



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For more than 20 years, the observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month each October has provided an opportunity to raise awareness toward finding a cure, including encouraging women to get a regular mammography screenings.

Did you know that The Affordable Care Act, signed into law in 2010, requires insurance providers to cover recommended preventative services, like mammograms without charging you a copayment or deductible? Find out more by visiting www.hhs.gov and click on the "Secretary's Statement".

A special thanks to our building tenant, Susan G Komen For the Cure®, for their strides to educate, spread awareness and raise money for research until a cure can be found.

Fire Extinguisher Training

October 27 and 28th 2011 at 9 am



Each year, Occidental Tower tenants have the opportunity to take part in fire extinguisher training. The training is a good way to prepare yourself should you need to operate an extinguisher at home, or at work. Please rsvp and specify whether you will attend on Thursday the 27th or Friday the 28th. All attendees will be asked to meet in Suite 710 at 9 am for a brief classroom session, and then off to the parking lot for hands on training! This training is both fun and useful. RSVP by e mailing lynette_finley@oxy.com.

OCTOBER 2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

Columbus Day – Monday, October 10th (This is a national holiday, but not a building holiday)

"It's all about Recycling Day" at Occidental Tower. Wednesday, October 12th All tenants are invited to take part in this day of recycle awareness. Featuring COMMUNITY WASTE SERVICES, and as well as visit from TALON SHRED, and E-WASTE.

The State Fair of Texas - This year's State Fair runs from September 30th –October 23rd. Discount tickets are sold in the management office (Suite 370) for \$12.50 adults; \$10.00 seniors & children.

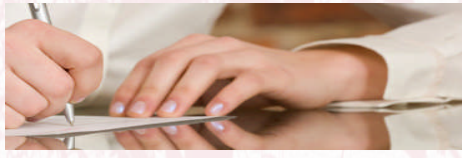
Six Flags Fright Fest – Every Saturday in October - Fright Fest is hands down the very best time of year to enjoy Six Flags, (without the heat). You can buy discounted tickets online using our special discount code, and print the tickets at your desk. Email lynette_finley@oxy.com

Passionately Sweet for the Cure Lobby Bake Sale – October 20th in the Occidental Tower lobby – Bring your checkbook and sweet tooth. Proceeds support Susan G Komen for the Cure®

Halloween - Monday, October 31st



Wednesday, October 12th is "It's all about recycling day" at Occidental Tower. We will have Talon Shred at the building from 9 am to noon shredding your business or personal documents for free. E-Waste (Electronic Waste), will also be here to pick up your "retired" electronic items. Community Waste Disposal, and our building assistant manager Billie Evans will give a brief afternoon talk (with cookies) to tenants about our building recycling programs.



(An informal letter from Lynette Finley, the building's administrative assistant)

After working in real estate management for the past ten years, and working for several real estate companies- getting to know the Dallas real estate market, I can say without hesitating, that Occidental Tower is among Dallas' finest office building operations. The location, the quality of the building, the people who make up the management staff, engineering, housekeeping and security – have you noticed they all seem to actually enjoy their workday? It's true, we do.

The level at which the building is maintained and upgraded is definitely "top tier". There are more "behind the scenes" upgrades to our building's systems... (energy management, clean air, water filtration, mechanical systems and security and access features) than we would ever be able to list here – but it's an impressive list, with new features being planned and added each year.

We have even tried to make the building a little more "fun" this year with our "First Thursdays in the Lobby" tenant events, and by having vendors set up shop in our lobby on select Fridays.

Our on-site amenities are making advances too. Have you had the Harvest Street Café's new burger? Paul now makes a made to order burger with quality ingredients, that even some of his fiercest critics have come to me and said "wow, that's a great burger!" **It should be said here, that your support of the Harvest Street Cafe, the Epicenter store, and our Flawless Detail Car Wash makes it possible for them to make these improvements.**

I have started using the Epicenter's dry cleaning service, and been very happy with the quality of the dry cleaning, and the convenience of dropping off and picking up here at our building, instead of making yet another stop on my drive home. I also had a pair of heels repaired by Mike's "shoe guy" this past month, (I had been carrying them around in my car for the past three months, and each day forgetting.) One day I looked over at the shoes in my car and thought, "Aha! I am taking those shoes to the Epicenter"... I did, and they were repaired and returned to me in perfect shape in only two days. Pretty convenient.

Flawless Detail Car Wash on garage level P1 didn't want to be left out of the conversation about improvements. Since they set up shop in our building, they have made their share of adjustments to better serve our tenant's needs. Clinton can accept voicemails or text messages on his cell phone: 214-598-6871. One day I texted him "mayday my car is a mess", and within the hour, he was at my desk happily picking up my keys. When he returned my keys that afternoon, he smiled and said, "yes, it was, but it looks amazing now." Thanks Clinton.

Why, you may ask, am I writing these things that tenants pretty much already know? I guess I am feeling sentimental and idealistic. I really do love this building, and want to keep the improvements coming. **Together we can.**



Passionately Sweet for the Cure Lobby Bake Sale

On **October 20th, 2011**, Susan G. Komen for the Cure® will be hosting the biggest, sweetest bake sale the building has ever seen!

Delicious goodies of all kinds will be for sale to raise money for the 2011 Passionately Sweet for the Cure® fundraiser. Purchase a snack, and you will be satisfying your afternoon craving AND helping Komen get one step closer to a world without breast cancer.

Fire Drills this month at Occidental Tower



Occidental Tower tenants took part in Floor Warden training earlier this year, and will be able to put into practice those building evacuation procedures taught, during our annual fire drills this month. The drills are led by our chief engineer, Ab Badre, in cooperation the City of Farmers Branch Fire Department.

When building alarms sound, tenants on floors 1-15 should locate the stairwells on their floor, descend the stairs and evacuate the building. (Floors 16-24 have separate fire drill procedures.) Please check with your company's Floor Warden if you have questions about locating stairwells on your floor, or the procedures during a fire drill or actual emergency.

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