



# ParkTowerNews

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1994

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

- OCTOBER 8-** Concert by Janice Pantazelos: pop, jazz, show tunes. 7pm at Berger Park, 6205 N. Sheridan Rd. Info, 465-3838.
- OCTOBER 8-** "Hoe-Down: Houses Up," a benefit for Uptown Habitat for Humanity: Line dancing, food, silent auction. 1627 W. Howard. 2-6pm Donation \$20. Info, 465-9900.
- OCTOBER 9-** Ars Musica Chicago presents a concert by Michael Becker, recorder and Paul Ciennewa, harpsichord, 3:pm at 6219 N. Broadway. \$5 door, \$3 mem/sen. Info, 743-4477.
- OCTOBER 15-** Christmas Boutique and Mariners' Annual Pancake Day, 9:am - 2:pm, Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr. For info call 561-4748.
- OCTOBER 22-** Octoberfest at St. Ita's Church, 5500 N. Broadway. 6:30pm, Dinner, dancing, entertainment, casino. \$25. per person. For info call 561-5343.
- OCTOBER 31-** Halloween Party at Berger Park, 6205 N. Sheridan, 4:pm for info call 465-3838.
- NOVEMBER 1-** Edgewater Beach Neighborhood Association meeting, 7:30 P.M., Edgewater Presbyterian Church, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr.
- NOVEMBER 1-7** Last days to register for winter semester at Berger Park Cultural Center, 6205 N. Sheridan. Very low-cost classes in acting, writing, art, dance, fitness, music. 465-3838.
- NOVEMBER 13** Art Song Recital: German Leider, 3 PM. North Lakeside Cultural Center, 6219 Sheridan. \$5, \$3. members or seniors.
- NOVEMBER 15** Swing Orchestra of Chicago recreates big band sound of Tommy Dorsey & Artie Shaw. 12:15. Chicago Cultural Center (old library) 78 E. Washington at Michigan. Free. Lunch hour dancing. 151 Sheridan bus goes to door.
- NOVEMBER 18-20** (10-8 on Fri., 10-5 Sat. & Sun.) Very Merry Bazaar, Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton. Annual event at which 40 Chicago museum shops come together to offer Christmas shopping. \$5 admission.
- NOVEMBER 19-20** Holiday Festival of Gifts Sat. & Sun. 10-5 at North Lakeside Cultural Center, 6219 N. Sheridan. Shop early for your holiday gifts at NLCC's annual arts and crafts show.

## UNDER OUR ROOF

### Coming Soon: Park Tower's Own Yard Sale:

On Sunday February 5 from 1-5 in the Party Room, the Newsletter will sponsor the **PARK TOWER MIDWINTER INDOOR YARD SALE**. All residents are invited (urged) to participate in the buying and selling of treasures. Admission and vending are free, of course, and this event is limited to Park Tower residents. No food may be sold or served. **IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO START SAVING YOUR STUFF**. Put a box on your closet floor now and start collecting things you'd like to get rid of (kitchen gadgets you never use, holiday gifts you hate, things in your storage locker that are just taking up space). The success of our indoor yard sale depends on your showing up to sell your merchandise, because otherwise there won't be anything to buy and potential customers will just have to slink away and go home disappointed. Be altruistic---keep your neighbors happy ---sell them your junk. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 5, 1995**  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

### **NEWSLETTER BOX**

Many thanks to staff member Ed Kargus who built the Newsletter's collection box, now in place at the front desk. You may use this box to leave your classified ads, social announcements, informational items, or anything at all for the Newsletter. Please let the Newsletter be your voice.

**FOR SALE:** AT&T personal computer and IBM Proprinter. Computer has 5 1/4 disk drive, B/W monitor, and DOS.

Printer has new ribbon. Both in good working order. Price \$400 both OBO. Call Pat 503-8340 or 275-1056.

**FOR SALE:** Dual Action Omega 190 exercise bike w/timer \$75. Neon picture \$50. 2-8x10 rugs (1 zebra design, 1 multi-color) \$75 each. 2 double marbled lamps \$40 each. 989-7768.

**SERVICE:** House-cleaning at reasonable prices. Excellent references. Call Craig, 312-334-0088.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Dr. Valiant RW Poliny, MBA, MPA, JD, PHD, announces his latest publication: A Public Policy Analysis of the Emerging Victims' Rights Movement, 726 pgs., available from Austin & Winfield, Publishers of Scholarship and Commentary, \$39.95 cloth, PO Box 2590, San Francisco, Ca. 94126.

