



Malibu East Dialogue

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Your Communication and Information Resource

And a happy holiday to all !



MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



MECA board meeting Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999

Attendance:

9 board members, 2 management representatives and 41 residents

Absent: Jared Cloud, Curtis Jacobson and Allan Eckhardt.

OPEN FORUM 1

Comments and questions:

- 1) Marcel Molins opened with an explanation of our current cable contract with 21st Century and our present contract options. The only way to keep everything we presently have would be to vote for the "B" option plus an additional premium package.
- 2) **Resident**, "If we go for option A, can we get additional channels?" **Director**, "21st Century has said that they would not allow any additions on a per-unit basis with option A."
- 3) **Resident**, "Go with the \$11 package and they will come back with a better offer because they'll be losing too much money."
- 4) **Resident**, "If we try to hold out, they could really stick it to us."
- 5) **Director**, "Unless you are willing to gamble and accept that you may end up with only 45 channels for the next five years, then you have to go with "B."
- 6) **Director**, "I recommend that you vote for what you want to spend your money for, and not vote to be bluffing about a possible future offer."
- 7) **Director**, "Dec. 31 is the deadline for making our new contract; otherwise they have said that they will cut out the free channels and go back to the original Pro-Tek group of channels."

TREASURER'S REPORT

1) **Financial statement**

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,978,579.

2) **Reserve fund**

Motion passed: Any excess in the

1999 operating budget as determined by the audit shall go into the reserve fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) **Garage**

Paul Rosado is our new garage manager.

Discussion and comments

Why do we have such a turnover in managers and hikers? Malibu has had the same manager for six years. At one time we had looked into the bid process for the garage. Where are we on that? The board should ask for a report on the resi-

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dents' survey from the Garage Committee. The general consensus of the report was that the majority of our residents are satisfied with the valet parking service.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

1) **Ratification of action during closed session**

A letter will be sent to 31F concerning damage.

Letters will be sent to the owners of 11A and 11B stating that their east balconies are not to be used and have to be cleared for construction work.

2) **No-smoking rule**

Tabled for rewording.

3) **Contractor/tradesman agreement**

Tabled for review.

4) **New telephone service**

Management will continue to look for further opportunities to reduce telephone service costs through other companies.

Items not requiring board action

1) **Exterior/balcony project**

Currently doing protective repairs on the east side of the A tier. After

completion, will move to the B tier. Discussion on next year's schedule:

Contemplating finishing the southeast and northeast balconies. This would complete the entire east end of the building. This will complete all restoration work except for the south side. A two-year completion date is still possible.

2) **Painting project**

A memo will be sent to all units who face north, asking them to report specific defects in the recent painting of the walls. This will be the residents' last opportunity to complain on this issue.

3) **Unit sales**

24G \$155,000

4) **Garage report**

Claims

Approved:	1
Denied:	3
Total:	4

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	68
Tandem self-park:	6
Second car:	6

Monthly parkers

Valet:	306
Tandem:	84
Single:	143
Preferred:	5
Engineer:	1
Motorcycle:	3
Total:	542
New monthlies:	5
Cancellations:	5

5) **New entryway flooring**

New flooring was installed at the entrance by the revolving door.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Board vacancy**

Curtis Jacobson tendered a written resignation.

Action and discussion deferred to closed session.

OPEN FORUM 2

Comments and questions:

- 1) Why did Curtis Jacobson resign?

Curtis Jacobson's letter of resignation was read to the board and residents, stating as his reason, the responsibilities of his business.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m. and went into closed session.

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Dec 7, 1999

by Larry Creter

Attendance:

9 board members, 1 management representative and 10 residents

Absent: Curtis Jacobson, Allan Eckhardt and Jared Cloud

OPEN FORUM 1

Comments and questions:

1) **Marcel Molins:** An application was received in connection with waiving our right of first refusal with respect to Unit 1C. The price is \$300,000. The officers of the board met Nov. 30 and unanimously decided to recommend to the board that we exercise our right of first refusal. In compliance with its fiduciary duty, a meeting of owners was called and a letter was sent out explaining the purpose of the special meeting.

2) Discussion on the issue.

BOARD ACTION

1) A motion was made and passed unanimously that the board recommend to the owners that we exercise the right of first refusal on the commercial space 1C and exercise our right to buy that unit instead of accepting the contract that has been submitted.

