

# Malibu East Dialogue

April 2001

Your Communication and Information Resource

## EDOG promoting dog beach for Osterman

### Edgewater Dog Owners Group community meeting

by Jack Winans

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 100 Edgewater community residents and EDOG members, aldermanic and Lincoln Park Advisory Council representatives and officers from the 20<sup>th</sup> District Police met at the Broadway Armory Ballroom from 7 to 8:30 pm to present and discuss a proposal to have Osterman Beach designated as "dog friendly."

Four speakers were preceded by a video presentation extolling the merits of the Point Isabel Dog Park in California where dogs can be exercised off-leash and learn to socialize with other dogs.

The City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District amended their ordinances in 2000 to permit "dog friendly parks" and "beaches." The proposal that EDOG is suggesting for Osterman Beach asks that dogs and their owners be allowed to play on the beach during the "off peak" summer hours when swimming is prohibited and lifeguards are not present — 6-9 am and 9:30 to 11 pm.

Lauren Grey (right), co-chairman of EDOG, summarized the research and community interest, including thousands of signatures on favorable petitions that support their request for the "dog friendly" designation of Osterman Beach.



Lara Khoury (left), special projects coordinator, Chicago Park District presented the position of the CPD and was optimistic about a favorable outcome to EDOG's efforts. The CPD would support the "dog friendly beach" (if approved) with posted signage stating the "rules and regulations."



Kenneth Hay DVM owner of the Misener-Holly Animal Hospital gave his professional opinion on the health and social benefits of an off-leash "dog friendly beach."



Sergeant Jeffery Sacks (right) of the Chicago Police Department's 20<sup>th</sup> District explained the laws pertaining to the requirements of owners' control over their dogs and the present degree of enforcement.

The presentation was concluded with a timed question-and-answer session.

For further information, contact Edgewater Dog Owners Group 6101 N. Sheridan Road East Chicago, IL 60660, (773) 381-3300



### Attention: Edgewater residents

The next open forum for information and discourse concerning making Osterman Beach "dog friendly" will be held at the Edgewater library, 1210 Elmdale, Apr. 3, 7:30-8:30 pm. EDOG representatives and public officials will be present to respond to questions and concerns.

For details call Lauren Grey at 773-381-3300.

### Birth announcement



**Baby's name:**

Zoë Madeleine Cloud

**Parents:**

Joanna Beu and Jared Cloud

**Birth date:**

Feb. 28, 2001 at 9:35 a.m.

**Weight at birth:**

7 lbs. 13 oz.

**Length at birth:**

20.5 "

Everyone's doing fine — more pictures of Zoë available soon at [www.zoecloud.com](http://www.zoecloud.com)

# MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



## MECA board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27

### Attendance:

10 board members, 3 management representatives and 12 residents

Absent: Jared Cloud, Allan Eckhardt

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Why are the doormen getting double shifts?  
*We are temporarily down to three doormen out of five due to health and personal reasons.*
- 2) Could we fill in with someone from Sudler?  
*Sudler does not have an employment pool.*
- 3) Should we hire someone?  
*We can't make that decision yet.*
- 4) When did we discontinue using traffic cones to block the west entrance during the morning rush hour?  
*Initially because of the snow. We need to do something more aesthetic; it makes our entrance look like a construction zone. If the problem of cross traffic and dangerous exiting is back, we will reintroduce the cones.*
- 5) The laundry room washers still do not get a dependable stream of hot water, and several dryers are out.  
*We are still in negotiations for a laundry room contract.*
- 6) Are we considering a live video feed of the board meetings on channel 95?  
*This is not a priority at this time.*
- 7) Why is a cleaning cart being stowed in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor common area hallway?  
*This is not acceptable and it will be removed except for the period it is actually used for cleaning. Owners should point out things that need to be improved, both the physical and the operation of the building.*
- 8) Could the assessment statement contain a monthly notice about on-

going rules violations?

*Yes, a small portion could be delegated for this purpose.*

### NEW SUDLER PROPERTY SUPERVISOR

Ken Ortiz was introduced as the replacement for our current property supervisor, Dean Lerner. In addition to Malibu East, Ken is in charge of five buildings supervised by Sudler. This change in management is subject to board approval during the after-meeting closed session.