**OWNERS' EXCHANGE: A SUGGESTION:** Replacement window shades from a neighborhood business would cost \$58 per room-darkening shade. A clever owner informs the Newsletter that, instead, the company will reverse your old shades on their rollers so that worn sides are rolled up and hidden, exposing "new" sides at the bottom part of the shade. New slats are inserted and the shades are re sewn and cleaned. Instead of \$58, this alternative solution costs only \$6 per shade (if you are burdened with the 17 windows of a 2 bedroom unit, your total cost would be \$102 rather than the \$986 cost of new shades). Shades can be reversed only once. Keep in mind that they still have to have a gray exterior to comply with the Park Tower Condominium Declaration.



**A QUERY:** An 01-tier owner wishes to know whether anyone has tried putting the A/C heat blower switch on a thermostat. If so, how much did it cost and how well does it work? Owners: Please use NEWSLETTER Collection Box For Sharing Your Queries And Solutions.

**NEEDED: PERSONS TO REPRESENT RESIDENTS IN LIAISON WITH MANAGEMENT**

**PARK TOWER IS AN ENORMOUS BUILDING.** Even though we have a dedicated management and maintenance staff, they can't be everywhere at once. In any case, nobody notices things in a building like those who make this our home. This is why **FLOOR CAPTAINS** are badly needed to serve as liaison.

Are you the kind of person who notices things (somebody sings all night and it isn't Luciano Pavarotti---the hall ceiling light has been out for two weeks---your neighbor dumps his garbage on the floor)? Do you have 15 minutes per month to make our Home Sweet Home a little sweeter? A **FLOOR CAPTAIN's** job of observing and reporting community needs is made easier by means of a check sheet provided by the Management Office. All you have to do is observe things and fill in the blanks.

If you are willing to make this very necessary contribution to our community and can volunteer just a few minutes of your time each month, please get in touch with Susan Hess in the Management Office.

**HEALTH CLUB NEWS:**

1. Water Aerobics classes meet Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 pm. Join

anytime---course is ongoing. First 3 lessons are free, then cost is \$30 monthly. Health Club members only.

2. Manager Carl Nabb announces the arrival of a new sit-up board in the Weight Room.

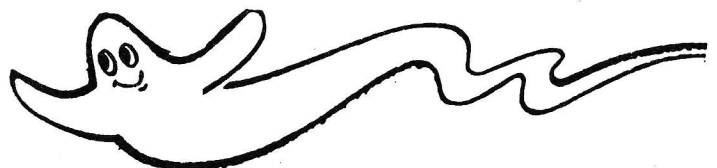
3. Carl Nabb wishes to thank old and new members for bringing Club membership to 600.

**NO FLYERS PLEASE**

Just a reminder that the distribution of flyers (pieces of paper advertising services or events) is **AGAINST THE RULES** at Park Tower. Flyers may not be left or handed out anywhere in the building or on the grounds. If you do so, you may be **FINED**. The reason for this rule is that flyers make extra clean-up work for our maintenance staff and so may cost the condominium (us) money. Flyers lying at doors also advertise who is home and who is not. Instead, place your ads in the **NEWSLETTER** or give them to the Management Office for posting on the laundry bulletin board. Bring saleable items to our Yard Sale on February 5th.

**HALLOWEEN HOSTS**

Trick or Treat Night is coming soon. If you wish to offer treats to small ghosts and goblins on the evening of October 31, please sign up in the Management Office and show your willingness to be a Halloween Host. This will let parents know which Park Tower doors their children are welcome to knock on.



