

# Malibu East Dialogue

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Your Communication and Information Resource

## 2nd annual Edgewater festival a success

### Edgewater festival

by Betty Mayian

July 22-23 of this year was the weekend of the second Annual Edgewater Days. This festival was put on by the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Gerber/Hart Library. There were two music/entertainment stages, one at Broadway and Granville and the other at Granville and Kenmore. The cross streets to Granville were open to automobile traffic, so there were four entry points where you donated a suggested \$3 and had your hand stamped to allow reentry as you passed through the two blocks of festival.

I spent most of the two days of the festival near the Sovereign Apartment/Hotel. The Edgewater Historical Society had its table there, and we again sold bus tours of the neighborhood. This year we added an Architectural Tour to the year-old favorites of Rosehill Cemetery and the Holy/Unholy tours. All three tours ran from 45 minutes to almost an hour and a half, depending on the creativity of the tour guide and the questions of the passengers. Thanks to Rosehill for supplying one of its favorite guides, Al Walavich. Thanks to the Breakers of Edgewater Beach for providing an air-conditioned bus and friendly driver.

There were food tables from some of the area's eateries and they served grilled meats, oriental vegetarian dishes, and sodas, lemonade (spiked and plain) and beer. There was a children's petting zoo with live animals and some game booths. I did not get a chance to hear the music at the Broadway stage as we were near the second music venue at Kenmore and were lucky to have some extremely good music to listen to, including a jazz band featuring music of

the '40s and '50s, gospel singing, ethnic drummers, and an extremely good women's singing band. Sometimes I loved the music and sometimes it was very difficult communicating with the people who came by our table to discuss bus tours or to hear about our organization. As usual, people-watching was the best part of the Fest. Young and old — even babies came to sing, clap their hands and dance to the music. I could tell they really enjoyed themselves.

Our thanks go again to Sheli Lulkin of

the East Edgewater Chamber of Commerce for asking us to return this year. We hope it continues, as well as our part in it. We saw a great many of our Malibu East neighbors who stopped by to say hello. This really is a great boost to the community. We hope that future festivals will always get better. I am going to make sure my feelings are communicated to the Chamber, because that is how improvements are ensured.



Our condolences to the family and friends of  
Theodora Gordon  
and  
James Burelbach.

Edgewater Days

story and

Pictures, page 6

# MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



## MECA board meeting Tuesday, July 25

### Attendance:

Eleven board members, 2 management representatives and 8 residents

Absent: Allan Eckhardt

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Resident concerned with security. Non-resident youths have gained entrance through west lower level door, used the pool and caused disturbances. **Security has removed them and given warnings that police will be called if there is a repetition. Security is good; the problem lies with residents letting strangers follow them in on the lower level.**
- 2) Security at the elevator lobby front door is being circumvented by doormen placing a wad of paper in the lock. **This is unacceptable. Please document and report all violations to the management office.**
- 3) Complaint of clothes stolen from dryer and request for videotaping of laundry room security camera. **Has been considered, but was determined to be prohibitively expensive. Perhaps a sign could be placed in the laundry room that the premises are being monitored by video camera.**
- 4) Could the issues and questions discussed during "open session" be placed on the next month's agenda and a report be given by management of action taken and answers to questions? **This could extend an already long board agenda. The information could be communicated to the residents through management's report in the next issue of the Dialogue.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- 1) **Financial statement**  
Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,851,903

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Floor Representatives**  
A cake & coffee social will be held Tuesday, Aug. 1. (See page 5.)
- 2) **Commercial Property**  
The Klein & Hoffman report on the commercial unit includes cost estimates and drawings, but not the ex-

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pected report on signage. The estimate for a ground-level ADA entrance is \$197,400. Two estimates are included for the garage ramp and addition of parking spaces.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### Items requiring board action

- 1) **Engineering invoices**  
Approved for payment.
- 2) **Commercial property issues**  
We have received proposed drawings from Klein & Hoffman with recommendations for changes in the air conditioning system concerning the hair salon. Management will look into time control thermostats for the system and individual dampers for air conditioning outlet vents. Lease arrangements for the CU were approved.
- 3) **Flu shot program**  
The target date is Nov. 2 in the Windjammer Room. Information will be circulated on the provider's letterhead. MECA's involvement is limited to us allowing them to use our space.
- 4) **Atrium traffic pattern**  
There has been an increase in incidents of cars exiting to Sheridan Road via the west exit. (See management report, page 9.) This includes cars from neighboring condominiums using our private drive as an exit and entrance to avoid the

stop light at Glenlake. The west ramp is not an exit. Suggestions to curtail this practice included speed bumps, a sign between the two lanes and traffic horses. The temporary use of traffic horses was approved for the high-traffic morning hours — 6-9 am, to try to get drivers out of the habit.

#### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Exterior & balcony repairs**  
B-tier work will start Aug. 1. The A-tier's next project is sandblasting. The NE corner is mostly done. The B-tier is mostly incomplete. The contractors lost 21 days to bad weather but are still hoping to get done by the fall. They are working 10-hour days so that the pool can be open weekends. We hope that the south-side column work will be completed by the end of the 2001 work season except for final painting.
  - 2) **Unit sales**

38G	\$165,000
20J	\$187,000
29C	\$194,000
35J	\$183,000
- Averages prices year to date**
- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| A units       | \$326,667 |
| B units       | \$187,000 |
| CDEFGHJ units | \$165,955 |
| LM units      | \$122,500 |
- 3) **Garage report**

<b>Claims</b>	
Approved:	1
Denied:	0
Total:	1
- Waiting lists**
- |                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Single self-park: | 61 |
| Tandem self-park: | 14 |
| Second car:       | 10 |

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### Monthly parkers

Valet:	319
Tandem:	79
Single:	139
Preferred:	4
Engineer:	NC
Motorcycle:	3
Total:	544

New monthlies:	4
Cancellations:	0

#### 4) Elevator Braille numbers

One cab done, two issues resolved and the other cabs will be done.

#### 5) Atrium parking update

A new staff contact plan will aid in solving the atrium parking problem. (See management report, page 9.) Cars will be towed from the atrium if they are not parked in the 15-minute zone or if parked in that zone and they exceed the 15-minute time limit. Parkers in the 15-minute zone will be notified and then towed if they do not respond. Management will determine if a camera or mirror will assist in observing infractions.

#### 6) Garage access to elevators

Suggestion that a yellow path be painted to assure elevator access through parked cars for residents with packages and carts.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The resignation of Bill Davis was tendered and accepted by the board. Bill is moving from the building. He was thanked for his service. Bill was a liaison from the board and a staunch supporter of the Dialogue.
- 2) Members of the board suggested that mementos and/or plaques be given to residents/owners who have given exceptional service to MECA.

The meeting ended at 9:50 pm and went into executive session.

## Lawyer, mentor Theodora Gordon

Theodora Gordon, 76, a well-known Chicago lawyer who mentored young female attorneys and never wore black, died of cancer Monday, July 17, at the Warren Barr Pavilion Nursing Home in Chicago, said attorney Jackie Lustig, a friend.

During her more than 50 years of practicing law and living in Chicago, Ms. Gordon was known for her loud laughter, bold outfits and multitude of friends, Lustig said. She wore bright pinks and greens, and chastised young attorneys who preferred black suits. She was rarely seen outside her house without heavy gold earrings, pearls or beads, a broach and about six rings, Lustig said.

Ms. Gordon's friends said she loved lawyering and life.

"She was very feisty, but with such humor," said Judge Ilana D. Rovner, of the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

Ms. Gordon told friends that she had always wanted to be a lawyer. She moved from the Bronx, New York, to attend the University of Chicago Law School, and then worked for years as a product liability lawyer for Toni Haircare Products before starting her own private practice.

Her Jewish heritage was important to her as well, and at 73, she had a bat mitzvah, a tradition for Jewish girls that requires learning Hebrew and memorizing prayers. It wasn't common for young women to have the ceremony years ago, Lustig said.

Throughout her career, Ms. Gordon held positions in professional organizations, and served as the first female president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, a Jewish bar association, Lustig said. She also served as the president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. She taught Sunday school and a business law class at the Keller Graduate School of Business.

Ms. Gordon reached out to many young women interested in law, keeping careful track of their careers and advising them regularly. "She was so proud of everyone's accomplishments," Rovner said. Through the Women's Bar Association, she endowed a scholarship in her name.