2) A second motion was made, that subject to the owners' vote of approval, the board exercise the right of first refusal on the commercial space 1C and exercise our right to buy that unit instead of accepting the contract that has been submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m. and went into closed session.

MECA owners' meeting Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999

Attendance:

9 board members, 1 management representative and 32 residents.

Absent: Stuart Meshbom, Scott Young.

OPEN FORUM 1

Comments and questions:

1) **President Marcel Molins**

Mr. Molins opened with an explanation of the events leading up to tonight's meeting.

The officers of MECA met and decided to put in motion the procedure for applying the "right of first refusal" concerning the purchase of the Captain's Walk commercial unit, 1C, consisting of 12 units. A special committee was formed to perform "due diligence" and have examined all of the papers concerned with purchase of the unit, including contracts and financial reports. There are several legal issues that have concerned us about the commercial unit over the years that would be cleared up by our taking ownership of 1C.

2) **Tom Vaughan, Treasurer**

Mr. Vaughan gave an overview of the finances of 1C.

For the past 11 month period, the revenue for 1C was \$150,000 and expenses were \$248,000. We feel that the taxes are double a realistic figure. There are several things that we could do to diminish the losses. We feel a sale could generate \$450,000 to \$1,000,000. There are several things we could do to come out whole.

3) **Richard Strauss, 2nd VP**

The board is totally convinced that this (the purchase of 1C) is the best for the building. We are convinced that we will come out ahead financially within two years. Even if we were to resell as is, we could set forth conditions that would be to our advantage.

4) **Molins:** The board is unanimous in its decision to purchase the unit.

5) **Vaughan:** The present owner has never wanted to have this unit, but received it in a foreclosure and has

been trying to move it ever since.

6) **Molins:** We will form an owners' committee to get their talent and input to help the board in its decisions.

7) **Owner:** How secure are the leases?
Board: Some are month to month; some have expired. We have talked to all of the tenants, and none has expressed a desire to leave.

How will we deal with security and maintenance?

Board: These contracts will be examined, and we have thought about using our own people.

8) **Owner:** Will our purchase affect the convenient store liquor license?

Board: No.

9) **Owner:** What is the alternative if we don't buy it?

Board: We would continue to have the issues that have confronted us in the past.

10) **Owner:** If we exercise our "right of first refusal," is there any way the seller can withdraw his offer?

Board: No.

11) **Owner:** How many tenants and how much area do they occupy?

Board: There are a total of 12 spaces with 10 tenants and 2 empty spaces, the NE corner and the former bank.

12) **Owner:** How would this affect issues like tenants wanting exterior signs, elevator access and double doors?

Board: We would have control over all of these issues.

13) **Owner:** Would a separate management company be needed?

Board: No, our management staff could handle it along with our management company, Sudler, which is experienced in this area.

14) **Owner:** What about the former bank space?

Board: We would try to fill this prime spot as soon as possible.

15) **Owner:** If the expense of acquiring and maintaining 1C goes up to \$500,000, will we end up going to the owners with an increase in assessments?

16) **Board:** There are no guarantees, but all of our options with us as the owners are very optimistic. We

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have always maintained an extra \$1 million in the reserve for emergencies and contingencies such as this.

- 17) **Owner:** Didn't this option come up two years ago?

Board: Yes, we did not exercise the "right of first refusal" at that time. The price then was \$700,000 and even at that price it looked like a good deal then.

- 18) **Owner:** If we used some of the area for other things, would some tenants be displaced?

Board: There are many options to the use of this space; that is only one of them. No decisions have been made.

- 19) **Owner:** What price could we get in today's market?

Board: At \$50 a square foot, it would come to \$900,000.

- 20) **Owner:** Would we put up a marquee?

Board: The board has in the past entertained tasteful proposals for exterior advertising in line with a prominent residential building.

VOTE ON UNIT 1C

A motion was made and seconded by the owners to move that the board exercise its "right of first refusal" concerning the purchase of the commercial unit, 1C.

VOTE COUNT

51.56% for
00.00% against
Vote carried

The owners' meeting ended; the board meeting opened.

MECA board meeting

OPEN FORUM 1

Comments and questions:

- 1) **Owner:** We need to send a letter to owners about any Y2K building concerns.
- 2) **Owner:** The bricks by the revolving doors need attention.

RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

1) Motion

Moved in accordance with a vote of the unit owners that we act on our right of first refusal concerning the purchase of 1C.

2) Vote

Motion passed unanimously.
For the record, the members of the

unit 1C purchase committee are Tom Vaughan, Jared Cloud, Richard Strauss and Judy Walker.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,978,578.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Cable

The result of the survey was 107 in favor of proposal A and 101 for proposal B. Less than half the units returned the survey. (Proposal A was a return to the original 45 Pro-Tek channels.)

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. and went into closed session.

Ward Watch

by Norm Cratty

Our ward alderman, Mary Ann Smith, has heard back from Springfield regarding the designation of Broadway/Lawrence as a National Historical District. The area is defined from the Post Office on Broadway to Wilson, Sheridan Road to Magnolia. The plan is to make Broadway and Lawrence a new entertainment district. Funds will more than likely become available in the year 2000 for the beginning renovation of the historic Uptown Theatre.

The new re-landscaping of Marine Drive with bulb outs will be complete by the time you read this. This is a prototype project for the city, and like the traffic circles, our ward was the first to try it.

Notice to snowbirds

If you are going to be out of town for the winter season, keep up with MECA events by having the Dialogue mailed to your winter home. Leave your name, unit number, winter address and MECA phone number at the doorman's station, or at the management office in an envelope addressed to the Dialogue editor. Also include the **dates** of your **departure** and **return**.



Letter to the editor

I realize that nothing can be done to compensate for my loss, but felt that it might be helpful to other residents to be aware of this theft.

I recently went into the bike room to use my bike and found that one of our bikes had been vandalized and parts were stolen. The tire and the lock were left on the bike rack but the rest of the bike was missing. I filed a police report.

Needless to say, I have no idea when this happened as I go to the bike room on a random basis.

Obviously, because you must register with the doorman and sign out a key, it had to be a resident, or a resident letting someone else in the room. Perhaps we could provide the doorman with a list of people who have registered bikes in the room, and give out keys only to those people who are on the list.

After my theft, I spoke to another resident that had a bike theft and only their tire had been stolen. Interesting.

I believe that residents should be made aware of theft of personal property.

Thank you,
K. Faircloth



Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Winter classes

Session starts Monday, Jan. 3.
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.
312-742-7871

CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

"You and the Law"

A weekly half-hour show featuring trust scams.
Tue., Jan. 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 5 – 12:30 p.m.
MECA channel 51
312-554-2000

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.
Wednesday, Jan. 5 – 7 p.m.
(1st Wed. of every month)

Movie matinee

Seniors – every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
"Read, Learn, Discover 24 Hours a Day"

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Click on Catalog and Databases to access the ProQuest database of magazines and newspapers with your library card.

1210 W. Elmdale
312-744-0718

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES & MAINTENANCE FOR THE ELDERLY

A non-profit organization needs donations of good-condition practical items of furniture like beds, dressers, dinette sets, couches, dishes and bedding.

Call for pickup.

773-252-3200

NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

Six-week literature workshop

Keeping a journal with Mary Tatro.
Starts Jan. 10 – 7-9 p.m.

Nancy Beckett workshops

One-day memoir workshop

The fine art of narrative nonfiction.
Sat., Jan. 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

\$25 call NLCC

Ten-week narrative nonfiction

Ten-week play writing

Classes start Jan. 17
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-743-4477

Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS

ALTMAN'S

Art exhibit

Ongoing by Morris Altman
1515 W. Foster
773-506-2965

A-Z SCULPTURE

Sculpture exhibit

Ongoing
7109 N. Glenwood
773-743-8709

CALO THEATRE

"Loving Little Egypt"

Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, William Randolph Hearst and J. Edgar Hoover are among the historical figures who interact with fictional characters in William.

Massolia's play about a visually handicapped teenager who taps into the nation's telephone lines in the early 1920s.

Through Jan. 20 – \$18

Thur. – 7:30 p.m.

Fri./Sat. – 8 p.m.

Sun. – 3 p.m.

5404 N. Clark St.

773-769-2228

ENNUI CAFÉ

Art exhibit

Ongoing

6981 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-973-2233

LIFELINE THEATRE

"My Father's Dragon"

A story of a small boy's imaginary quest to rescue a dragon.

Saturday, Jan. 8 – 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 9 – 1 p.m.

\$7 advance reservations

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

LAKEVIEW LOUNGE

Folk & country music

Thu./Sat. – 10 p.m.