## EDGEWATER BEAT

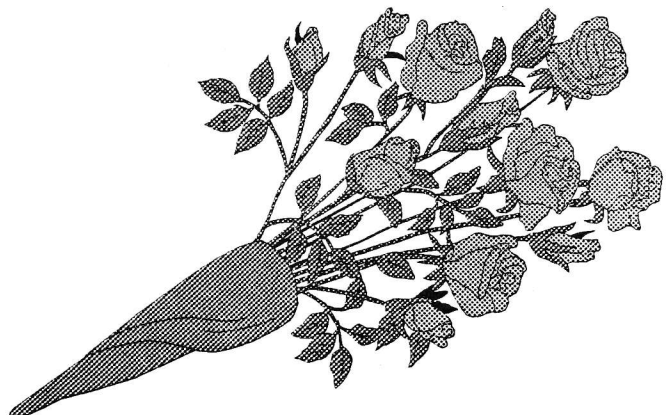
**SAY IT WITH FLOWERS:** As the holiday season begins to slide over us, many Park Tower residents will be looking to purchase flowers either for Chicago use (to present to a hostess or to grace a special table) or for non-Chicago use (to send to Grandmother). For any conceivable floral need, we are lucky to have as our neighbor **THE ANNA HELD FLOWER SHOP**, a neighbor who deserves our respectful attention as she is our elder, having been a thriving Edgewater business since 1927.

**ANNA HELD FLOWER SHOP**, 5557 N. Sheridan (phone 561-1940), located at the corner of Sheridan and Bryn Mawr in "the pink building;" is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This full-service florist offers what is arguably Edgewater's most complete floral service, and enjoys 85% repeat business, much of it from outside this neighborhood. ANNA HELD's secret seems to be a lovely blend of professionalism and informality. The shop's inventory is amazing. When PARK TOWER NEWSLETTER visited, there were 5 kinds of lilies and 6 colors of roses in the coolers, which were also filled with masses of other flowers ranging from the ordinary (snapdragons, carnations) to the exotic (white orchids). Dried flowers available included lunaria (money-plant) and Japanese lanterns instead of just the usual broom-straw-looking-stuff.

The friendly staff (Beth, Ron, Scott, Kari) can advise your purchase of fresh cut flowers, house plants, dried arrangements, corsages, flowers by wire, or floral service for an affair (their specialty is weddings). They are exceptionally creative and like to customize your order. For example, you can bring in a gift and they will enclose it

with your floral delivery. Or, you can provide your own floral container and they will subtract the cost of their usual container from your finished order. If you are wiring flowers, they will customize the order according to your tastes and budget, and will not limit you to the usual catalog of pictured arrangements. In every instance, they want to help you get the most for your money. And the money part is good, and very competitive---ANNA HELD charges \$37.50 for the same dozen of boxed long-stem roses that can run as high as \$75 in other shops. \$2.25 will buy you a multi-flowered stem of orchids, delicate and pretty for a small vase.

So, the flowers are beautiful and the service is great---but it is the place itself that will win your heart. You step in from a fairly bleak stretch of Sheridan Road and instantly you are in a bower, a happily-cluttered, fragrant, friendly, deliciously inviting wonderland that invites you to browse and even to sit down and eat. Small gifts are everywhere---stuffed animals, tasteful costume jewelry, sweet odds and ends, greeting cards. Best of all, ANNA HELD's original marble soda fountain is still in action, and you can have tea and scones or a real chocolate malted while contemplating your purchase. They even bake their own fruit pies. Don't miss this wonderful Edgewater business where yesterday's elegance mingles with today's warmth.





## PARK TOWER SENIORS' FORUM

Let's go out to lunch. Two spectacular values are:

1) THE RED APPLE, 3121 N. Milwaukee Ave. (take Sheridan 151 bus south to Belmont, Belmont 44 bus west to Milwaukee, walk one block south). This famous all-you-can-eat Polish smorgasbord, often rated the best restaurant value in Chicago, has recently been remodeled and expanded. Delicious, fresh, home-cooked Polish food just keeps coming from the kitchen---meats, potatoes, pierogies, sauerkraut, potato pancakes and blintzes, vegetables, salads, pastries (soup, beverage, and ice cream are included). With 10% seniors' discount and tax figured in, your lunch (served 11-4) will cost you \$4.40 (prices are about a dollar more at dinner). The Red Apple has now opened a delicatessen next door in case you don't get enough to eat at the restaurant, a highly unlikely possibility. Open 7 days; phone 588-5781 for hours. AFTER LUNCH: take a stroll along Milwaukee and enjoy this old Polish neighborhood. Enjoy a vicarious trip to Warsaw and pick up a loaf of bread to bring home. NOTE: There's a second RED APPLE at 6474 N. Milwaukee, 1/2 block north of Devon, phone 763-3407. Both RED APPLE's have their own adjacent free parking lots.