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,632,787.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Floor Representatives**  
A form requesting emergency information will be circulated to the residents/owners along with a management office information survey.
- 2) **Garage**  
Discussion regarding the 9 am to 4 pm daytime underutilization of the garage brought up the possibility of reducing daytime rates to benefit the patronage of the Captain's Walk.
- 3) **Social**
  - a. 20 to 25 people went all the way through the dance class course.
  - b. A dance party will be held April 21, at which our dance in-

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structors will teach line and country dancing.

c. Our Malibu East 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party will be held June 3. Hopefully the weather and construction work will allow us to use the 4<sup>th</sup> floor deck for the party. We are looking for a piano player for entertainment.

d. March 25 is set for the North Park Village Maple Syrup Festival outing.

#### 4) **Commercial Property**

We had one potential offer to fill the former bank commercial space.

#### 5) **Architecture & Aesthetics**

We are looking for a plan to work on the hallways. Elaine Froese is the resident Redecorating Committee chairman. We have made field trips to several buildings and are inviting presentations from architects and designers.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### Items requiring board action

- 1) **Relocation of taxi light**  
Still not satisfactory. Need to either relocate again or use a brighter strobe light, which is on order.
- 2) **Building survey form draft**  
A form for residents' comments, suggestions and critiques was submitted for approval.

#### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Exterior & balcony project**  
Met with construction foremen Feb. 21. Next meeting is Mar. 21. Twelve rigs are working.
- 2) **North wall repairs**  
As soon as the weather breaks, the engineers will inspect and determine what work needs to be done.
- 3) **Real estate tax appeal update**  
Our tax appeal did not produce positive results. Our owners may expect 25 to 33% increases in the second-half installment of their county real estate tax bill.
- 4) **2000 audit status**  
Starts Mar. 12, will try to have something for the owners by May 1.

## 5) Unit sales

31G \$182,500

**RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

The use of the Windjammer Room was approved for an April 3 CAI meeting.

The meeting ended at 9:20 pm and went into closed session.

## MECA board meeting Tuesday, Mar. 27

by Neil Warner

Attendance: 8 board members, 2 management representatives and 12 residents

Absent: Stuart Meshbom, Tom Vaughan, Jared Cloud, Judy Walker

**OPEN FORUM 1****Resident comments and questions:**

- 1) I'm concerned that one of the door-men had to work a triple shift on one occasion. *He had been scheduled to work the first and third shifts; on the second shift he was forced to fill in for another door-man.*
- 2) Three keys to the Fitness Room have been missing for two weeks. *The lock to the Fitness Room was changed, and there are now six keys available to residents.*
- 3) I want to thank the board for changing the taxi light.
- 4) Some residents, possibly new to the building, have been allowing their dogs to go off leash on our property. Have they been given the MECA rules? *Yes, they have been given the rules, but we can't be sure they have read them. We can only remind owners about the rules.*
- 5) The elevator music is too loud at times. *The volume on our CD player is never changed; it depends on the loudness at which each individual CD was recorded. There are 50 CDs that play in sequence. Residents should notify management of an offending CD — while it's being played — and it will be permanently removed from the play sequence.*
- 6) Is the building short-staffed in terms of janitors? *No.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,570,483.85.

Questions were raised about the length of time required to process residents' monthly assessment payments. Management will run some controlled tests to determine how long it is taking.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) **Floor Representatives**  
13 residents attended the Mar. 13 meeting; not enough floors are being represented. One issue that was discussed is that some residents are taking carts onto passenger elevators when the freight elevator is available. Next meeting: May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room.
- 2) **Social Committee**  
A party is scheduled for Apr. 21 in the Windjammer Room with a disk jockey; there is no charge. On June 3, a building anniversary party will be held.
- 3) **Architecture & Aesthetics**  
Committee reviewed a 10-year-old plan for lobby renovation to see which ideas might still prove useful. However, the more immediate goal is to redecorate the hallways.
- 4) **ASCO**  
Larry Creter is serving as MECA's representative on a new committee studying the beautification of Glenlake Ave. The goal is to develop a plan for planting along Glenlake because the city will replace sidewalks and curbs along the street, possibly beginning in April.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT****Items requiring board action**

- 1) **Commercial property issues**  
Working on new leases with tenants (three pending). Manufacturers Bank has asked to take possession of bank equipment left in the space it vacated three years ago. The board will take up the matter with Manufacturers Bank.
- 2) **2000 assessment write-offs**  
The board is write-offs for the year 2000.
- 3) **Building survey draft**  
A draft is being finalized for a general MECA survey that will be sent

to owners soon.

4) **2001 pool start-up and 4th floor deck hours**

The pool will be open as many hours as possible in light of the ongoing construction work. The pool opening date and the hours of operation will be determined at the April board meeting. Most likely, the pool will open in mid- to late afternoon during the week and all day on weekends. The tennis court and jogging track will probably be open in the evenings and on weekends.