5115 N. Broadway

773-769-0994

MORSELAND

Rock & pop music

Fri./Sat. – 10 p.m.

Open mike

Tuesdays

1218 W. Morse

773-764-6401

NEO-FUTURIUM THEATRE

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

30 plays in 60 minutes.

Fri./Sat. – 11:30 p.m.

Sun. – 7 p.m.

\$5 – \$10 (price decided by dice)

5153 N. Ashland Ave.

773-275-6111

RAVEN THEATRE

"A View From the Bridge"

Through Mar. 5.

6931 N. Clark St.

773-338-2177

STAR GAZE

Rock & pop music

Sat. – 10:30 p.m.

5419 N. Clark St.

773-561-7363

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 19

7:30 p.m. — Community Room

Thursday Social Group

Thursday, Jan. 20

2:00 p.m. — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 25

7:30 p.m. — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.

LEONA'S DAUGHTERS

by Betty Mayian

There are about 14 Leona's restaurants in the Chicagoland area at this time. The one located in Rogers Park is the closest one to us and it fits a great many of my important criteria for dining spots. Its location, location, location is perfect for Malibu East residents — close by, they deliver, you could walk there (in good weather), the Sheridan Road buses go right there, and its parking lots make driving and parking easy. The size and availability of its dining facilities are wonderful. There is no sports bar there, but you can watch television sets from almost every section of the dining rooms. For MECA residents with small children, you will be happy to know that they have a Children's Theater for the kids to see movies and cartoons while you dine in relative silence.

Drink? Why, yes there is a complete and very large menu that begins with a nice selection of wines, beers, specialty cocktails, non-alcoholic smoothies, and a variety of coffees, teas (even the re-discovered and healthy green tea) and other thirst quenchers.

The friendly waitpersons can always help you with any of the selections on the menu as they bring small bread loaves to the table to get the party started. Butter, marinara sauce and a wonderful ricotta cheese spread accompany each serving of bread. I like to combine the ricotta and marinara for my bread.

Appetizers? I suggest the generous portions of real onion rings or the grilled portobella mushrooms if you are not ordering a meal, because Leona's provides wonderful side dishes and garnishes with the order. But go ahead and look at the entire menu and judge your hunger before you order — or else you can take some home for snacks. Servings are generous.

Pasta? You may go simple or fancy here with a wide range of pasta styles and a nice selection of sauces (I like the tomato cream or garlic olio) including marinara, tomato meat or pesto. Add Italian sausage or a big meatball for an

additional cost. The fancy bowls are creatively described and contain such items as fettuccini Alfredo, fusilli with charcoal-skewer chicken, and linguini with baby clam sauce. Always good are the freshly made lasagnas and ravioli dishes. With all of these pastas, Leona's includes either a Psychedelic salad or bowl of soup.

In a hurry at lunchtime? The quick lasagna lunch is a half order with small salad, torpedo bread and a bowl of real chicken soup or vegetarian minestrone. This is served daily from 11 AM - 4 PM

Sandwiches? These can become very creative at Leona's with many varieties. Order hamburger, baked chicken, steak sandwiches, vegetarian or deli types. Your choice of side dish and garnish is included.



Full dinners? With whitefish, catfish, salmon — or chicken or shrimp that comes baked, fried, or skewered on the grill — or the combination feasts that may include steak or BBQ ribs with the other items — what more could you ask for? Maybe creative vegetarian meals with grilled vegetables, Italian tofu or portobella mushrooms. Remember to pick out two side dishes and a garnish with these selections.

Only a salad? Okay— choose the Psychedelic with your favorite dressing. Then top the salad with specialty items like tuna, shrimp, salmon, etc. Or go for the garbage pasta salad or the chopped antipasto salad. Remember the bread loaves accompany everything.

Pizza? Pick your base — Italian herb or honey wheat. Then pick your crust — thin or Chicago-style deep dish. Now either go plain cheese or add extra items from a list of 28 ingredient

"ideas." Or — pick from Leona's list of thin crust specialties. There's bound to be one that really hits you.

Room for dessert? Why not! A truly scrumptious choice of enormous sundaes is hard to select from when you're full, but Leona's offers a scoop of raspberry sorbet for the truly stuffed diner. Want a bakery selection instead? Cheesecake, chocolate cake, tiramisu, cannoli and bread pudding are also offered. What an ending!

