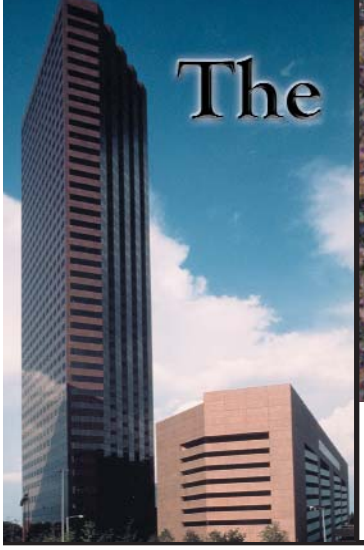

The Tower View

The Newsletter for Marathon Oil Tower Tenants April, May & June 2011

NEW, CONVENIENT ONLINE FIRE WARDEN TRAINING

Hanover Real Estate Partners and Transwestern are excited to announce a new program we are launching here at Marathon Oil Tower. We've teamed up with DSAL Consultants to create an online Fire Warden Training program.

As many of you are aware, the City of Houston requires that each tenant designate a certain number of employees to be Fire Wardens. These employees must take a three hour class covering the building life safety plan, what to do in case of an emergency, and how to assist and train fellow employees. Each warden must renew their certificate every five years to meet the City of Houston code requirement.

The new online class will make this process easier and more informative. The program is designed specifically for Marathon Oil Tower tenants and includes photos and building diagrams. The course will familiarize Fire Wardens with the building fire safety systems, the function of the Fire Safety Team, and the Fire Warden's proper response to alarms or a fire in the Tower. The course takes just 45 minutes to complete and may be taken at any time. It is also free for all Marathon Oil Tower tenants.

While the City requires only one warden for every 7,500 square feet of occupied space, we encourage as many people as possible to take this course. The knowledge gained regarding life safety here in the Tower would be invaluable during an emergency. Transwestern will be contacting each company that has not yet met the City of Houston Fire Warden requirement. If you are interested in taking the online course, please don't hesitate to contact Heather McMillon in the Management Office at (832) 369-5800 to set it up.

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FROM THE MANAGER

Earth Day is April 22nd. It's a great time of year to commit to making a few small changes in your office to help reduce the Tower's carbon footprint. Here are a few tips to help you do just that.

- Reuse shipping boxes in the mailroom and use shredded waste paper as packing material.
- Establish a common space for reusable office products.
- Encourage coworkers to turn off lights when leaving a conference room or unused space.
- Avoid using a cover page when faxing, saving paper on the sending and receiving end.
- Shut down your computer when leaving for the day ("standby" draws power when not in use).
- Save paper with clean sides to use for scrap, scratch, and drafts before recycling.
- Redirect undelivered mail with "No longer at this address".
- Contact advertisers to discontinue unsolicited mail and ask employees to remove themselves from unwanted mailing lists.
- Avoid printing in color or on color whenever possible. All colored papers are produced with dyes or pigments, many of which negatively impact the environment.

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RODEO DRAWING WINNER!

Congratulations to Lori Reece of Marathon Oil Company. Lori won the "A Night At The Rodeo" Drawing and received four tickets to see Lady Antebellum at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo!

THE TOWER GIVES BACK

Tenants and visitors took advantage of the opportunity to buy jewelry and perfume for that special someone during the Annual Valentine's Day Fair held in February in the ground level lobby. Proceeds from the Fair brought in $217 for the Firefighters Foundation of Houston.

Fifty-one units of blood were collected during the March Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive. More than 150 lives were potentially saved as a result!

More than 75 cans of food were collected for the Houston Food Bank during the first quarter plant exchange. Remember to look for the lobby sign announcing the next plant exchange and bring a canned good item to receive a plant.

Marathon Oil Tower participated in the 2011 Dress For Success "Send One Suit Week" in March. The kick-off event held on March 8th featured speakers from Marathon Oil Company and Dress For Success. Six wardrobe boxes of work appropriate clothing and accessories were collected for underprivileged women entering the workforce. That's a 100% increase over 2010!

Proceeds from the March Books Are Fun Book Fair brought in $150 for the Firefighters Foundation of Houston.

MARATHON OIL TOWER HOSTS ART INSTITUTE FASHION SHOW

The Art Institute of Houston held its "Cirque de Moda" Fashion Show in the P10 dining area on March 16th. Hanover Real Estate Partners and Transwestern joined with other local businesses in sponsoring the show created by the Art Institute's Event and Fashion Show Production class. Tenants and visitors gathered around the catwalk during the lunch hour to enjoy a viewing of this season's fashion trends. Congratulations to the Art Institute students for producing an entertaining and professional quality show.

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DANCING WITH THE STAIRS BENEFITTING THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION RETURNS!

