

Malibu East Dialogue

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CAI homeowners forum held at Malibu East

CAI meeting

by Jack Winans

The Illinois chapter of the CAI (Community Associations Institute) held a homeowners open forum at 7 pm, Apr. 3 in the Malibu East Windjammer Room. The meeting was chaired by Kristen Burton (above), executive director of the Illinois chapter of CAI.



Left: Kristen Burton, CAI Illinois Director
Above: Homeowner's forum moderators: John Saletta, Bill DeMille, Kerry Bartell and Steven Kasper.

About 20 people took part in the two-hour session. The agenda covered questions and answers on developer transition, association management, board relations, declarations and bylaws, rules and regulations, insurance issue, maintenance and more. The following experts in the fields of condominium law and operation fielded the questions:

John Saletta of Allstate Insurance, Hallberg, Valeck, Saletta Agency. John serves on the Board of Directors of CAI and he is the chairman of the Homeowners Forum Committee.

Bill DeMille, PCAM, of Chicagoland Management and Realty. Bill has been an active supporter of CAI, and he is a past president on the CAI Illinois Board of Directors.

Kerry Bartell of the law firm of Kovitz, Shifrin & Waitzman. Kerry has attended several homeowners forums in the past and is a great supporter of our chapter.

Steven Kasper serves on the CAI Illinois Board of Directors and will be president of the chapter next year. He has been an active board member of the Lexington Commons Association.

CAI Illinois is online at: www.cai-illinois.com/.

Asian beetle zone to include Malibu East

The Chicago anti-beetle zone will be expanded to include Sheridan Road from Bryn Mawr to Howard Street and Western Avenue to Lake Michigan.



A major expansion of the city's quarantine zone for Asian longhorned beetles will push the boundaries north to the Evanston border.

Residents in the roughly 4.5-square-mile area, including North Edgewater and Rogers Park, will be required to take special precautions when disposing of branches and tree trimmings that could harbor the destructive insects or their larvae. Violators will face fines.

An infested tree was discovered recently in Rogers Park, and officials are in the process of evaluating all the regulated areas in and around Chicago. The beetle was first discovered in Ravenswood in 1998. That neighborhood has lost about 900 trees.

Officials have been weighing the possibility of expanding the zone since last year when a Rogers Park man caught a beetle on his porch in the 1200 block of West Arthur Avenue. Not far from there, on the southeast corner of the Loyola University campus where Sheridan Road meets Devon Avenue, an infested tree was found in 1999.

Earlier this month, federal agricultural inspectors found a maple tree in the 6400 block of North Magnolia Avenue that had beetle exit holes and egg deposits.

Source: *Chicago Tribune*

Dance party a success

by Grace Bergom

Yes! The recent dance party at Malibu East was a success. Our only regret is that more residents did not attend. The music was great, and we had more snacks than we could consume. The Social Committee held the dance party Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 pm in the Windjammer Room. DJ Cathy from "Glendora House" played the music and taught some line dances. Cathy has eight years of experience and is a friend of Frank Tassone, our former DJ. Fran was there also. Thanks to all for making the party such a success.

For those who did not dance, it was an evening of conversation that lasted until 11 pm.

I have a suggestion. If you can think of an activity that has special appeal to you, please contact a member of the Social Committee or leave a note with the doorman expressing your desire. Our goal is to please as many residents as possible.

June 3 is the date of a super celebration, our 30th Malibu East anniversary party. You will be receiving a flier shortly with more information. Yes, we will be looking forward to seeing everyone at that very important event.

MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

MECA board meeting Tuesday, April 24

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 12 residents

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.



Not present: Ila Chaiken, Marcel Molins

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) What will happen to the illegal gas grills that have been removed to storage from balconies by the construction crews? **When the owners claim them, they will be reminded that gas grills are prohibited in this building.**
- 2) Is there a schedule for cleaning the construction debris on the balconies? **No schedule. The debris will be cleaned at the end of each phase. If the debris is limiting the operation of balcony windows or screens, contact the management office.**
- 3) Has money been found in the budget for the approved purchase of a new copier for the management office? The printing costs for the Dialogue are reaching alarming highs. **This item will be put on next month's agenda.**
- 4) Do we have brochures on window replacement? **No, we will explore this issue tonight to determine whether the board will recommend this service company or just use them as a referral.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,643,482 — up about \$73,000 from last month.

Lock box

The new lock-box service seems to be processing assessment checks at an improved average rate of 3.1 days vs. 3.9 days with our previous lock box.

NOTICE

There is no schedule for cleaning the construction debris from balconies. The debris will be cleaned at the end of each phase. If the debris is limiting the operation of balcony windows or screens, contact the management office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) *Rules and Regulations*
Printouts of the revised old rules are available in the management office.
- 2) *Social*
We had a nice dance party. The next party is June 3, our 30th anniversary party. We will have a champagne fountain, a piano player

and a display of old artifacts.