5) **2001 sod replacement**

Sod replacement was approved, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. It will be done in two phases. First, the areas along Sheridan Road will be replaced. The sod along Glenlake will be replaced after the city finishes its project to replace the sidewalks and curbs, if it's not too late in the season to do so.

**Items not requiring board action**

- 1) **Exterior & balcony project**  
As required by the city, an engineering report has been filed, certifying the condition of our building's exterior. The engineers will prepare a set of graphs and diagrams to be displayed somewhere in the lobby to keep residents informed of the status of the work on each tier. These will be updated twice a month. On balconies where the entire protective membrane wasn't replaced during the current project, but rather only in patches, residents will have the option to replace the entire protective membrane, at their own expense, if they wish to get rid of the different shades of green. Residents will be sent a letter asking them to test their phone jacks and baseboard heaters to determine if any portion of the building's wiring is faulty. Balcony doors without screens must be boarded shut by construction crews while they are working on that tier. However, residents can avoid having their doors boarded shut if they install screens for those doors. Residents must remove everything from their balconies when

(See *MECA board meeting* on page 6)

# Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### **BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER**

#### **Taste of Europe**

Dinner concert  
Sun., Apr. 1, \$25  
773-764-5022

#### **Summer Camp registration**

Sat., Apr. 7, 9 am  
For boys & girls 6-12 yrs. old  
9 am - 5 pm, Jun. 18-Aug. 3  
\$150, daily lunch & snack

#### **Crazy Kids**

Performance and reception  
Children act, sing and dance  
Fri., Apr. 20, 7 pm — FREE  
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.  
312-742-7871

#### **A Shakespeare reading**

*"The Rape of Lucrece"*  
Sun., Apr. 29, 1 pm FREE

### **CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

#### **Spring class registration**

Thru Jun. 10  
Gymnastics, music, theater,  
walking, arts, crafts and more. Call  
for time and location.  
312-742-PLAY

### **EDGEWATER**

#### **MEDICAL CENTER**

**Senior Center programs**  
5700 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-797-1095

### **EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

#### **CAPS 24<sup>th</sup> Dist. Beat #33SD**

Come meet our beat police.  
Wednesday, Apr. 4, 7 pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month)

#### **Internet basics**

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail  
10-11 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month

#### **Art discussion**

*"Overview of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Art"*  
1 pm, Apr. 11  
1210 W. Elmdale  
312-744-0718

### **FAMILIES TOGETHER**

#### **NAMES QUILT PROJECT**

HIV/aids education & awareness  
Young people 16-21 develop and  
implement HIV/Aids awareness  
programs.  
773-472-1600

### **NORTH LAKESIDE**

#### **CULTURAL CENTER**

**Illinois PTA "Reflections"**  
Children's art exhibit  
Weekdays 1-5 pm thru Apr. 27  
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.  
773-743-4477

### **NORTHTOWN GARDEN**

#### **SOCIETY**

Meets 7:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Tue. of month  
Warren Park  
6621 N. Western  
465-2276 or 743-5914

### **SENN HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **4-year public safety program**

Register by Apr. 6  
773-534-2655

### **WALDORF SCHOOL**

#### **Orientation for adults**

Apr. 6 & May 18  
Visitation 8 am to noon, Apr. 27 &  
May 17  
1300 W. Loyola  
773-381-1327

### **WHITE CRANE WELLNESS**

#### **CENTER**

**Adult day wellness programs**  
For 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai  
chi, music exercise, socializing,  
lunch and snacks. Transportation  
provided within boundary area.  
773-271-9001

### **THEATER/SHOWINGS**

#### **AMERICAN THEATER CO.**

##### *"Vick's Boy"*

Office nerd manipulated by boss  
into blackmail.

\$20-\$25, Wed.-Fri. 7:30 pm  
Sat. 8:30 pm, Sun. 3 pm  
1909 W. Byron  
773-929-1031

### **CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY**

#### *"The Mating Season"*

Comic P.G. Wodehouse tale  
Apr. 16-Jun. 19  
Call for time and price.  
1020 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-293-3682

### **GRIFFIN THEATRE**

#### *"The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle"*

Based on the TV series  
Thru Apr. 17, \$17, \$12 sen./stu.  
5404 N. Clark St.  
773-769-2228

### **LIFELINE THEATRE**

#### *"Jane Eyre"*

Penniless governess' relationship  
with employer.  
Thru Apr. 29, \$18, \$15 stu./sen.  
Fri./Sat. 8 pm, Sun. 5:30 pm  
6912 N. Glenwood  
773-761-4477

### **LOYOLA THEATRE**

Loyola University  
773-508-3847

#### **Mullady Theatre**

##### *"A View From the Bridge"*

Thu.-Sat. 7:30 pm, Sun. 2 pm  
Thru Apr. 8, \$15, stu./sen. \$5  
6525 N. Sheridan Rd.