"Teddy was, in the old-fashioned sense, a counselor," Lustig said. "Her friends were her clients, and her clients were her friends."

She often brought those people together. Ten years ago, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of her completing treatment for breast cancer, she held a social at Marshall Field's ice cream parlor, calling it "Life is Sweet."

"She would have those old New York intellectual dinner conversations where you would argue everything from the law to the length of skirts to why you couldn't get a cab on 7th Avenue," Lustig said.

Ms. Gordon continued to practice law until a few months ago, Rovner said. "She cared about all the things we're supposed to care about, like justice and equity," she said.

Ms. Gordon is survived by her brother, Walter Gordon.

Services were held at 10 a.m. July 19 at Temple Shalom, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

From the July 19 Chicago Tribune, by Heather Vogell staff writer

*Editor's comment: I recently had the pleasure of giving Teddy computer lessons. When she recently lost a secretary, she became determined to control her client records. Until the onset of her illness, Teddy was one of the most eager and attentive students I've ever had.*



# Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



## BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

### Fall class registration

Starts Aug. 7

### Jazz Friday in the park

With David Drazin and the Berger Park Stompers. Performing the work of jazz composers Cole Porter, Wayne Shorter, Ted Dameron and Thelonius Monk. Bring a lawn chair.

Friday, Aug. 18 – 8 pm FREE

Parking across the street at Sacred Heart School

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

## EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Edgewater Glen tour

Edgewater Glen is the area from Granville to Norwood and Clark to Broadway. This self-guided tour of five historic homes begins at St.

Gertrude Church

Sunday, Sept. 17

Noon to 5 pm

\$12 registration must be made in August, includes guided lecture.

1209 W. Berwyn Ave.

773-907-1872

## EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Aug. 2 – 7 pm

(1st Wed. of every month)

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

Chicago Public Library

Homepage — [www.chipublig.org](http://www.chipublig.org)  
Access the ProQuest database of magazines and newspapers

## FARMER'S MARKETS

### Fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers Edgewater

Saturdays, 7 am to 2 pm

Broadway Armory parking lot

Broadway & Thorndale

### Loyola/Rogers Park

Every other Sunday

7 am – 2 pm

Aug. 13, 27, Sept. 10, 24, Oct. 8, 22

Loyola Fine Arts Center

6450 N. Sheridan Rd.

## NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

### Music Consort

Learn to play a musical instrument

Saturdays FREE

Beginners, 9 am to 10 am

Intermediate, 10 am to 11 am

Advanced, 1 pm to 3 pm

### Author to Actor

Sunday, Aug. 6, 3 pm

### Memoirs

Memoir writers read from their works

Sunday, Aug. 20, 3 pm

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

## SIT AND BE FIT

### Low-key exercise

A program for those needing a moderate form of exercise.

Daily – 2:30 pm, channel 20

## SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

### Sculptor exhibit, Carl Milles

Known for fountains and monuments. Featuring 45 of his smaller-scale works.

Tue.-Fri. 10 am to 4 pm

Sat./Sun. 10 am to 3 pm

\$4, \$2 seniors, \$1 child, members free

Tuesdays, free

5211 N. Clark St.

773-728-8111

## Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS

## GREEN MILL

### CD release party

Rogers Park jazz vocalist Hinda Hoffman presents her new CD, "Moon and Sand."

Aug. 12

Call for details

4802 N. Broadway

773-878-5552

## HOLLYWOOD EAST

### Blues music

Hector and his orchestra

Fridays 10 pm

5650 N. Broadway

773-271-4711

## LAKEVIEW LOUNGE

### Folk and country music

Thurs.-Fri. 10 pm

5115 N. Broadway

773-769-0994

## LIFELINE THEATRE

### "Pistols for Two"

An adaptation re the high life of London.