3) *Commercial Property*

We are having a temporary seasonal problem with maintaining consistent temperatures throughout all of the commercial rental units.

4) *Architecture & Aesthetics*

Seven members were present at the April 4 meeting. We reviewed the scope and goals of the project and got new ideas from several new people. We are planning another field trip. A recommended selection of fabric for the lobby chairs will be presented at the next board meeting. We are recommending an automatic door for the lobby/freight elevator door as this door is hard to open and residents are often encumbered with carts and packages. This does present a security problem as the automatic doors are slow to close and this area is out of sight of the doorman.

5) *ASCO*

The details of the building proposed for the Sheridan/Bryn Mawr location (former gas station) were presented. The builder hopes to begin in the late fall or winter with move-ins in 2002. The prices will range from \$250,000 to a million plus. ASCO has given its approval; the next step is approval by Zoning and Planning.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

1) *Revised building survey*

Larry Creter will chair a committee, including Sandy Chaet and Judy Walker, formed to tally the surveys. A box will be placed at the front desk for the deposit of surveys so that residents do not have to take them to the management office.

2) *New window survey*

We have had 30 responses.

Items not requiring board action

1) *Unit sales*

20H	\$185,000
23D	\$203,000
23G	\$196,000

2) **Garage report**

Tandem-parking policy may have to be revisited. It was originally grandfathered in with people with two cars. Now tandem parking spaces are becoming unfilled and are not deemed desirable by residents unless they have two cars. The garage committee was asked to make recommendations on this issue.

Claims

Approved:	0
Denied:	0
Total:	0

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	87
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	12

Monthly parkers

Valet:	318
Tandem:	74
Single:	140
Preferred:	3
Engineer:	NC
<u>Motorcycle:</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	538

New monthlies:	4
Cancellations:	7

3) **Laundry room status**

A contract with Coin Mach is near completion that will include machine enhancements, another "big" washer, a new ceiling and redecorating.

RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

1) **Satellite dishes on a balcony**

One was removed by a resident after receiving a letter from the management office.

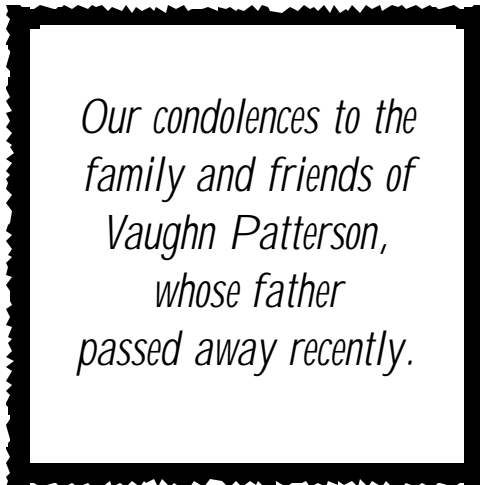
2) **Beauty salon**

The new lease for this space was ratified.

3) **Request for cleaner drop-box**

A request for a drop-off box for a cleaning service to be located in the lobby was denied.

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm and went into closed session.



48th Ward & Planning Committee

by Sandy Chaet

At the Mar. 28 ward meeting, Ald. Mary Ann Smith reported that The Dolphin Restaurant is looking for a place to open in our area. "The Room" will be opening shortly on Broadway. The owner, Jodie, has another restaurant, Tomboy. The building known as the Four Towers at 4950 N. Marine Dr. will be going condo with one- and two-bedroom units. Ald. Smith is going to the United Nations in New York to talk to a committee about the Edgewater community. Smith was also on the committee that voted to keep the name of "Soldier Field."

A request to lift the moratorium on packaged liquor in the new Park Tower Condominium convenience store, 5415 N. Sheridan Road, was passed. A plan for an eight-unit condominium building with commercial spaces at 6547-53 N. Clark was also passed. The Dellwood Pickle restaurant has closed. A new upscale breakfast restaurant may go in its place.

6030 N. Sheridan Road is being converted to condos. The Sheridan/Bryn Mawr project will be discussed at the next meeting in April.

Malibu East's 30th anniversary party

by Grace Bergbom

Malibu East's 30th anniversary party will be on Sunday, June 3 at 7:30 pm in the Windjammer Room. David Drazin will perform background music on the keyboard. Refreshments will include a champagne fountain, hors d'oeuvre and desserts.



Our 25th anniversary party five years ago was well attended. The committee is anticipating a huge turn out this time also.



Watch for a flier with additional details. Please respond by Friday, May 25 so that the committee can order enough refreshments.

Residents are encouraged to bring and share posters, flyers, advertisements, photographs, other artifacts and especially their memories of the beginnings of our association 30 years ago.