#### **Studio Theatre Mertz LL12**

##### *"The Danube"*

Apr. 19-22, \$5  
Thu./Sat. 8 pm, Sun. 2 pm  
1125 W. Loyola

### **NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE**

#### *"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"*

30 plays in 60 minutes.  
Fri./Sat. 11:30 pm, Sun. 7 pm  
\$5 plus the roll of a die  
5153 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-275-5255

### **PEGASUS PLAYERS**

#### *"John Calloway Tonight"*

Stories from veteran host's reporter  
days.  
Thu.-Sat. 8 pm, Sun. 3 pm  
\$10-\$19  
1145 W. Wilson  
773-878-9761

### **MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**Community Association Institute**  
Tue., Apr. 3

7 pm — Windjammer Room  
**Architecture & Aesthetics  
 Committee meeting**  
 Wed., Apr. 4  
 7:30 pm — Community Room  
**Dialogue Committee meeting**  
 Tue., Apr. 17  
 7:30 pm — Community Room  
**Thursday afternoon  
 discussion group**  
 Thu., Apr. 19  
 (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month)  
 2:00 pm — Community Room  
**Dance party**  
 Sat., Apr. 21  
 7:30 pm — Windjammer Room  
**MECA board meeting**  
 Tue., Apr. 24  
 7:30 pm — Windjammer Room  
**MECA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**  
 Sun., Jun. 3  
 7:30 pm — 4<sup>th</sup> floor deck (weather  
 & construction permitting — or in  
 the Windjammer Room)

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

## Door-to-door Advertising

by Jack Winans

As sure as the sun rises, you are going to occasionally find advertising and political handouts at your doorstep, stuck under the door, under the knocker or hung from the doorknob. Brochures, flyers and business cards advertising everything from carpet cleaning to pizza delivery mysteriously appear at your doorstep despite our policy banning the delivery of door-to-door advertising and management's attention to the rigid security of the building. Our doormen and receivers can only do so much. They are not law enforcement officers and cannot control the entry of people let in by our own residents.



I recently saw a man with a bucket full of business cards advertising Mr. Anthony's carpet cleaning service going door-to-door and floor-to-floor. He was pushing cards under the doors and pushing on the doors as he did it. I reported him and found later that he

was not there on a service call. How did he get in? Probably some "good Samaritan" found him lost in the lower level and was "helpful." Being this helpful can only degrade our security and endanger your neighbors and fellow residents. I see many unit doors left open during my "daily walk-through" and wonder if these unit residents know of the danger to themselves.

***It is up to you as a resident and concerned citizen of Malibu East to always do the following:***

- Report any advertising literature left at your door or any of the common areas to the management office.
- Do not let anyone into the lower level and into the elevator lobbies unless you know them personally and know that they are a resident of the building. If you do see a resident doing this, tell management.
- If you see anyone you do not know going door-to-door or floor-to-floor, call management or the front desk at once.

***Phone interviews with advertising distribution company people divulged the following:***

- People hired for the delivery of advertising literature often come from the unemployed and homeless sectors.
- Although the company is usually insured, the workers are almost always day laborers with no personnel records and not bonded.
- Distributors will try these tactics to get into "secure" buildings: **B r i b e t h e d o o r m a n .** Gain access with a resident while "looking lost" or fumbling for their **k e y .** Gain access during a legitimate **d e l i v e r y o r r e p a i r c a l l .** Gain access through a known resident or party precinct worker.

Our building has a very good security record. The elimination of strangers delivering flyers to our building can ensure our continued safety.

## Thoughts while walking

by Jack Winans



Why does "looking up" at a light source tickle our nose and prompt a sneeze? I found the answer at: <http://www.discovery.com/area/skinnyon/skinnyon970411/skinny1.html>

Or go to discovery.com and do a search for "The skinny on" to find the answers to all sorts of "crazy" questions.



Found a \$5 bill on the 24<sup>th</sup> hallway floor in front of the freight elevator. Stuck it in the elevator "up" button hoping that the owner would retrace his or her steps to find it. Found about 11:15 am Sunday, Mar. 4. It was gone by noon. Did the owner get it?

