNTIL THE RACE  
IS OVER @ APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM.**

Residents are encouraged to reroute all garage ingress and egress to upper Randolph and Harbor Drive throughout Sunday morning, May 17, to avoid congestion. CAPRI Events, the race manager, will have event marshals and off-duty police personnel stationed along the route to assist with traffic management. Watch for additional details to be delivered to your door on Friday, May 15, 2009. Notices will also be posted at the property. Plan ahead and reroute on Sunday morning, May 17!

### **SERVICE PHONE NUMBERS**

**AT&T (800) 244-4444**  
**Comcast (866) 594-1234**  
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## **POOL DECK, SUNDECK & WHIRLPOOL CLOSURE**

**THE POOL DECK, ROOFTOP SUNDECK  
AND WHIRLPOOL ARE  
TEMPORARILY CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOR  
APPROXIMATELY 2-4 WEEKS.**

The swimming pool coating project began on Monday, May 4, 2009 and will continue for 2-4 weeks, depending on weather. The pool filtering equipment has been removed from the pool equipment room to facilitate a floor coating project in conjunction with the swimming pool interior coating. The Association cannot operate the whirlpool in the absence of this equipment. For the safety and welfare of residents and personnel, it is necessary to close the pool and rooftop deck access for the duration of the projects. The pool project is dependent on good weather, and requires weeks of 60-degree days for completion. The new Pool Armour™ coating has a performance guarantee of 10-years, so the temporary closure will have long-lasting results. Your patience is appreciated during this work!

## **P4 LEVEL FLOOR COATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 16 & 17, 2009**

On Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, 2009, an epoxy coating will be applied to the P4 floor in the Loading Dock area and near the #1 Freight elevator and #2 Service elevator.

**Due to this work, the #1 and #2  
elevators shall be restricted from the P4  
level during the coating application and  
drying time. Residents will need to reach  
the P4 level via the garage elevators or  
the west garage stairwell. The P4 halls  
shall be closed to all pedestrian traffic.**

Residents will still be able to reach the P4 level via the garage elevators or garage stairwell, and the pedestrian hallway leading out to the P4 Service Drive will be open and accessible. The elevator restrictions for dogs and dog walkers will be suspended on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, to accommodate the P4 closures. A reminder of the closures will be delivered to residents on Friday, May 15, 2009.

## **BOARD RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY**

*From the April Board Meeting:*

- Motion to Approve Category C Remodeling Projects
- Motion to approve a Violation Fine
- Motion to Approve Renewal of Unit 101 Lease
- Motion to Approve Stairwell Concrete Repair
- Motion to Approve 2009-2010 Holiday Decor
- Motion to Approve a Lease Term Exemption Request

**AIR CONDITIONING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW IT WORKS?**

Every spring, residents begin to wonder when the air conditioning will be "turned on." Like the majority of residential high-rise buildings, The ParkShore cannot operate both heating and cooling systems at the same time. It's one or the other!

Residents have electric heat that is available at any time in dwelling units. Heat in the common areas is provided by hot water circulating through system piping. The building systems heat all of the common areas, including residential hallways, the commercial spaces, and the garage. The building systems cool those same areas, and also provide cooling to dwelling units. AC for all areas is provided by the building systems. The Health Club actually has an independent auxiliary unit installed to cool it. Residents only have air conditioning available when the building systems are converted to AC.

The AC is provided by chilled water circulating through system piping. During the winter, the chillers are off and the water for the resident units' AC remains in the pipes throughout the entire building. It just isn't being chilled or circulated. That's why it's so important to keep your windows closed in the winter to avoid frozen pipes damaging your unit and those below you!

**GOING GREEN on THE PLAZA**

Brickman, the Association's landscaper, IS "going green" on the Plaza Deck. Instead of the standard hardwood mulch used in years past on the Plaza planting beds, Brickman has introduced a more eco-friendly product. The new mulch is a darker, denser mix that's actually recycled leaf waste. It's pretty aromatic, but that will dissipate over time. Brickman recycles the clippings and leaves, including our own, to produce this product. It's actually better for the soil and plants, and heavier so the wind won't scatter it as quickly. Seems like a win/win proposition!

**WHEN IS THE AIR TURNED ON?**

There is no set date for the turnover from heat to AC. Management and the Maintenance staff have to consider a number of factors including daytime and nighttime temperatures, weather projections, resident requests and mechanical requirements in making the decision to convert between heating and cooling capabilities.

There are a lot of questions to ask: What is the 5-7 day forecast? Are temperatures going to drop too low at night? What will the air temperature be during the day? Will there be enough residents using AC to prevent the chillers from idling? If it will only be warm for 2 days, should we put that strain on the equipment? How many residents have called the Management Office? Is the weather consistent yet?

It isn't simple, is it? Switching between heating and cooling can take up to 10-hours of gradual circulation of chilled water, and does involve a series of manual procedures with large (and expensive!) equipment. If the outdoor temperature is too cool, the chillers may shutdown. Lack of use and idling time can actually be detrimental to the chillers, while consistent demand is what the chillers are built to accommodate; much like cars are built to be driven so long trips are better for the life of the vehicle than short trips! Be assured, the staff does work to maintain the integrity of the equipment as well as your comfort to the best of our ability.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

By Phyllis Kenny, Social Committee

**SPEAK OUT...** Richard Lindberg, author and researcher, was well received by ParkShore residents. He traced the history of Chicago from its early beginnings citing the not-too-savory dealings and crimes of some of the influential residents. Some of the attendees indicated that they would favor other building events that featured lecturers and presenters. If there is a sufficient interest, other activities may be planned. A form will be available in the Office to indicate your interest, and any suggestions for future events.

Thanks to resident Marilyn Daleo and her friend Stella Pesner for arranging for the contact of Mr. Lindberg. Thank you to Social Committee Chair Susan Ogden and MEMBER Loretta Oakes for assistance in setting up the refreshments and sweets.

**LOSING WEIGHT...** Weight-Watchers classes, that is. Forms were door-dropped to those residents who had signed up in the Office for Weight Watchers classes. The forms indicated that classes could convene on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM if 15 or more residents would be able to attend the sessions. Only 4 forms were returned. The Weight-Watchers class proposal will be "dropped." Unfortunately, weight can't be dropped as easily.

**STRETCH & BREATHE...** The Tuesday morning yoga classes have been meeting regularly with an average of 11 participants each week. "Yogis" have indicated that attending two sessions each week is more beneficial. An additional class is now held on Thursday mornings. The fee is still \$10 per session with no commitment for extended attendance.

**MAY THE SUN SHINE IN MAY...** Outdoor activities begin "Under the Picasso."

\* Monday, May 11, *Marine Week* begins to honor Marines, families and veterans.

\* Thursday, May 14 - October 15, the *Farmers Market* opens from 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

\* Friday, May 15, *Chicago Moves Day* encourages all ages to spend 30-minutes a day, 5-days a week at physical activities; physical fitness instructors conducting exercises are part of the program.

\* Thursday, May 28 - Sunday May 31, *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkish-American Festival* featuring art demonstrations, film, dance, music and food.

**IN A PARTY MOOD?** Reserve Thursday, June 25. It's Margarita Time! The ParkShore Social Committee will be mixing and matching in the Club Room for the annual celebration of warm weather festivities.