Large groups? For six or more, Leona's has four family-style feasts that can include something from every category, including dessert. The restaurant can accommodate up to 50 people for each party. But off-premise buffet catering is their specialty; call for your next catered party.

LEONA'S DAUGHTERS

6935 North Sheridan Road

Reservations (six or more)

773/764-5757

Catering

773/292-4312

Hours:

Monday — Thursday

11:30 AM - 11:00 PM

Friday 11:30 AM - 12:30 AM

Saturday 12:00 PM - 12:30 AM

Sunday 10:30 AM - 10:30 PM

Sunday brunch 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Our condolences
to the family and
friends of Walter
Hoffman, 24E,
who passed away
December 14 after
a long illness.

MECA's annual lobby party

by Grace Bergbom

If you missed our holiday party Dec. 15, you missed a lot of fun — and noise! I have never seen so many children in the lobby at one time, and they were all having fun, which is one of the reasons we have our annual celebration. In addition, it was great chatting with neighbors we rarely see. The food was plentiful and we give a special thanks to all the residents who donated goodies. When the tables were emptied of food, more arrived! Happily, we did have enough leftovers around 8 p.m. when the party adjourned so that the building staff plus the garage attendants had their share for nibbling.

We will see you again next year. Until then, have a happy and healthy year 2000. My, aren't we lucky to be living at Malibu East?



Holiday thanks

*By Sandy Chaet
Social Committee chair*

Holiday cheer was enjoyed on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Thanks to all those who brought food to share. Everything was delicious and well-received. A special thanks to the businesses who contributed. The next time you visit or order from them, please express your thanks.

- Alberto's**973-1700
1324 W. Morse
- Malibu Cleaners** ..728-6023
Captain's Walk
- Tedino's**275-8100
5355 N. Sheridan
- Thorndale Deli**878-3840
1106 W. Thorndale
- Wing Hoe**275-4550
5356 N. Sheridan



Holiday poinsettias

MECA management notice

Due to a recommendation that was made and approved by the MECA board last year, all inside common-area holiday decorations will be removed 12 days after Christmas. Poinsettias will be removed at that time and given to anyone who wants them, first come, first served.



Balcony tips

Do you have a green thumb? Does your balcony sparkle with life and color?

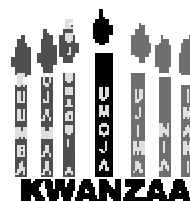
Most of us would-be avid gardeners suffer from contending with too much or too little sun, from wind that rips the leaves off of our tender sprouts, from downpours that drown our pots and break our will to plant another season.

If you have the talent to make your balcony plot look like a corner of Eden, please share your secrets with the Dialogue. Along with your planting tips, we'd like to print a picture of your high-rise garden.

Plea for help

by Betty Mayian

In the month of December we decorate our lobby with the trappings of the season. We have always put up the Christmas tree and more recently, the donated Hanukkah menorah. Rose Wandel and I would like some help with a special project of ours. We want to include, in the lobby decorating, more of the many cultures that are here in our great building. We have thought about two more that we knew the most about — Kwanzaa and Ramadan. And — we



have a couple of people from the building who have already volunteered to bring their knowledge to help us make a written proposal to our MECA Board of Directors. We would like to have a multi-cultural table showing the diversity of customs celebrated by the residents of Malibu East.

You can help us by contacting me by March 1, 2000. Leave your name, idea and phone number for me with the doorman. We will then be able to itemize what we would like to see on this table — and submit the proposal for the board's consideration. Final approval for this project has to come from the board. If we do not hear from you about this, we cannot include your ideas — and — you cannot complain later about lack of representation when we decorate for December 2000.

If the board accepts the idea of a special table for the lobby, the people who volunteered would be the ones who would bring the items and help us decorate the table. Remember, we want active participation for this project. Helpers — not grippers.

Is Your Cell Phone Killing You?

Condensed from an article by Gordon Bass in the Dec. 1999 issue of PC Computing

Are we all at risk?

It's the must-have accessory of the late 20th century. But what if it's producing a tumor in your brain the size of a golf ball?

There's mounting scientific evidence that using a mobile phone is risky. After all, "for the first time in history, we are holding a high-powered transmitter against the head," said Ross Adey, a professor of biochemistry at the University of California at Riverside. And that transmitter is about an inch from your brain.

