



The

Tower View

The Newsletter for Marathon Oil Tower Tenants

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HIGH TECH VISUALIZATION CENTER OPENS AT THE TOWER

Transwestern and Hanover Real Estate Partners are pleased to announce the opening of the Cyviz Technology Center coming soon to Marathon Oil Tower. Slated for a grand opening in May, this state-of-the-art center will provide high-end collaborative work facilities featuring multi-functional visualization rooms equipped with the latest technology.



Built as a complete environment for integrated operations within the oil & gas industry, the Cyviz Technology Center (CTC) is the perfect location for businesses to visualize complex data interpretations, prepare and present collaborative team work, and host seminars, training sessions, and other professional events. Included throughout the Center are the newest technical advances incorporated into display walls, work stations, graphic boards, user interfaces, and video and teleconferencing systems.

The CTC houses four separate visualization rooms, each designed to provide accommodations for specific presentations and meetings. The reception hall, pictured above, is designed for larger audiences and is well suited for product launches and business receptions. Food and beverages can be conveniently served from the reception hall bar area. The CTC auditorium features 40 luxury seats with a Cyviz

Bizwall and Tandberg 6000 MXP video conferencing system. The executive briefing center features a 15-seat conference table and a Cyviz Clusterwall with a video conferencing system. The smaller stereo 3D room is equipped with a Cyviz Vizwall and video conferencing system.

The Houston CTC is only the second of its kind in the world. Cyviz opened its first Technology Center in Stavanger, Norway in 2007. The Houston Center is patterned after the highly successful Stavanger Center and features technology from Cyviz partners such as HP, Tandberg, nVIDIA, and SONY. The Center is available for booking by Cyviz clients and partners.

The CTC Houston opening will take place May 5th through 8th with two open house sessions each day. If you would like to attend one of the sessions, or if you would like more information about the Houston Cyviz Technology Center, please contact CTC Manager Houston, Darrel Fanguy at ctchouston@cyviz.com.

FROM THE MANAGER

By now you've noticed the big change in the second floor lobby. The Marathon Oil Tower Management Office has relocated. It is now located on the first floor in Suite 110, down the hall from the restrooms and the previous Tower Store location. Our contact information remains the same as well as the services we provide the Tower from this office. The Badging Office and Security Director's office are still located on the second floor. These offices are only a few feet away from their previous location. If you need to visit the Badging Office, just use the hallway located to the right of the low rise elevators and follow the signage.

This change is just one of many that will be occurring in the second floor lobby. Temporary walls have

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HEARTS & FLOWERS, COWBOY HATS & BOOTS, AND GREAT BOOKS & GIFTS AT THE TOWER



Marathon Oil Tower tenants and building staff were treated to a lunchtime Go Texan Day celebration on February 28th in the P10 cafeteria. Hanover Real Estate Partners, Transwestern and Sodexo hosted the event which featured a country music DJ and dance floor along with the cafeteria's special barbeque lunch offer.

The Marathon Oil Tower Annual Valentine's Day Fair was another great success. Sodexo offered chocolates and teddy bears and "Bling Bling & More" and J. Jewelry brought a selection of jewelry and specialty items for convenient Valentine's Day gift giving.

The ever popular Books Are Fun Book Fair came back to Marathon Oil Tower in March. Tenants and visitors stopped by the first floor lobby to pickup books and gifts for spring and summer birthdays and graduates.

ALLEY THEATRE

The Alley Theatre is delighted to have **Marathon Oil Tower** as a member of our Partnership Program. As a member, employees will have the opportunity to purchase priority tickets at considerable savings to 2007-2008 productions.

Just follow 3 simple steps!