Easter bunnies are popping up on doors, but we still have some Xmas decorations up.

Lost 50+ pounds to date, guess that makes me an "expert" in weight control. Anyway, for those interested in "walking exercise," these measurements of Malibu East's hallways might be helpful.

It's a 3.21-mile walk starting with a lap of the 45<sup>th</sup>, then down the stairs and walking each floor end to end before going down alternate stairwells until you get to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. You should be able to do it in less than an hour with practice. It's a heart-healthy exercise if you do it in 54 minutes (17 minutes a mile). If you are as out of shape as I was, start with one quarter the distance (10-11 floors) and work your way down gradually as you build up stamina. If you find the stairwells creepy, one mile is 11 laps of a regular hallway. Always talk to your doctor before starting any exercise program.



# What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese  
MECA Association Manager



Spring is just around the corner, and the building staff is getting ready to greet it as soon as it arrives. The staff has been trying to encourage spring by cleaning up outside. The staff has done a great job so far, and hopefully it can complete the job as weather permits. We are trying to complete the painting of the balcony railings on the north side. If you reside on the north side and your balcony railings were not painted last year, please contact the management office immediately to schedule an appointment.

Recently a few advertisers have left handouts on or under the unit doors. This practice is in violation of the rules and regulations, and all residents are asked to help stop this from occurring. Residents should not allow any solicitor to enter the building, and if a solicitor is seen in the building, please contact the management office or the front desk immediately.

Construction is under way on the south side of the building. The crews are in the breakout phase of the project and have lost only one day due to weather. Work on the east side of the building will begin with warmer weather. The association will post project progress charts in the lobby for residents to follow progress of construction on their tier. The charts will be updated every two weeks and will include all tiers. Additional information regarding the status of the project will be posted on channel 95, and the management office will issue memos.

In addition to the building construction, the City of Chicago will soon be removing and replacing the curbing and sidewalks on Glenlake east of Sheridan.

There will be some disruption in the traffic flow into and out of the building during this project, and all residents are asked to take extra precautions when driving their cars during construction. The project also includes a plan to beautify the end of Glenlake, including the addition of a planting area by the seawall. The work is expected to be completed in 60 days, weather permitting.

During the next several months, there will be many different projects going on simultaneously. As a result, we will need the cooperation and understanding of all the residents in the building to make sure that they are completed in a safe and timely manner.

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work is about to begin on their tier; otherwise, the construction crews will have to remove all items and store them, and the individual unit will be charged for this service.

Breakout on new tiers is progressing rapidly. Crews are working on 12 drops simultaneously. As a result of this rapid progress, the asset reserve fund will be depleted at a faster rate than in the past few years.

2) <b>Unit sales</b>	
39K	\$207,500
39J	\$185,000
23F	\$185,000
37H	\$228,000

### 3) **Garage report**

<b>Claims</b>	
Approved:	1
Denied:	4
Total:	5

### Waiting lists

Single self-park:	85
Tandem self-park:	1
Second car:	15

### Monthly parkers

Valet:	314
Tandem:	75
Single:	142
Preferred:	4
Engineer:	NC
<u>Motorcycle:</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	<b>538</b>
New monthlies:	6
Cancellations:	8

(note: 2 cancellations were by order of the management office)

### 4) **Laundry room status**

There will be one more committee meeting on this subject before the next board meeting, at which time a new contract will be awarded. The committee has discussed the pros and cons of a card system vs. the existing coin-operated machines.

### **RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

- 1) A change from Dean Lerner to Ken Ortiz as Sudler's building supervisor was approved.
- 2) An unidentified grievance was denied.

### **OPEN FORUM 2**

#### *Resident comments and questions:*

- 1) During a recent rainstorm, water was leaking into my unit. **Submit a letter to management, and it will be checked out.**
- 2) I have had a difficult time getting errors on my monthly statement corrected. **Statement errors are most common when a unit changes ownership. Management will look into it.**
- 3) We seem to be receiving our monthly assessment statements later in the month than previously. **An owner responded that she had a record of the dates on which she had received the statements for the previous year. The board said it would like to see a copy so it could determine if there was a trend toward later delivery. It would then talk to Sudler.**

The meeting ended at 10 pm and went into closed session.

## Social Committee news

by *Sandy Chaet*  
Dance party

The Social Committee will host a dance party Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 pm in the Windjammer Room. DJ Cathy from "Glendora House" will play the music and teach some line dances. Cathy has eight years of experience and is a friend of Frank Tassone, our former DJ. Fran will be there also. Come dance, mingle and enjoy the evening. Soft drinks and assorted finger snacks will be provided and donations of other finger food would be appreciated. The party is free. Fliers will be distributed shortly. Please respond by Friday, April 13 so that we may know how many people to expect and can plan to have enough food and drinks.