Say what?

When you talk on your mobile phone, your voice is transmitted from the antenna as radio frequency radiation (RFR). It now appears that exposure to this microwave RFR range may have serious health consequences. After six years of study, WTR (Wireless Technology Research) has made some startling conclusions.

"We found evidence of genetic damage in human blood," said George Carlo, WTR's chairman. "We have suggestions of excessive mortality from brain cancers among wireless phone users, and we have very clear evidence of a statistically significant higher risk of neuroepithelial tumors. We now have more data suggesting problems with wireless phones than the FDA had when it banned silicone breast implants."

Motorola responded, "Radio products that meet established guidelines pose no known health risk," said Norman Sandler, director of global strategic issues for Motorola. The company can provide reams of study results that indicate an unequivocal absence of health risks. A few questionable results have been either deemed statistically insignificant or earmarked for further study.

Contact the editor for copies of the complete report.

Management report

by Vito Senese
Association Manager

On behalf of all the building staff, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's holiday fund. We all appreciate your consideration and generosity in making their holiday happy.



Last summer the building installed new automatic door openers on the lower level to help residents open and close the doors when the building air pressure increases. In the past, the building air pressure has increased the greatest during the winter. Since winter is here and this will be the first real test for the new automatic door openers, please contact the office immediately if you have any trouble operating the doors.

The repairs to the exterior of the building are continuing and will be completed as weather permits. Currently work is being done on the east side of the B tier. The board will soon be issuing a survey for the painting project recently completed on the north side of the building.

Finally, even though we were told all the elevators are Y2K compliant, all residents are encouraged to refrain from using the elevators from 11:50 PM on Friday December 31, 1999 to 12:10 AM on January 1, 2000. The elevator may operate properly but if the power supply is interrupted, anyone using the elevator may get stuck in it. If the power is interrupted and you need to use the elevators, use the freight elevator. You may wish to put new batteries in your flashlights just in case power is interrupted and you need to find your way out of your unit.



MECA garage rates

Effective Jan. 1, 2000

Monthly rates

1 st motorcycle	\$36
1 st single self-parking	88
1 st tandem parking	83
1 st valet parking	72

New monthly surcharges

Preferred	\$20
2 nd vehicle	20
3 rd vehicle	35
4 th vehicle	60

Guest parking rates

up to 1 hour	\$2
1 to 2 hours	3
2 to 4 hours	6
4 to 6 hours	8
6 to 12 hours	13
12 to 24 hours	16
Weekly	64

Parking coupons

\$30 value for	\$25
\$50 value for	\$45
\$60 value for	\$50

Available in MECA office in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations

NOTICE: There are no new third or fourth vehicles permitted while there is a waiting list for second vehicles.

See our new garage manager, Paul Rosado, to sign up or to check the status of the waiting list or for any questions on the garage rates.

Dear Etta Kitt,



What's wrong with the elevators? I was in the lobby, and the elevator came, so I got in and pressed my floor. Then it went down to the lower level. When it went up it missed my floor and I realized the button was no longer lit. Why did it miss my floor? What's wrong with our stupid elevators?

Signed,

Missed My Floor

Dear Missed My Floor,

Actually, a feature that is installed in most elevator systems threw you for a loop. When children (or childish adults play with the elevator buttons and light most of them up, they are automatically "unlit" when the elevator reverses direction. If it didn't do this, the elevator system would come to a screeching halt (which we sometimes think it does, anyway).

Your best bet is to always look to see whether the up or down arrow is lit on the inside of the elevator doorway to make sure that you are getting on an elevator going in the desired direction.

'Town Crier' announcement

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:



If you have information concerning talented or famous

Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



Reach 500 units here plus 40 more condominiums!

LE SANCHE DISCOUNT CARPET CLEANING Holiday Special

\$5.00 off regular prices thru 1/30/2000
And as always, price includes all rooms of carpeting complete edge cleaning, closets, and of course a friendly smile from me?
(minimal charge for area and throw rugs)

The price you see in this ad is the **ONLY** price you pay.

one bedroom 60.00
two bedroom 70.00
three bedroom 95.00

As a seven year resident of Malibu East, I can be trusted.
Why look elsewhere when I live here?

Dial: 907-9856 and ask for Joe
or jlesance@yahoo.com!

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By: Tom Vaughan & Stuart Meshboun

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