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The Newsletter for Marathon Oil Tower Tenants October, November, December 2011

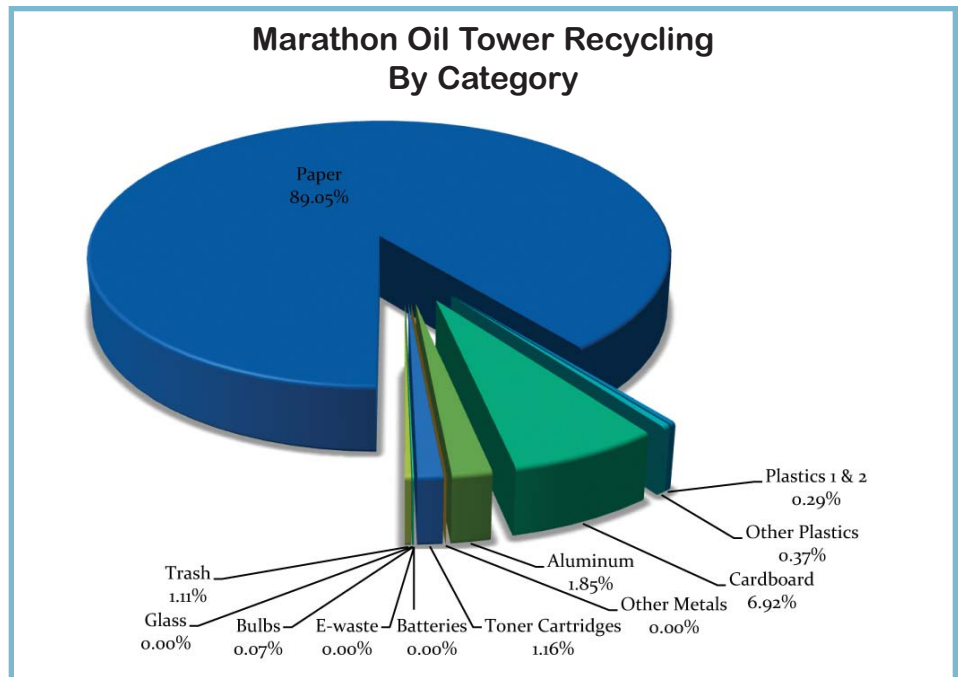
MARATHON OIL TOWER RECYCLING PROGRAM - JOIN THE EFFORT

In the four years since its inception, **the recycling program here at Marathon Oil Tower has diverted more than 527 short tons of waste from landfills.** Not only has the recycling of mixed paper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles kept a tremendous amount of waste from landfills, it has also ultimately saved Marathon Oil Tower and its tenants money by reducing the volume, and thus the cost of waste disposal.

Having experienced a high rate of success at the outset of the recycling program, the property management team decided to take a look at the program's current output with a look to the future and possible increases in the amount of materials recycled here at Marathon Oil Tower. An outside consultant was hired to perform a waste audit and help us find areas where improvements could be made. To perform the audit, a day's worth of trash and recycling was set aside. The consultant's team separated the contents by type of waste (i.e. paper, aluminum, food, unrecyclable items, etc.) This information was then analyzed to determine whether items are being thrown away that could be recycled instead of going to the landfill.

Based on the waste audit findings, **Marathon Oil Tower successfully diverted 44% of the waste stream from the landfill** within a 24-hour period. While impressive, what was interesting was the analysis of the trash that could have been recycled. Of the 56% of material landfilled, 19% was made up of materials that are currently accepted in the Tower recycling program. If we could recruit more tenants to participate in the recycling program, and if those that currently participate become a little more vigilant, **we could capture that 19% and increase our diversion rate to 54%!** If you'd like to help, just follow these simple guidelines:

☻ Mixed paper includes all paper except kitchen trash and restroom trash. Cardboard,



magazines, newspapers, etc. are acceptable. It must be dry and loose.

☻ The recycling bin located in the freight lobby is for dry, mixed paper only. Please do not place wet trash, restroom trash, or kitchen trash in this bin. Contamination of trash in the recycling bin will eliminate all items in the bin from being recyclable.

☻ Empty (don't rinse) all liquids from aluminum and plastic bottles/cans before placing in the recycling bin. The nightly cleaning crew will empty the special "bottle/can" containers as needed.

☻ Don't forget to empty your individual recycling containers into the rolling bins located in the freight lobby on your floor each evening.