### Anniversary party

We will celebrate Malibu East's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at 7:30 pm Sunday, June 3. The party will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor deck, weather and construction permitting. Dave Drazin will provide the piano music. Further details will be published.

## NOTICE

To: All Unit Owners  
From: MECA Board of Directors  
Subject: 2000 Real Estate Taxes

As you know, the value of units in the building has increased dramatically over the past two years. This increase is great news to most owners. However, as the value of a unit increases, so do the real estate property taxes. Since the valuation increased in 2000, the higher property taxes should appear in the second installment of the 2000 taxes. You will receive this tax bill in the last half of 2001. The Board of Directors of the Malibu East Condominium Association hired a firm to appeal the 2000 real estate valuations on behalf of the Unit Owners, but the appeal was not successful.

The Board wants all owners to know that there will be a significant increase in their 2000 real estate taxes. Please be prepared for the additional financial obligation of the higher taxes.



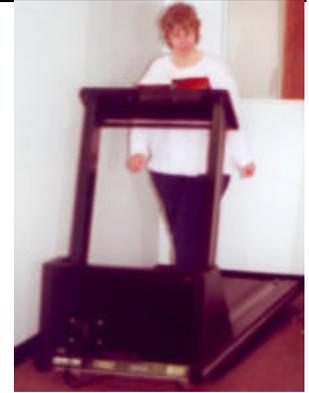
## Good fitness is only steps away from your door

by *Neil Warner*

Most people who want to get some meaningful exercise have to either go outdoors, drive to a private health club or buy their own exercise equipment. However, those of us at Malibu East are more fortunate; we have our own health club, and there's no membership fee.

Located on the fourth floor, the Fitness Room is filled with a variety of equipment tailored for individual workouts. The three treadmills probably get the most use, with speed and elevation determined by the user. The treadmills will keep track of your time spent on the treadmill, as well as the distance traveled and the number of calories expended. Among the other equipment are two stationary bicycles, including a recumbent bike, and a stair climber.

In the center of the room is a Hoist Multi-Station Gym, featuring four individual workout stations with an independent set of weights for each station. Most of the benches and the bars can be adjusted to each individual's size and choice of exercise. On the wall across from the door is a diagram illustrating 21 different exercises and explaining



which part of the body stands to benefit from each exercise. The wall chart also lists suggestions for getting the most out of your exercise regimen, as well as tips for avoiding excessive strain or injury.

If a machine malfunctions, residents are urged to stop using it immediately and contact the management office or the doorman. There is a phone provided in the room to call the doorman in such an emergency.

The Fitness Room has been remodeled to enhance residents' feeling of security. There are large windows providing a clear view of all areas of the room from the fourth-floor hallway, and the door to the room is kept locked from the inside at all times.

If you have a suggestion on how to make the room even more user-friendly than it is, give your suggestion to the MECA Board of Directors or the management office.

The Fitness Room is open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight. A key can be obtained at the doorman's station, where each person planning to use the room must sign an indemnification agreement before gaining access to the room. Only MECA residents are permitted to use the room.

## 'Town Crier' announcements by *Betty Mayian*



We welcome these new residents to our building:

If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the Dialogue.

## Brunches & breakfasts

by *Betty Mayian*

This article has really been a problem for me, since I don't DO "brunches". I sometimes go out to breakfasts, but my days of indulging at the super-huge buffet tables went away in 1980. I do trust my memory of mouth-watering piles of food that you keep going back to — until you bust. I decided to include these "gut-busters" anyway, along with the moderate breakfast establishment, and even listing the modest diners. This way you will have a selection for any craving or any pocket book. As a diversion from my norm of only talking about local eateries, I decided to expand into a couple of close by suburbs and a few pricey downtown locations. Bon a petit.



### Edgewater & close by

#### ANDIES

Sat. and Sun. Brunch  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm Live Music  
5253 N. Clark, 773/784-8616

Andies is friendly and warm and makes you feel you are on a Greek island. Weekends only they have a special Brunch menu of 16 wonderful dishes including Steak and eggs, Florentine eggs benedict, walnut pancakes, lox and spinach crepes, Mediterranean pizza and eggplant & mozzarella omelet. Andy pays homage to Andersonville with home made Swedish pancakes. Prices \$5.95-10.95

#### ANGEL'S RESTAURANT

5403 N. Clark 773/271-1138

Sun. Brunch 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

A little Mexican-style restaurant that serves American food as well as Mexican plates. You can get breakfast there anytime they are open, but their Sun. brunch has special selections that change weekly but could include huevos rancheros and eggs benedict.