1. Choose your play!



The Gershwins' An American in Paris
Words and Music by
 George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin
Book by Ken Ludwig
Musical Supervisor Rob Berman
Choreography by Randy Skinner
Directed by Gregory Boyd
Musical Supervisor Rob Berman

The wild and hilarious new musical comedy **The Gershwins' An American in Paris** takes us on a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the legendary movie-musical. Reuniting Ken Ludwig, George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin – the team behind the Broadway smash *Crazy For You* – this new American musical tells the story of Michel Gerard, the greatest music hall singer in Paris. When Michel fails to turn up at Monumental Pictures' Paris studio for the filming of a new musical, Studio Head LB sends his practical, no-nonsense secretary, Rebecca Klemm, to find the missing star – and when the legendary Parisian crosses swords with the indomitable American, nothing short of fireworks ensue. Don't miss this blissful prequel to the famous movie, featuring some of the best-loved songs written by George and Ira Gershwin including: "S Wonderful," "They All Laughed," "Stairway to Paradise" and many more.

2. Here's how!

Pick your performance date, time and seating section.

3. Seal the deal!

Take advantage of our special ticket offer by purchasing in person, online at www.alleytheatre.org or by calling 713-220-5700, then press 1. Please mention promo code: **MARATHON**. Please do the following to purchase online.

- Go to www.alleytheatre.org
- Click (Buy Tickets)
- Click (Click here for promotions)
- Input (**MARATHON**) in the (Enter Promotion Code) field
- Click appropriate play title
- Register/Create an account
- Checkout

DID YOU KNOW?

Discounted Movie Tickets

Don't forget to stop by the management office before your next Friday night at the movies. Transwestern offers AMC and Regal Cinema tickets for only \$6 each.

Tower Website

Marathon Oil Tower tenants can download forms, view upcoming event announcements, access links to over-time air conditioning services and the building work order system, and view current and previous issues of "The Tower View" at www.MarathonOilTower.com!

Tower Shoe Shine

Tenants and visitors can get a great shoe shine right here at the Tower. The Tower Shoe Shine is located at the mailroom on the first floor each Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Just look for the poster in the first floor lobby announcing when Felix is available. Contact Felix at 713.296.3330 for more information.

If you have any questions about these, or any other building services, please don't hesitate to contact the management office at 832.369.5800.

RECYCLING UPDATE

A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Marathon Oil Tower Tenants is in order! Since the inception of the recycling program, **tenants have recycled over 47 tons of paper, plastic and aluminum.** That is over 30% of the waste generated by the building! This has **saved 799 trees, 94 barrels of oil, 1,927 kilowatts of electricity and diverted 141 cubic yards of trash from landfill space.** When Marathon Oil Tower's recycled material is used to manufacture new products, it will **generate 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution.** It will also **require 58% less water and 64% less energy.** Finally, the building has **cut the amount of trash picked up each week in half.** That saves the building money and helps the environment. Thank you to all of you that participate in the recycling program. If you are interested in participating and would like more information, please contact the management office at 832.369.5800.

A Note from the Manager

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been constructed so that a new tenant can begin renovating Suite 200. Look for more information in the next newsletter regarding our new tenant and completion of construction. As always, feel free to stop by the Management Office for a tour, assistance, or any questions you may have!

*Heather McMillon
Property Manager*

ENERGY ADMIRAL RECEIVES INNOVATIVE IDEAS FROM ENERGY MINDED TENANTS

It has been three months since launching my Energy Admiral e-mail address, and although we have received only three e-mails, they were all great ideas. One of the suggestions turned out to be a project the management office already had scheduled, and another was a great out-of-the-box idea.



provided in each office, it's a bit more involved than you might think. We will publish the results of this study in our next newsletter. In the meantime, we can always fall back on the tried and true method of turning the switch OFF when you leave your office. Wow what a concept.

Gail and Amanda will be entered into our **Home Energy Conservation Kit Drawing to be held on Earth Day 2008.**

The first idea, submitted by **Gail Baxter** with **Marathon Oil Company**, was to replace all incandescent can lights with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs.) To date, we have replaced 75% of all common area can lights with energy efficient CFLs. We plan to carry over this initiative to all tenants who are willing to explore this option. This project has the potential to reduce electrical consumption by more than 100,000 kilowatt hours per year.

