

AROUND THE BUILDING

Holiday Lights

Holiday lights on the front of the building and the lobby tree will be turned on Thanksgiving Day. Watch the notice signs for the date of the annual holiday party. Enjoy.

New Property Tax Law

A new homeowners exemption has taken effect for 2008. You probably already receive a homeowners exemption, BUT, if you live in your home as a principal place of residence AND you have been living there as a principal residence for 10 or more years, AND your total household income on your income tax return showed \$100,000 or less, you are entitled to receive a Long-Time Occupant Exemption in addition to the homeowners exemption. These filing forms are not yet available online. The building office was able to secure the application you must file to receive the additional exemption. You may come to the office if you need an application and it can be notarized at the same time at no charge to you. Once the City receives your application, they will process a refund within approximately 8 weeks.



Trick or Treat

Halloween falls on Friday, October 31, 2008. If you wish to participate in the annual trick or treat at 2500 Lakeview Association, please drop by the doorman station and sign up. Trick or Treat hours will be from 4:30 p.m – 7:30pm. 10/31.

Window Meeting

A special homeowners meeting will be held On Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room regarding the window project. Jesse Horvath, architect, will be there to answer all your questions.

Cable Charges

You recently paid 2 months makeup charges of \$10.32 for the new cable contract which started July 1 as retro payment to RCN for July & August at \$5.16 per month. However, new assessment payment coupons were not printed and the \$5.16 per month increase for RCN will remain throughout the year. Please add \$5.16 to your normal monthly assessment payment for November and December; new coupon books will be sent out in December for 2009, which will reflect the total cable charge correctly. If you did not add \$5.16 to your bill for September and October, please include an additional makeup charge of \$10.32 with your next payment. Please excuse any confusion or inconvenience this may cause.

Holiday Safety

Around the holidays it is particularly important to practice good safety no matter where you are. Criminals are abundant at this time of year. Be aware of your surroundings especially if you are carrying loads of packages which would make you more vulnerable to a pickpocket. Do not allow strangers to enter the building with you. Never open your door without asking who is there first. If you see a suspicious person or circumstance, immediately call 911.



Individual Trees

Many of you will be decorating trees in your apartments. If you purchase a live tree, please see our maintenance staff to obtain a tree bag to cover the tree when bringing the tree into or out of the building to protect the hallways and property. A live tree needs to be monitored daily to be certain it is not dry and there is a continuous water supply in the stand. Check all lighting before putting it on the tree to make sure the wires are not frayed creating a fire hazard.

Dampers

The damper installation project is underway. Installers estimate they can complete one or two floors a day. Please watch the notice signs to see when they will be on your floor. To avoid any unnecessary locksmith charges, make sure we have your keys if you will not be home. If you are not home and we do not have your keys, a locksmith will need to open your lock and his cost would be charged back to your unit.

Recycling

Please keep an eye out for new recycling signs and instructions that will be posted in the chute room soon.

Zoo Lights

Zoo Lights at the Lincoln Park Zoo opens Nov 22, 2008. Hours are Fri-Sun, from 5-9pm from 11/23 – 12/13, and nightly from 5-9p.m. from 12/14 – 1/1/06.



Hanukkah

Begins at sundown on Sunday, December 21, 2008