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, Houston goes vertical as Hanover Real Estate Partners presents Dancing With The Stairs benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation! Teams from the Houston business community, Houston Fire Department, and local individuals will take on the 41 flight challenge to the top of Marathon Oil Tower in the fight to cure cystic fibrosis. Climbers may take on the challenge solo or form a team with family, friends, or colleagues. The day will also be a special tribute to the past and present heroes of 9/11. This exciting stair climb event will help raise funds to support the vital research in the quest to cure CF.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. At present, there is no known cure, although there is hope as scientists plot tactics to outmaneuver the gene which causes cystic fibrosis. When the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was founded in 1955, children with cystic fibrosis were not expected to live to attend elementary school. Today, thanks to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-supported research, the median age of survival for those with cystic fibrosis has risen to 37.4 years of age.

Recently, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation achieved an extraordinary scientific milestone proving that the Foundation is right on track. "Results from a recent Phase 3 Clinical Trial of the drug VX-770, an oral medicine that targets the defective protein that causes CF, showed incredibly promising results! The results provide scientific evidence that support our long-standing belief that targeting the underlying defect of CF may have a profound effect on the disease," said Robert J. Beall, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. "We have much more to do to end the suffering caused by this disease, but these data are extremely exciting, especially for people with the G551D mutation and their families. The results also offer significant hope that a similar approach to treatment may help the majority of patients living with CF."

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is so encouraged by these results and hope you will join their effort to keep the science moving forward in this important fight.

Early bird registration fee: $30
Registration fee (after June 30): $40
Minimum pledge requirement: $150
(Online fundraising is the easiest, quickest and most successful way to raise the much needed funds for cystic fibrosis!)

Event Details:
Marathon Oil Tower
Registration – 8:00 AM
Climb – 9:00 AM
Sole Survivors Party to follow

Climbers may participate as a competitive climber or just for fun, but everyone will climb for a worthwhile cause. Awards will be given to the fastest climbers in each age division, overall fastest female, overall fastest male, and fastest fire fighter!

Go to http://txgulf.cff.org/stairclimb for race details and registration. Climbers may register online as an individual, member of a team, or as a team leader. Be sure to register as a team leader if you are forming a team!

FROM THE MANAGER

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- Purchase ceramic/glass dishware to reduce waster paper, plastics, and foam.
- Hold long distance meetings via Net Meeting, LiveMeeting, or other tools, and use conference calls rather than traveling.
- Participate in the Tower's recycling program which includes aluminum cans, all paper/cardboard, plastic bottles, and all electronics/batteries.

Remember, every little bit helps!

Heather McMillon
Property Manager

ENERGY ADMIRAL'S ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Ahoy Mates! Earth day is April 22nd, so me thinks now be th' perfect hour to give you some tips on ways to save energy outside the Tower. I hope ye find these helpful!

- Check your HVAC filters monthly and replace every 3 months, improving energy efficiency up to 10%.
- Shade the outdoor unit of a central system with a trellis or climbing vine to improve efficiency by 10%.
- Close the chimney flue damper tightly when not in use to prevent warm or air-conditioned air from escaping.
- Unplug battery chargers or power adapters when not in use.
- Run dishwasher only with a full load.
- Use the air-dry option on your dishwasher or prop the door open.
- Operate appliances later in the day or evening when the energy costs are lower.
- Keep gas burners clean (blue flame means efficient combustion, yellow may indicate service required).
- Wash laundry with cold water when possible and use cold-water products.
- Wash full loads only, saving up to 3,400 gallons of water annually.
- Clean lint trap before each load, saving up to $34 annually (prevents fires as well).
- Drive more gently; speeding, rapid acceleration, and braking frequently reduce mileage by one-third on highways and 5% on city streets.
- Stay tuned; a poorly tuned car uses 5% more gas.
- Replace dirty air filters; a clogged filter reduces mileage by 10%.
- Maintain proper tire pressure to improve mileage by up to 3%.
- If you idle longer than 30 seconds, it's better to kill the engine than to leave it running - especially important when picking up children from school and in Houston traffic!

Fair winds and following seas,
The Energy Admiral

APRIL, MAY & JUNE AT THE TOWER

Good Friday Building Closure	Friday, April 22	The building and management office will be closed in observance of Good Friday. Please program after-hours air and lights online. Have a safe and hoppy holiday!
Earth Day Fair	Week of April 22	You're sure to find Earth friendly tips and information at our Annual Earth Day Fair. Look for more information coming soon!
Mother's Day Market	Wednesday, May 4 Thursday, May 5	Pick-up goodies for Mom including discount gift cards from Appreciation Events, Julie's Jewelry, Kristi Clark Creations custom jewelry, and Godiva Chocolate. Proceeds will go to the Firefighters Foundation of Houston.
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive	Wednesday, May 4 P10 Deli 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Please make an appointment by emailing stephanie.scott@transwestern.net. Walk-ins are also welcome.
Marathon Oil Company Health Fair	Thursday, May 19 P10 Auditorium 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Everyone is invited to stop by and pick-up valuable tips and information for a healthier lifestyle.
Memorial Day Building Closure	Monday, May 30	The building and management office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Please program after-hours air and lights online. Have a safe and hoppy holiday!
Father's Day Market	Week of June 13 - 17	Dad will enjoy the golf apparel and designer fragrance you found at the Father's Day Market. Look for more information coming soon. Proceeds will go to the Firefighters Foundation of Houston.

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