Amanda Connors of **Marathon Oil Company** submitted two great energy saving ideas. The first was to install roof mounted wind turbines to generate electricity. While this was another great idea, an economic study quickly revealed that the costs for this project out-weighed the benefits. Amanda also suggested installing light switch sensors that would turn off lights when an office is unoccupied. The management office is looking into this option. However, with the dual switching currently

Now I am not a gambler, (yeah right) but the odds of winning for these two individuals might be pretty darn good. Please tenants, get those creative juices flowing and send me more innovative energy saving ideas.

Okay, I will sign off by giving you, my favorite people in the world, some Interesting Green Facts.

Oh, I almost forgot - Sail the seas; do not motor them!

*Fair Winds and Following Seas,
The Energy Admiral*

Interesting Green Facts:

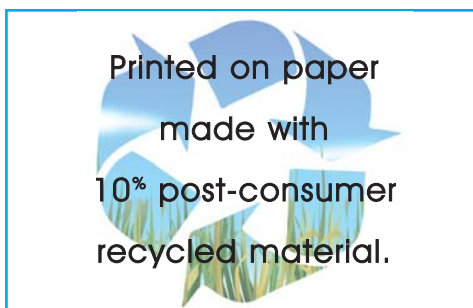
If every house in the U.S. would lower thermostats by one degree in the winter, we would save 230 million barrels of oil.


If 40 million people would spend one minute less in the shower each day, we would save 4 trillion gallons of water – the total rainfall/snow which falls over the lower 48 states in one day.

If each elementary student in the U.S. would recycle one aluminum can, it would amount to 24.8 million cans. Enough aluminum to create 21 Boeing 737 air crafts.

One dimmer switch replacing a regular on/off switch in every U.S. house would save enough electricity to light 1.2 million homes, which is equivalent to all the homes in the state of Arkansas.

If every household in the U.S. shuts off all lights for one hour on Earth day, we will prevent more than 16,500 tons of CO² from entering the atmosphere.




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 The Tower View is published by the building owners and management for the tenants of Marathon Oil Tower. If you have any questions or comments regarding the publication, you may contact Heather McMillon, 5555 San Felipe, Suite 210, Houston, TX 77056 or call (832) 369-5800.

APRIL, MAY & JUNE AT THE TOWER

Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive

Help the Blood Center prepare for the busy summer season by giving the gift of life. Call the management office at 832.369.5800 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Monday, April 14
P10 next to the Deli
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration

This special event, sponsored by the property management team, will host organizations and companies providing information and ideas that benefit the environment.

Tuesday, April 22
2nd Floor Lobby

Mother's Day Fair

Timeless Treasures and Giftwave will be on hand with jewelry, candles, bath & body, and home interior gifts for Mom (and maybe yourself!)

Wednesday, May 7
Thursday, May 8
Friday, May 9
1st Floor Lobby
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

STEP Health & Safety Fair

Check out the article below for more details about this fun and informative event.

Wednesday, May 14
P10 Auditorium
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Electrical Testing/ Shutdown Building Closure

The building will be closed for electrical maintenance and testing. See the "Building Closure" note below for more information.

Sunday, May 25

Memorial Day Building Closure

The building and management office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Please contact the management office to set up over-time air conditioning services and after-hours access.

Monday, May 26

STEP HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

May 14, 2008
P-10 Auditorium
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Featuring over 36 health related vendors including:

- o Lead Testing
- o The Berkeley Eye Center
- o Acupuncturist
- o Houston Sleep Center

Plus, there will be fabulous door prizes, plenty of free samples from participating vendors, handouts with the most up-to-date information relating to immense health/wellness topics, and a profusion of other items of interest.

We look forward to seeing you there. Everyone is welcome!!

BUILDING CLOSURE

The building will be performing an electrical shutdown on May 25th from 6 a.m. to midnight in order to perform preventive maintenance and repairs. This shutdown requires that all power for the building, except for life safety equipment, be disconnected. Due to limited lighting, air conditioning, and water being available, as well as safety concerns, it is recommended that tenants and employees refrain from entering the Tower and working during this time.