



DECEMBER 2015 Calendar of Events

Annual Meeting of the 777 Condominium Association and Board Election

Thursday, Dec. 3; 7:00 PM
777 Lobby

Hanukkah

begins evening of
Sunday, Dec. 6;
ends evening of
Monday, Dec. 14

777 Holiday Party

Thursday, Dec. 10; 6:00 PM
777 Lobby

777 Holiday Bake Sale

Tuesday, Dec. 15;
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
777 Lobby

No Third Monday Board Meeting

Winter Begins

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Christmas

Friday, Dec. 25
Management Office will
close at noon on Thursday,
Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

New Year's Day

Friday, Jan. 1

LIFE SAFETY PRESENTATION

Every Wednesday, the Life Safety video will be shown on Building Channel 195.

It details what to do in case of fire. With the recent fire in the Hancock Center in mind, it is very important for all 777 residents to view this video.

777 Condominium Association Annual Meeting of Voting Members

On Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 PM, the 777 Condominium Association will hold its annual meeting in the lobby. Please make plans to attend. Whether you attend the meeting or not, you should vote in the Board election.

Six excellent candidates are running to fill five spots.

Samantha Costanzo. Sam is an 11-year resident who is a managing director and head of public finance for the Midwest region at Citigroup. She serves on the 777 Building Committee, as well as a number of boards for charitable and business organizations. Sam says that she's passionate about 777 and wants to put her experience in finance and prior board service to work for the building.

Gregory Hopp. Greg is a 9-year resident who was a litigation lawyer at several large law firms. He has been on the 777 Board for six years, serving as Board president for the last five. Greg says he's proud of what the Board has accomplished during his tenure (including the roof deck, fitness center, Avenue Room, riser replacement and hallways) and wants to extend the Building's era of (relative) good feelings.

Michael Kalweit. Michael is a 20-year resident who has been on the Board since 2013, served another term previously and currently acts as Board secretary. He says 777 is an underrated jewel, and wants to maintain fiscal responsibility, build reserves and promote increased owner occupancy.

Frederick Mehl. Fred is a 26-year resident who managed projects for AT&T's building group and then ran his own pre-retirement and outplacement consulting firm. He has served on the 777 Board for six years, including a stint as treasurer. Fred says that he is, *"very interested in maintaining the excellence that we have achieved in having a class 'A' building."*

Denise Stauder. Denise is a 21-year resident who worked in a variety of capacities at the Tribune Company, Northern Illinois University and Kendall College. She has been on the 777 Board since 2013, served another term previously, and has held numerous charitable positions. Denise says preventative maintenance and updating building systems should be our priority going forward, and extols the virtues of 777's engagement with community organizations.

Angie Verros-Angelopoulos. Angie, who has been a resident for more than 6 years, has a diverse professional experience, working most recently in recruiting. While she has not previously served on the Board, she, *"feels it's time to really get involved and learn more."* She says she is, *"fully prepared to represent the interests of our homeowners and make sure we are well positioned to meet future challenges."*

So there you have it. Six candidates. One election. Please vote. And come to the meeting on December 3.

Helping the Homeless

What do you do if a panhandler asks you for money? It's a personal and often difficult decision. Often, we weigh many factors, ranging from what is compassionate, what is safe, and what is productive and healthy for both the individual asking and for the community surrounding them. We'd like to give you another option to consider.

For fifteen years, The Chicago Help Initiative has been providing dinner at Catholic Charities at LaSalle and Huron and offering help, where we can, to the homeless. Twice a year we produce a Resource Guide. This pocket-sized guide lists where to get a hot meal, seven days a week; where to get free groceries from nearby food pantries; where to find emergency shelter; how to connect with services ranging from free medical care to addiction counseling; and where to get help with housing options and job training programs.

The Chicago Help Initiative's philosophy is fairly simple. No one moves off the street without help. Most times that help won't be found in another dollar or two of charity. In fact, for some of the people we serve, that dollar may simply postpone change and extend the pain. Help will be found in connecting with caring and experienced people who can provide real assistance.

There are multiple reasons and stories that put people on a corner asking for money or sleeping in a doorway. They range from addiction, mental illness and bad decisions to terrible luck. There is also no getting around the fact that for some, it's just an easy, if less dignified, way to get money. We can't let that prevent us from helping someone who is truly needy. Offering them the Resource Guide is one reasonable solution – while the Guide has zero cash value, you can walk away knowing that if they are hungry or in need, now they will know where to get help.

Douglas B. Fraser, *Executive Director*
The Chicago Help Initiative, chicagohelpinitiative.org

Copies of The Chicago Help Initiative's Resource Guide are available at the 777 front desk. Other alternatives to giving cash are Chicago Shares vouchers available at Holy Name Cathedral, Fourth Presbyterian Church and St. James Episcopal Cathedral or at chicagoshares.com, and McDonald's gift cards. The Greater Chicago Food Depository accepts donations of nonperishable foods at drop off locations such as 737 N. Michigan, Suite 1240 (Olympia Centre) or the Hancock Center lobby.



One of many panhandlers on Michigan Avenue.

777 REAL ESTATE SALES

Currently for sale:

Studios
Unit 2105 \$185,000
Unit 2606 \$190,000

One-Bedroom
Unit 3309 \$260,000

Two-Bedroom
Unit 600 \$499,900
Unit 2301 \$539,000

Closed:
One-Bedroom
Unit 2606 \$213,000

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777 Holiday Bake Sale

Tuesday, December 15; 7am – 7pm
777 Lobby



It's time for our annual 777 holiday bake sale! We are looking for volunteers to bake, bake, bake up a storm and help out with manning the tables. If you are interested, please sign up at the Front Desk. This year residents can submit their favorite charity for consideration, and on the day of the bake sale we will pick the winning charity.

All baked goods should be individually wrapped and labeled with the baker's name and dropped off in the lobby the night before or the morning of the sale. Any donated raffle items will also be greatly appreciated.