2) OLD COUNTRY BUFFET, 6125 N. Lincoln Ave. (take Foster 92 bus west to Lincoln, Lincoln 11 bus north to Lincoln Village Shopping Mall). A staggering all-you-can-eat buffet lunch is served from 11-3:30 (after that dinner prices apply and are about a dollar more). Seniors' weekday lunch price of \$5.54 includes many entrees, vegetables, soups, and breads plus two salad bars, a tempting

desserts bar (do try the hot fruit pies), all beverages, and, always, hot cinnamon rolls. To get the Seniors' price you must buy a Seniors' Card (\$1, good for a calendar year). A breakfast buffet is offered on weekends. Open 7 days; call 463-5604 to hear the Menu of the Day and to get detailed information about hours. Huge free parking lot. AFTER LUNCH: don't miss a walk through Amazing Savings, a nearby store offering a zillion miscellaneous items at closeout prices, always fun and a good place to pick up a bargain.

## AMTRAK OFFERS SENIOR DISCOUNT

AMTRAK offers a flat 15% discount to travelers of age 62 or over. This discount is given in addition to other discounts. For example, through December 11, the purchase of one full-fare ticket entitles you to buy a second fare at half-price. With the further senior 15% discount, two seniors traveling together round-trip between Chicago and St. Louis would pay a total fare of \$62.47. AMTRAK'S "All Aboard America" fare with senior discount would allow travel, for example, from Chicago to Montreal, Washington DC, and Florida (all three!) then back to Chicago any time within 45 days, up to December 16, for \$151.50. Call AMTRAK at 1-800-RAIL or 1-800-872-7245 for detailed information about routes and prices. The 151 Sheridan bus goes directly to Union Station: avoid expensive taxis when traveling AMTRAK.

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**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**  
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**CARL NABB**  
**HEALTH CLUB MANAGER**

Carl Nabb, PTCA's Health Club Manager has been employed here since September, 1993. Recently one of our health club members wrote us a note praising the water arobics class given by Carl and had this to say about him:

"Carl, as usual, treats everyone of us as individuals with different limitations, and somehow helps everyone get it all together. He seems to have eyes in the back of his head because he'll catch you if you even try to cheat. He also has a great deal of patience!"

Due to the hard work of the entire Health Club Staff, which Carl supervises, we now have 600 Health Club Members!!

Keep up the good work, Carl.

**MANAGEMENT UPDATES**

CURTAIN WALL REPAIRS have now started on the 01 tier. Our workers start at 6:00 a.m. and finish around 3:00 p.m. Please keep your shades down in the

morning so that you aren't caught in an embarrassing situation.

Once again we would like to remind all residents in the 06 tier of the importance of letting the management office know if you have any water infiltration when it rains. With your help, we will know if the current work being done is successful.

CONTRACT RENEWALS- The contract with York International for maintenance on our Chillers has been renewed and the contract with J R Electronics for maintenance of our intercom system has also been renewed.

POOL SHOWER STALLS- A bid to replace the men's and women's shower stall has been approved. Materials have been ordered and work should start on Sept. 27 with a completion date of October 6th.

**RECENT UNITS SOLD**

<b>TIER</b>	<b>UPPER/ LOWER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
01	lower	8/11/94	\$133,000
03	upper	8/24/94	40,000
15	upper	8/25/94	52,500
09	lower	8/25/94	47,000
08	lower	8/31/94	44,450
10	lower	9/12/94	33,592

**STOP, LOOK AND PROCEED WITH  
CAUTION**

There have been several reports of near misses in the driveway shared with our neighbors, 5445. When entering and exiting the building, please slow down and use caution. Look out for cars coming out or going into 5445.



### A TRASHY REMINDER...

Apparently there are some new residents who are unaware that their trash and garbage should be put through the garbage chute door, not just left on the floor in the Service Area.

Please bag all trash and make sure to push it down the chute. Newspapers should be brought down to the recycling bins located on the 1P level of the garage. Large boxes should be left in the corner of the Service Area for nightly collection by night maintenance.

### POSTAL SURVEY

Enclosed in this NEWSLETTER is a Postal Survey form that all residents of Park Tower should fill out so that our area's Postal Advisory Committee can better understand our needs. This will also allow them to work on correcting some of the problems we currently have or have had in the past.

Christine Swarm, of 5445, is on this committee and she has agreed to voice our concerns at their next meeting.

Please return your completed form to the Management Office and we will send them on to Christine Swarm.

### SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Have you seen a woman, dressed in yellow and black, hurry past you in the Park Tower lobby or zip by you in a Jeep bearing the yellow and black logo, **Women In Business-Yellow Pages**?

Ida Bialik, a Park Tower Resident, is the owner and publisher of **Women In Business-Yellow Pages**. **Women In**

**Business-Yellow Pages** is a unique business directory that showcases women professionals, women entrepreneurs, and women's organizations, as well as major corporations and government agencies wishing to do business with women and minorities in Metropolitan Chicago and in Springfield, Illinois. The directory has a circulation of 35,000, and has grown annually since 1986. "As publisher of the **Women in Business-Yellow Pages**, I am working to improve the business climate by being an active voice for the small business community," says Ida. Ms. Bialik was recently elected as an Illinois Delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Small Business. She says she will represent businesses with 10 or fewer employees, because "they are not represented in Washington."

Ida Bialik serves on the boards of many organizations, including the National Association of Women's Yellow Pages and the Chicago Foundation for Women. She has received recognition and awards for her work, including the Ernst & Young 1992 Illinois Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Supporter of Entrepreneurship, and the 1989 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women's Business Advocate Award for Illinois. Ms. Bialik is well-known in the small business community for her contributions to business legislation, public speaking, and fund raising.

Ida Bialik has lived in Park Tower for six years. She recently purchased a condominium when another Park Tower resident--one of her advertisers--brought a specific unit to her attention. If you don't catch her in the lobby, she can be reached at the **Women In Business-Yellow Pages** at (708) 679-7800 for information on the White House Conference on Small Business, or for the directory.

**PRICE COMPARISON BETWEEN EDGEWATER MARKET AND DOMINICK'S**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>EDGEWATER</b>	<b>DOMINICK'S</b>
1) Whole Chicken, lb.	\$ .79	\$ .99
2) O. Mayer weiners, lb.	2.59	2.79
3) Sandwich ham (deli) lb.	2.98	4.98
4) Tombstone Pizza for one, X-Cheese, Microwv.	2.39	2.39
5) Eggs, X-large, dozen	1.29	1.09
6) 2% Milk, quart	1.03	.95
7) Blueberries, pint	2.09	2.49
8) Tomatoes, lb.	1.09	1.39
9) Iceberg Lettuce, head	.89	.99
10) Brownberry White Bread	1.39	1.49
11) Potato salad (deli) lb.	.99	1.39
12) Ben & Jerry's ice crm. pt.	2.89	2.99
13) Heinz ketchup, 14 oz	1.19	.89
14) O-Ke-Doke chs. popcorn 5 oz.	1.39	1.39
15) Pmp. wine vinegar	1.69	1.45
16) Parade (e. Mkt) Dominick's (Dom's) crm. stl. corn 16 oz.	.69	.65
17) Entenmann's L. Cr. Cake	3.79	3.79
18) Lancer's Rose' Wine 750	4.99	4.59
19) Bud Light 6-pack	3.99	3.89
20) Gallo Cream Sherry 750	3.99	3.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41.73</b>	<b>\$44.07</b>

This market basket comparison between Edgewater Market and Dominick's was done on August 24. As it shows, you would save over 5% on these items by shopping at Edgewater Market. However, there is no way for a comparison study to show the extra service shoppers get at Edgewater. Free in-house delivery for orders above \$15, handy ice for your party, hot homemade chili, a quick pair of stockings, special orders on request, and party platters made right here at home, are just a few of Edgewater's special services. Small packages (such as one chicken breast or a tiny quantity of celery parsley) are great if you cook for only one or two. The trim on the fresh meat is incomparably better: check this yourself. For a small market, Edgewater has an astonishing inventory--five items on the original comparison list had to be deleted as they were unavailable at Dominick's. (Aficionados of Vernor's Ginger Ale will be happy to hear that Edgewater not only stocks Vernor's in the hard-to-find 2-liter bottles, but sells these for just 99 cents.) Finally, there's such a thing as convenience. Imagine yourself being all out of something you really need, and it's 9:45 on a January night, and it's snowing. Now, imagine that we have no market in the building and you either have to do without or get dressed in your snowsuit and face the dark and freezing night. Let this nightmarish fantasy inspire you to give your trade to the Edgewater Market, because if we want the market to be there for us, we have to be there for the market. **SHOP EDGEWATER.**