Hanover Real Estate Partners and Transwestern encourage everyone to participate in the recycling program. Remember, we accept all types of paper including cardboard (except for kitchen and restroom paper), plastic

bottles, and aluminum cans. We also recycle all types of electronics including batteries and toner cartridges - tenants can drop these off at the management office during normal business hours.

If you'd like more information regarding the program or have questions about how to participate, please contact Heather McMillon in the Management Office at 832.369.5800.

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MARATHON OIL TOWER HOSTS CF CLIMB FOR LIFE



Marathon Oil Tower hosted the **CF Climb for Life, Saluting America's Heroes** on September 11th. **One hundred and eleven participants climbed their way to the top of Marathon Oil Tower to raise money for the fight to cure cystic fibrosis.**

As in years past, Houston firefighters made the climb in full gear - more than 20 of them this year! The Houston Dynamo cheerleaders and Mrs. Texas made special appearances to cheer on the climbers. Prizes were given to the fastest climbers in several categories.

Congratulations to these speedy climbers!

Fastest Houston Firefighters:

William Payne at 8:38 minutes

Nathan Lilley at 10:13 minutes (full gear, air, and boots)

Robert Guerrero at 10:28 minutes (full gear, air, and boots)

Fastest Male Climber:

Chisholm MacDonald with Team Citifit at 5:30 (he's holding the title and not letting go – fastest from last year too!)

Fastest Female Climber:

Deyna Aguilera with Team Citifit at 6:34.

Fastest Team:

Team Tone

Congratulations also to the top fundraisers: Shynae Godfrey, Nathan Lilley, Raymond Menchaca, Thomas Pierrel, Kerry Ready, and Debra Rollo.

Hanover Real Estate Partners was the Title Sponsor of the event which also featured a salute to America's heroes in commemoration of 9/11. Houston Fire Chief Garrison spoke on behalf of the Houston Fire Department and shared in the tribute to our American heroes.



The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Hanover Real Estate Partners, and the Transwestern Marathon Oil Tower property management team would like to thank everyone that participated and volunteered their time to make this a fun and memorable event and a highly successful fundraiser for CFF. **Altogether, the Marathon Oil Tower CF Climb For Life will net over \$50,000 to benefit the 30,000 children and adults living with cystic fibrosis** through support of the development of new drugs to fight the disease, improving the quality of life for those with CF, and ultimately finding a cure.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



The property management team hosted a **Christmas In July Tenant Reception** on July 14th in the second floor lobby.

Tenants enjoyed snow cones, holiday cookies, and punch along with a visit from Santa playing saxophone in his summer clothes!

GIVING BACK

We would like to thank everyone that gave the gift of life during the **July and September Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drives**. Participants **donated 126 units of blood, potentially saving 378 lives!** Check out the Building Calendar on page four for details about the next Blood Drive scheduled in November.

Thanks to our generous Marathon Oil Tower tenants, Browning Elementary school children started the school year with shiny, new school supplies. **Tenants donated two large barrels of school supplies during the Browning School Supply Drive** in August.

The second quarter **Plant Exchange brought in 50 canned food items for the Houston Food Bank.**

ROCK THE RACE FOR THE CURE KICK-OFF



Marathon Oil Tower hosted the **Marathon Oil 2011 Komen Houston Race For The Cure® Kick-Off Party and Press Conference** on August 10th. A large crowd gathered in the second floor lobby to hear **Marathon Oil President, Clarence Cazalot and Vice President, Eileen Campbell**, speak about Marathon Oil's commitment to the Susan G. Komen Foundation as the local presenting partner for the Race For The Cure. Tenants and visitors, many wearing pink as a show of support, enjoyed pink cupcakes and punch as they listened to inspiring stories and appeals to get involved in the race to help find a cure for breast cancer. The property management team placed pink ribbon flags around the property to remind passersby about the upcoming race.



The fundraising goal for this year's 'Rock The Race' marathon is \$3 million. Marathon Oil's race team was last year's highest fundraising team, and with more than \$50,000 in pledges so far, it looks like they will take the honor again this year.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Houston Ballet
&
Alley Theatre
Tickets Discounted
20% to 50%

Call the Property Management Office at 832.369.5800 or email MOTFrontdesk@transwestern.net to find out how Marathon Oil Tower tenants can take advantage of this special offer!

SAFE HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

According to the Houston Police Department, most robberies are of individual victims, are committed by one or more male robbers, and take place on the way to and from your car, especially in shopping center and apartment parking lots. As you go about your holiday shopping, remember these safety tips to help have a safe and happy holiday season.