#### THE ANGUS

7555 N. Western Ave. 773/262-8844

Sun. Brunch 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Wide variety of breakfast foods at this nearby establishment. Buffet contains many pasta dishes and carved meats, even lox and bagels. \$13.95 adult, \$8.95 children.

Champagne included in price.

#### ANN SATHER

5207 N. Clark 773/271-6677

Sat. & Sun. brunch 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Same menus daily as well.

Special breakfast menu selections include omelets, benedicts, crab cakes, pancakes ...all served with choice of side and fresh bakery. Try their luscious cinnamon rolls. All \$8.75. Other breakfasts off menu reasonably priced.

#### EDGEWATER BEACH CAFÉ

5545 N. Sheridan Rd. 773/275-4141

Sun. brunch 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Their continental menu gives you a choice of egg dishes (benedict, gruyere' cheese omelet, scrambled eggs with bacon and sausage) and some luncheon dishes as well ...all with potatoes, vegetables, muffins and fresh fruit. Prices range from \$5.85 to \$7.85 coffee \$1, mimosa or bloody Mary \$3.50, Parking in garage \$3.

#### FIRESIDE PUB

Sun. brunch 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

5739 N. Ravenswood 773/878-5942

Special brunch menu with variety of omelets and eggs benedicts . . . all under \$9. A "build your own bloody Mary" bar is \$3.75 - with 100 ingredients for your selection. Fireplace in dining room. Secluded outdoor patio beyond bar area open most days.

#### GREENHOUSE INN

at Misericordia, gift store nearby

6300 N. Ridge 773/973-6300

Sun. brunch 10:00 am - 2:30 pm.

Wonderful selection at buffet tables of hot and cold breakfast and lunch items. Delicious pastries made in their bakery. \$12.95 adults, \$6.95 ages 6-10, free for kids 5 and under.

#### LA DONNA

5146 N. Clark 773/561-9400

Sat. brunch 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Sun. brunch 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Intimate Italian ristorante with a special continental brunch menu. Includes incredible Italian-styled egg dishes as well as French crepes, French toast and waffles.

#### LEONA'S DAUGHTERS

6935 N. Sheridan Rd. 773/764-5757

Sun. brunch 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Besides the normal breakfast items, you will find many Italian pastas and pizzas in this large restaurant. \$13.95 adult, \$5.95 ages 3 to 10. Two parking lots.

#### THE ROOM

5900 N. Broadway 773/989-7666

Sun. Brunch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Jody Andre of Tomboy on Clark, has brought a new restaurant to our area. We know how wonderful Tomboy is, so we have great expectations for "The Room". Here is a peek at what they will have for us when they open in April, with a Sun. brunch opening in May. The menu is as unique and stylish as any downtown restaurant can provide. The wait-staff helps you to build your own personal \$7 omelet from a large selection of ingredients. 11 brunch menu items include house cured salmon, spiced crab cake, duck and herb pancakes, French toast with pumpkin honey & berries, and an untraditional corned beef hash — pick one for \$8. Any of the listed sides are \$2 and can be combined for a "make your own plate". Though we haven't had the opportunity to try it yet, my mouth is watering just looking at the extensive menu. Great place for Mother's Day. BYOB, at least for now, breakfast any time restaurant is open.

#### ALEXANDER'S RESTAURANT

6158 N. Clark 773/743-3841

7 am - 9 pm

#### AUGIE'S RESTAURANT

5347 N. Clark 773/271-7868

7 am - 7 pm

#### DELUXE DINER

6349 N. Clark 773/743-8244

Open everyday 24 hours.

#### LITTLE CORNER

5937 N. Broadway 773/878-1834

6 am - 5 pm

#### PAULINE'S

1754 W. Balmoral 773/561-8573

7 am - 3 pm

#### STANDEES

1133 W. Granville 773/743-5013

Open everyday 24 hours.

#### SVEA'S

5326 N. Clark 773/275-7738

7 am - 4 pm

Northern suburbs

#### BLIND FAITH CAFÉ

525 Dempster Ave., Evanston

847/328-6875

Sat. and Sun. 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Midwest's oldest vegetarian place. Breakfasts are especially nice. Order from menu. They've got a good bakery, too. Prices under \$8.