Thru Aug. 27 – \$15-\$18

Fri.-Sat. 8 pm, Sun., 7 pm

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

## NO-EXIT CAFÉ

### Folk & country music, open mike

Sat. 9 pm

6970 N. Glenwood

773-743-3355

## PEACOCK CAFÉ

### Jazz music

Fri. 5-9 pm

5440 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-275-1224

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### UPTOWN THEATRE

### HISTORY PROJECT

Searching for stories, artifacts, and "memories" of old Uptown Theatre from 1924 to present. May be firsthand, third-hand "rumors, legends, and lies." Write to P.O. Box 409472, Chicago 60640.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Jazz Friday in the park

Friday, Aug. 18 – 8 pm FREE

Berger Park

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

### 5th Annual Korean Street

### Festival

Food, entertainment, exhibits

Aug. 12-13: 11 am – 9 pm  
3200 to 3400 West on Bryn Mawr  
(773) 583-1700

### Spirit of International Friendship

Sept. 16, 2-8 pm; 17, 11 am-8 pm  
Warren Park, 6601 N. Western  
Ave.  
(773) 743-6022

### MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

#### Coffee & pastry treat social

Tuesday, Aug. 1  
8:00 pm — Windjammer Room

#### Ice cream social

Sunday, Aug. 6  
2-4:00 pm — deck & Windjammer  
Room

#### Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 16  
7:30 pm — Community Room

#### MECA river cruise

Thursday, Aug. 17  
5-7:00 pm

Grille Dock, 200 S. Wacker Drive  
**Thursday Afternoon**

#### Social Club meeting

Thursday, Aug. 17 (3rd Thurs  
month)

2:00 pm — Community Room

#### MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 22  
7:30 pm — Windjammer Room

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

## Street Smart Kids

*A back-to-school fashion show!  
Snacks*

*An inside peek into Berger's fall  
classes*

*Play games, win prizes*

*Get free...*

- Get free lead screening  
(6 mos-6 years)
- Photo and fingerprint IDs
- Information on free and low-cost  
insurance
- Information for your child about  
home, street and school safety

### Dear parents and friends

August is back-to-school time. There  
are so many things for you to do before  
your child starts that first day.

Berger Park reminds you and your child  
to be street smart by providing valuable  
information that will help the school  
year go more smoothly.

Berger Park, Chicago public schools  
and various city services have come  
together to help every parent and child  
prepare. It's the First Annual Street  
Smart Kids Back To School event.  
Bring your family and friends and  
spend the day with us.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sue Nicotera

Park Supervisor

Saturday, Aug. 19

12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Berger Park Cultural Center

6205 North Sheridan

312-742-7871



## Floor Representative Committee sponsors coffee & pastry social

*By Ila Chaiken, chair*

A social sponsored by the Floor Repre-  
sentative Committee will be held Tues-  
day, Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Windja m-  
mer Room.

An open invitation is issued to all inter-  
ested residents to meet with your  
neighbors and friends and enjoy your  
choice of ice cream treats. Members of  
the planning committee will be avail-  
able to discuss the exciting new com-  
mittee and how you can ensure your  
voice will be heard at MECA.

The benefits of serving on this commit-  
tee are:

- Protecting the interest of your  
MECA home
- Making new friends
- Meet your neighbors
- Making a difference

Plan on attending to get more informa-  
tion and enjoy a social evening with  
people who care. See you there.

## Burelbach

James J. Burelbach, 79, of Chicago,  
loving brother of John (Mary) Burel-  
bach of Mesa, AZ; devoted uncle of  
Christy (Richard) Hubert of Aberdeen,  
S.D.; cherished friend to many. A  
graveside service was held at St. Henry  
Catholic Cemetery in Perham, Minn.,  
Friday, July 21, 2000.

*From the July 19 Chicago Tribune*

*Editor's comment: Jim Burelbach was  
one of MECA's original residents and  
served on many committees, including  
the Dialogue.*

## Coffee & pastry social

Tuesday, Aug. 1  
8:00 pm — Windjammer  
Room

## Ice cream social

Sunday, Aug. 6  
2-4:00 pm — deck &  
Windjammer Room

## We need old Dialogues

We are trying to  
establish a li-  
brary of past  
copies of the  
Dialogue. If you  
have any copies  
from 1993 or  
prior, please  
leave them at  
the management  
office or the  
lobby desk for  
the Dialogue editor. If you would like  
your copies back, we will make Xerox  
copies and return them to you.



## Edgewater Festival

The Edgewater Days Festival sponsored by the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and the Gerber/Hart Library on Granville in cooperation with the Chicago Park District and the City of Chicago was held under clear skies and cool temperatures. Attendance was estimated at 5,000.

Granville Avenue was closed for the festival from Broadway to Kenmore, July 22 and 23.