- ▲ Park in a lighted area so you can see your car and its surroundings from a distance.
- ▲ Have your car keys ready as you approach your vehicle and look under, around, and inside your car for persons who may be hiding. If safe, enter and immediately lock all doors.
- ▲ Try not to walk alone. It's a lot safer if you walk with at least one other person.
- ▲ Be alert and walk with your head up. Scan your surroundings, that includes behind you.
- ▲ Be observant for groups of males/females driving or just hanging around.
- ▲ Carry only the amount of cash you expect to use. Use ATM or debit cards instead of cash.
- ▲ Avoid outdoor ATMs, particularly at night and those in secluded areas inside.
- ▲ Be alert at banks or check cashing businesses. Carrying cash marks you as a target.
- ▲ Avoid showing your wallet. Keep cash, ID, and credit cards in an accessible pocket.

This article contains information and excerpts from: http://www.houston.tx.gov/police/pdfs/Robbery_Personal_01-11.pdf.

EASY YEAR-ROUND ENERGY SAVINGS

Shiver me timbers, it's been steamy! But ahoy, it looks like our days of over-100-degree weather are coming to an end. The recent Energy Conservation Alerts were a good reminder to be aware of how much power we use each day. Even though the alerts are over, why not keep some of these tips in practice all year long?!

- Use revolving doors, if possible, when entering or exiting the building.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights in conference rooms, file rooms, and other team rooms.
- Turn off lights when leaving your office.
- Lower window shades to reduce radiant heat.
- Turn off computers that are not being used and select the sleep mode for your computer at the end of the work day.
- Minimize the use of printers and copiers.

- Turn off all unnecessary lights, appliances, and electronic equipment.
 - When at home, close blinds and drapes that get direct sun, set air conditioning thermostats to 78 degrees or higher, and use fans in occupied rooms to feel cooler.
 - When away from home, set air conditioning thermostats to 85 degrees and turn all fans off before you leave. Block the sun by closing blinds or drapes on windows that will get direct sun.
 - Avoid opening refrigerators or freezers more than necessary.
 - Set your pool pump to run in the early morning or evening instead of the afternoon.
- Use a coffee container/thermos instead of leaving the coffee machine on constantly throughout the day.

*Fair winds and following seas,
The Energy Admiral*

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER AT THE TOWER

Flu Shot Clinic	Wednesday, October 5 Ground Level Lobby 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Be prepared for the dreaded flu season. Flu shots are \$18 each. Payment by cash or check only.
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive	Thursday, November 10 P10 Deli Area	Please make an appointment by going to the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center website at www.giveblood.org . Use code J067, or sign-up by emailing stephanie.scott@transwestern.net ! Walk-ins are welcome.
Veteran's Day Ceremony & Flag Raising	Friday, November 11 Ground Level Lobby 9 a.m.	Join the property management team for this memorable annual tradition as we honor America's veterans.
Discovery Toys Market	Wednesday, November 16 Thursday, November 17 Ground Level Lobby 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.	You'll find unique toys and learning tools for those special little ones on your holiday shopping list. Proceeds will benefit the Firefighters Foundation of Houston.
Thanksgiving Building Closures	Thursday, November 24 Friday, November 25	The building and management office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving. Please program after-hours air and lights online. Have a safe and happy holiday!
Toys For Tots Toy Drive	Monday, November 28 through Wednesday, December 14	Help Houston area children have a very merry Christmas. Look for the collection barrels and drop-in a shiny, new toy.
Golf Apparel Sale	Wednesday, November 30 Thursday, December 1 Ground Level Lobby 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Don't miss this opportunity to pick-up just the right holiday gift for the golfer in your life. Proceeds will benefit the Firefighters Foundation of Houston.
Holiday Music	Monday, December 5 through Thursday, December 15	Keep your ears peeled for joyful sounds of the season wafting through the building lobby.
5 th Annual Holiday Craft Market	Tuesday, December 6 Wednesday, December 7 Ground Level Lobby 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Crafters will be selling their hand-made wares during this 2-day annual event. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, email stephanie.scott@transwestern.net .
Tenant Holiday Reception	Wednesday, December 14 Second Floor Lobby 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Join the property management team for this annual holiday tradition of food and music. Look for more information coming soon!
Christmas Building Closure	Monday, December 26	The building and management office will be closed in observance of Christmas Day. Please program after-hours air and lights online. Have a safe and happy holiday!
New Year's Building Closure	Monday, January 2	The building and management office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day. Please program after-hours air and lights online. Have a safe and happy holiday!



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