**WALKER BROS**

153 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette  
847/251-6000

Orange and grapefruit juices are freshly squeezed. Omelets are blended and baked rather than cooked on the stove. The apple pancake is a wonder, the Dutch baby pancake is its equal, and the coffee with rich cream is magnificent. Very popular, so prepare to wait. Breakfasts 7 days a week  
7:00 am - 9:00 pm Prices under \$10.

**Downtown Chicago****CHICAGO HILTON AND TOWERS**

720 S. Michigan 312/922-4400

Sun. jazz brunch seating starts at 9:30 am, last seating at 1:30 pm  
The Hilton offers two brunch venues. A \$14.95 breakfast buffet, served continuously from 5:30 am - 1:00 am (yes, am - not pm) And the very excellent \$39.95 jazz brunch is on the 2nd floor, where you can enjoy WNUA jazz while dining.

**HEAVEN ON SEVEN**

(on Rush) 600 N. Michigan bldg.  
312/280-7774

Sat. and Sun. 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sun. New Orleans-style jazz brunch is offered in this 2nd floor restaurant. The front room retains the coffee-shop decor and there's a nice food bar where you can sit comfortable if you're eating by yourself. Food is from menu and priced under \$9.

**SEASONS**

120 E. Delaware Place  
(900N) 312/280-8800

Sun. brunch from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Victorian setting and spectacular buffet with 180 items, including a vegetarian station. Feast on fresh seafood, salads, and Midwest-style carved meats as well as American egg dishes made to order. Finish it off from their lavish array of sweets. Reservations recommended. \$51 adults, \$15 children 4-12 years old.

**WISHBONE (two locations)**

1001 W. Washington (312/850-2663) &  
3300 N. Lincoln (773/549-2663)

Sat. and Sun. brunch 8:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Sprawling southern-style food specializing in Cajun & Creole. Homemade biscuits, cheese grits, Kentucky scrambled eggs, etc. — all at country prices. No reservations.

**Channel 95 survey results****from the Dialogue Committee**

Channel 95 is maintained by our management office staff to keep you current with ongoing Malibu East affairs. The below data is from the 7 returned surveys from the February Dialogue.

1. I watch Channel 95  
A-Often  
B-Seldom  
C-Never

**85% seldom or never watch Channel 95.**

2. The information given is  
A-Important  
B-Ordinary  
C-Unimportant

**46% found the information important.**

3. I use the information  
A-Often  
B-Seldom  
C-Never

**85% seldom or never use the information.**

4. The channel design is  
A-Pleasing  
B-Unimportant  
C-Distracting

**62% find the design pleasing or unimportant.**

5. The page speed flow is  
A-Too fast  
B-All right  
C-Too slow

**38% said the page speed is too slow.****Comments:****What additional information would make Channel 95 more useful to you?**

*I know of it, but nothing of importance is broadcast — my perception.*

*Keep info current.*

*Elevator shut-off notice for move-ins or move-outs.*

*How about saying, "No mail today, Holiday."*

*Post the names of the committee chairmen.*

*Put up a notice when the freight elevator is closed.*

*Put out a daily management update.*

*Post a notice when postal worker is done sorting the mail.*

**How would you change the appear-****ance of Channel 95?**

*I get all building news from the Dialogue.*

*More pleasing color background.*

*Update on a "timely" basis, many times it doesn't work.*

*Fine the way it is.*

*Use plain fonts and less colored fonts.*

*Brighter colors.*

**Other comments:**

*It could be used to inform people if the freight elevator was locked off when I go to do laundry.*

*New info should be shown ASAP. Old info should be eliminated when it becomes outdated.*

*Print hard to read, too many sizes.*

*Should be checked and updated weekly.*

*It seems residents have to report when it is not working.*

*Perhaps you could remind residents of some of the things they should or should not do. Some thoughtless people need reminders often!*

*The Dialogue is great! Thank you for your efforts.*

*Way too slow!*

*Most of the info is already posted on the bulletin boards, so Ch 95 is not needed.*

*I do not get channel 95.*

*The information is duplication of memos, which are great.*

*Did not know this channel was available to us. Will make use of it in the future.*

**Summary:**

Channel 95 is not being used by most Malibu East residents as a source of information. Although most of those who do watch Channel 95 find the information somewhat important, they are not finding this information useful. The suggestions given by respondents indicated that more everyday type of information would generate a higher following of Channel 95. As most of the information requested is time and date sensitive, prompt updates would be necessary. As the input computer for Channel 95 is only available during management office business hours, this would be impractical unless other arrangements could be made.

But, as our residents have made their wishes known, perhaps some kind of accommodation could be arranged.

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