More than two dozen groups entertained on stages at each end of the festival. Entertainment ranged from drummers to jazz ensembles, gospel to zydeco. Food and beverage selections were diverse and reasonably priced. A petting zoo, face painting and the Chicago Park District craftmobile were available for children.

The Edgewater Historical Society gave tours of the community, including historic Rosehill Cemetery.

The North Lakeside Cultural Center sponsored a concert at the NLCC building featuring pianist Devvora Papatheodorou and cellist Justin Wilson.

Lakeside Berger Park gave a free outdoor Dixieland concert.

Ben and Jerry's donated the proceeds of their ice cream sales to community organizations.

Over two dozen prizes were given away, including two round-trip airlines tickets, a satellite dish and TV.

*From the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce.*



## ASCO news

Our six planters are planted. We were late in planting waiting, for the resurfacing of Sheridan Road that has been postponed to 2001. Sheridan Road south of Bryn Mawr is still scheduled this year as the alderman was able to get funds from another source.

Sidewalks on the 6100 North Sheridan block and the 900 block of Glenlake will be repaired and repaved. Concrete will be laid in key locations on the parkway to keep the area attractive.

This includes a concrete pad for the planter that is sinking on the parkway at 6166. We will also lay sod in front of the 6151 N. Sheridan vacant lot. The El Lago has offered to water and maintain it. Following repaving, we will move three "used" planters to Sheridan Road. Let us know if you have a pad for a planter.

Bicycle riding continues to be a problem on Sheridan Road sidewalks. Representatives of Beachpoint and Horizon House met with ASCO and the Chicago Park District to review a plan to red-

esign the bike path between Bryn Mawr and Ardmore to include a circle turnaround near the drinking fountain behind Horizon House before the bikers get to Ardmore. The concept is based on a theory that many riders do not know that the path has ended and end up on Sheridan Road. The project, as it pertains to Park District land, is almost completely funded and could be under construction this fall.

The Park District will clean Thorndale Beach at 6:00 am instead of at 1:00 am.

*From July 18 ASCO letter by Sheli Lulkin, Pres.*

## Someone you should know

By Rose Wandel

What were you doing in 1902? Yes, I said 1902. If you were in Adrianople, Greece, you heard about the birth of Mary (Marika) Assim. The town was not so small since it boasted of a two-year college and many religious celebrities. But to Mary's parents, she was the baby of the family. Mary had two sisters and three brothers who doted on the new baby and loved her as only families can do.

Mary attended school and was able to complete high school in her hometown. Life was a series of ups and downs that all families endure, but it was during the years of World War I that the town was invaded and the residents all suffered in one way or another. The town was bombed by the Germans and nearby Bulgarians. Mary was sent to Yugoslavia to live with one of her sisters. By this time her father had passed on. When things quieted down, she, her mother and a brother went to Salonika. Other members of the family were living there, and a cousin introduced her to a young man who was a bank officer by profession. He courted her and they were married in 1929.

Mary and her husband decided to come to the U.S., and he went into business with an uncle and some cousins selling dried fruits that they imported. Mary had two children — Michael and Ellie. With all her chores of raising her family, she was lonesome for her home and returned quite often over the years to Greece. Her husband decided to change his business and purchased and built four movie theaters. However, this was now 1948 and a new media came into being — television. Needless to say, the movie theater business declined, and one day he came home with just 48 cents in his pocket. His children were attending professional schools and it was important to let them continue their education. The family pulled in their belts and “adjusted.” He decided to go into sales again, and through his previous contacts, was able to build up a business selling other types of items — sundries and whatever else would fit in. Michael graduated from the Northwestern University pharmacy school. Ellie graduated from Mundelein and became a dietician. Mary's activities were centered on her home, her church and her friends. She and Michael moved into Malibu East 27 years ago and she loves living here. Her pastimes are visiting with friends and with Ellie, who makes her home in Minneapolis. Mary loves to attend church and help whenever she can. One of her favorite foods is watermelon. A couple of years ago, she became ill and had to be hospitalized. This was a first — and she felt so pampered by the attention she received that she recuperated quickly. Mary used to walk every day for exercise up until the time she became ill. She now finds it tiring, and her excursions are limited to the building — unless someone wants to take her out. If you would like to meet a 98-year-old happy person, say hello to Mary (Marika). You will find her very eager to converse. I hope you have many more happy years at Malibu East, Mary. I enjoy having you as a friend!

## Elevator complaints

The Dialogue has received these complaints from residents in response to a current elevator article.

- Heavy perfume on the elevator is really gross.
- An adult snapping their gum is vulgar and immature.
- People with backpacks should be careful about swinging them around, and people with large backpacks should take them off.
- Bare feet should not be allowed in the elevators or any common area except for the swimming pool.



## Gordon

Theodora Gordon, cherished daughter of the late Samuel and Rose Gordon; sister of Walter (Adrienne) Gordon; aunt of Gregory and Scott Gordon; beloved friend and colleague of many. Teddy was a well-respected and revered attorney in the Chicago area, and her achievements were often recognized, including being elected president of The Women's Bar Association of Illinois and the first woman president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers. Teddy cherished her Jewish heritage and had her bat mitzvah at the age of 73. Teddy had many other interests, including serving as a role model to many lawyers. She took great pleasure from the opera, symphony, theater and dining with friends. One of her greatest concerns was that young women lawyers receive support and mentoring. In furtherance of that goal she has established the Theodora Gordon Scholarship through the Women's Bar Association Foundation. Funeral services were held July 19 at Temple Shalom, 3480 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, interment at Memorial Park.

*From the July 19 Chicago Tribune*



## NOTICE

Many Malibu East residents have expressed their wish that Howie Stahl has a quick recovery from his recent surgery and returns to us in good health.

## Remember when

*By Rose Wandel*

Our neighbor to the south — Emanuel Congregation — has recently gone through a renovation. Emanuel Congregation is a Reform synagogue and is a member of American Hebrew Congregations. It was founded in 1880 by many new immigrants from Europe, mostly Germany. Today its members consist of Reform Jews from various walks of life and from many countries. There is also a large percentage of people who are converts to Judaism who have found their spiritual need fulfilled.

The congregation started in a rented hall on a 2nd floor on Sedgwick Street, over a dry goods store. As the congregation grew, it needed larger quarters and in 1908 moved to a new facility at Buckingham and Halsted streets. In 1952 the space situation again became a need, and it broke ground for its present site at 5959 N. Sheridan Rd. Today the building serves over 500 household members from Chicago and the suburbs, and its members are very diverse, serving singles, couples, families and interfaith and interracial couples.

The interior is built to allow for need — it can serve groups of 150 to 1,000 for the High Holidays. The committee who oversaw the remodeling decided upon a "different" look and an easy way to make the changes for space as needed. There are floating tent-like panels that can arrange the space as needed along the sides and depth, and the fabric suspended from the ceiling creates an illusion of floating and scattered clouds. At the helm of the space is the beautiful stained glass window commemorating the Holocaust, which glows with the change of time during the day and evening. The wall below it is made of Jerusalem stone to give significance to the spiritual connection. In front of the wall is the Ark, a large sanctuary that holds the sacred Torah. The doors of the Ark show a large Tree of Life with its roots symbolizing the desire to grow.

The remodeling of the main sanctuary was dedicated June 23-25 with guest speakers and prayer. At the head of the congregation is Rabbi David Sofian. The congregation is fortunate in still

having an active rabbi emeritus, Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman, who is also a resident of the community. Their cantorial soloist is Michelle Drucker Friedman. The congregation also has a Hebrew school attended by youngsters in and outside of the community.

Services are held on Friday evenings at 8:00 pm and Saturday mornings at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome.

## Beach grows

*By Jack Winans*

If you haven't visited the Thorndale or Ardmore beaches recently, you are in for a big surprise. A huge beach! Due to the current lake level (Lake Michigan is only 1.2 feet over the all-time low of 1964) and the sand-accumulating effect of the new additional revetments, Thorndale and Ardmore beaches are now connected with a huge swath of sand. You could, and the Park District does, drive a truck across where the water was once six or more feet deep.



North edge of Ardmore beach looking north to Thorndale beach, Malibu, Malibu East and East Point condominiums



Thorndale beach looking south to Ardmore beach



# What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese  
MECA Association Manager



With help from the very mild weather that we have been enjoying, the building staff has been able to complete several small projects on the exterior of the building. They have painted and power-washed the loading dock, painted the atrium and walls along Sheridan Road, cleaned up the fourth floor deck, installed the wind screens for the tennis courts, and they are finalizing the north side railing painting project.

The residents in the B, D, F and H tiers who have not scheduled painting of their balcony railing must do prior to Aug. 15. The railing painting project will end on Aug. 15, and residents who have not had their railings painted prior to that date will lose the opportunity. The staff would like to thank all the residents who have participated in the program for their cooperation in making the program a success.

The east side exterior project is continuing, and crews are now working on three stages. Two stages are currently sandblasting and the remaining stage is continuing break-out work on the north-east corner of the building. A fourth stage will be added on Aug. 1 for break-out work on the east side of the B units' balconies. During sandblasting, residents in the A, B, C, and D tiers should not use their A/C units from 8:00 a.m. till 1:15 p.m. Monday through Friday until further notice. This new work schedule will allow the pool to open at 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday until further notice.

Two different situations need to be addressed immediately involving residents and their vehicles in the atrium.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:  
ALL VEHICLES LEAVING  
THE BUILDING SHALL  
EXIT THE PROPERTY VIA  
THE GLENLAKE EXIT AND  
NOT VIA THE SHERIDAN  
ROAD ENTRANCE.**

The first and potentially the most dangerous situation and infraction of the rules involves vehicles leaving the building and exiting west onto Sheridan Road instead of north onto Glenlake Avenue. This is a very dangerous practice and it must be stopped before an accident occurs. The driveway to Sheridan Road is an entrance only; it is **NOT** an **EXIT**.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:  
ATRIUM PARKERS WILL BE TOWED!**

The second situation involves residents and guests parking their vehicles in the atrium, blocking the traffic pattern and preventing others from entering or exiting the property. The 15-minute parking area is available for those staying in the building a short time. If the 15-minute parking area is full, park in the garage. Do not park in the atrium because your vehicle will be towed. Parking in the atrium is inconsiderate to other residents and compromises the safety of all residents and their guests.

The Board of Directors has been working on several different issues including

**NOTICE**

The north side of the fourth floor deck is open. The north side exit door may be hard to open, but it is unlocked until 10 p.m. You are finally, after 3 years of construction, welcome to stroll the deck. Please pass your comments on the newly planted flower boxes to the Landscape Committee and your suggestions for future use of the fourth floor deck the Social

the 1999 audit, the 2001 budget, the 2001 exterior repairs and plans for the commercial mall. The annual meeting for the Malibu East Condominium Association will be held on Sept. 26. Please contact the management office if you are interested in running for one of the seven director positions that will be open.

**WARNING**

All residents please be aware that non-resident youths have attempted to gain access to our pool by following residents in through the lower level security doors.

If you observe youths gathering or loitering in the lower level, notify security, the doorman or the management office immediately.

**DO NOT** let anyone in whom you do not know!



## To our pungent neighbors

From Etta Kitt



It is great to have your own personal access to the great outdoors. At Malibu East we are fortunate to have big balconies. Many of the Sheridan Road condo canyon buildings do not have this amenity. But as good and responsible neighbors we must come to terms with the fact that we share the great outdoor air with a few hundred other residents. Too often our savory BBQ smoke becomes our neighbors' pungent pollutant.

Our rules and regulations cover the use of BBQ grills, and they are based on common sense and the golden rule.

Never use starter fluid. It is dangerous and the fumes will pollute many of your neighbors' units. No one should have to shut up their unit to keep out noxious fumes. Use an electric starting probe.

Butane grills are dangerous and their use in high-rises is illegal.

Cover your grill while cooking to contain smoke and odors and to enhance flavor, tenderness, and juiciness.

Never put your used charcoal down the garbage chute even if you "think" it is out. After cooling, bag it and place it in the bulk room.

• **Tip**

The BBQ flavor develops from the fat dripping onto the coals and the resulting vapors permeating the meat. You can accomplish the same thing with an electric grill and lava rock. Our balconies all have electrical outlets.

• **The advantages are:**

Temperature control with the touch of a dial. No charcoal to buy and lug up. No charcoal-lighting problems and, **especially**, no charcoal mess to clean up!

Have a great summer, but please follow the rules so your neighbors can enjoy theirs.

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