The Dialogue Committee is planning a display of our newsletter over the years. Requests will be taken for Xerox copies of old issues. If you have newsletters from the 1970s, please notify the management office or a Dialogue Committee member. We will copy and return them to you.

Request for old Dialogues

The Dialogue committee is preparing a collection of old *Dialogues* and *Breezes* to be displayed at our 30th Anniversary Party June 3. The collection is fairly complete from 1980 to present. We specifically need copies of our condominium newsletter from 1971 through 1979. Of special interest is the April 1977 Dialogue. If you have copies of the newsletter, please bring them to the management office or to a member of the Dialogue Committee. We will them and return them to you if desired.



Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Live at 6205

"Fresh Fairytales"

May 18, 7 pm FREE

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR SUPPORT GROUP

Local Meeting

2nd & 4th Friday each month

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Free parking tokens at reception desk.

Vencor – 6130 N Sheridan Rd.

773-769-1717

CHICAGO AUDUBON SOCIETY

Bird walks

Bring field guide and binoculars.

Saturdays thru May 8, 8 am

North Park Village

5801 N. Pulaski

773-539-6793

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rosehill Cemetery walking tour

Meet the guide, Al Walavich at

Ravenswood gate at noon, May 6.

Tour noon to 3 pm, lunch 1 pm at May Chapel.

\$25, members (paid) \$20

Bryn Mawr Historic District tour

Meet the guide, Kathy Gemperle,

at 10:30 am SE corner of Sheridan & Bryn Mawr. Lunch afterward.

\$20, members (paid) \$18

Lakewood Balmoral historic tour

Meet the guide, Leroy Blommaert, at 10 am at the North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 N. Lakewood. Lunch afterward.

\$20, members (paid) \$18

Send checks to:

EHS, c/o Kathryn Gemperle

5222 N. Lakewood, 60640

Edgewater Historical Society

773-907-1872

EDGEWATER

MEDICAL CENTER

Senior Center programs

5700 N. Ashland Ave.

773-797-1095

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wed., May 2 – 7 pm

(1st Wed. of every month)

Internet basics

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail

1st Sat. of month

"Surrealism and Pop Art"

Discussion — artists and art.

Wed., May 9 – 1 pm

After School Chess Club

For youngsters, led by Senn HS chess team.

Tuesdays, 3-4:30 pm

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

NORTH LAKESIDE

CULTURAL CENTER

"The Designated Mourner"

Story of relationships, infidelity, imprisonment and death.

Thru May 27

Fri./Sat., 8 pm - \$10

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

REMINISCENCE PROJECT

Video documentary

Edgewater residents, 40 or older, wanted to participate in a video documentary.

Call Eva Brownstone

773-506-1276

UPTOWN HEAD START

For 3 & 4-year-olds, half and full days.

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-769-5753

WFMT-FM RADIO

Memorial Day letters

Seeking letters written home by Illinois soldiers from America's war fronts. Selected letters will be read by drama students from a local college and broadcast on Memorial Day. Send letters to:

War Letters, 98.7 WFMT

5400 N. St. Louis

Chicago, IL 60625

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

A TASTE OF HEAVEN CAFÉ

Kids Art

Watercolor paintings for kids by Sarah Larson.

Thru Jun. 30 during store hours.

1701 W. Foster

773-989-0150

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"Jeeves and the Mating Season"

Comedy — adventure of the inimitable Bertie Wooster and his manservant.

Fri. – 8 pm, Sat. – 3&8 pm

Sun. – 3 pm, Thru June 10 – \$20

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

GREEN MILL

Open mike

Sundays, 7-10 pm – \$5

4802 N. Broadway

773-878-5552

LIFELINE THEATRE

"The Emperor's Groovy New Clothes"

For kids 6 and up

Thru Jun. 24 – \$7

Sat. 1 & 3 pm, Sun. 1 pm

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"True Lie Tales: The Sycamore Story"

Multimedia combination reporting and live performances.

Thru May 19, Fri./Sat. – 8 pm
 \$10, \$8 seniors/students
 5153 N. Ashland Ave.
 773-275-5255

WILLOW COFFEE & TEA

Weekly showcase

Showcase of spoken word & music featuring lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender artist
 FREE – open run, Thursdays 8 pm
 1100 W. Thorndale

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tue., May 15
 7:30 pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thu., May 17
 (every 3rd Thu.. of month)
 2:00 pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tue., May 22
 7:30 pm — Windjammer Room

Anniversary Party

Sun. Jun. 3
 7:30 pm — Windjammer Room

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

Vacation planning

by Rose Wandel

It is not too early to start planning vacations that would include your children. Many things are available in and around the Chicago area as well as in Illinois:

Families interested in model railroads can visit a layout at the Garfield Clarendon Model Railroad Club, located at 4501 N. Clarendon, 7-10 pm, Fridays (312-742-7512). The Northwest Society of Model Railroad Engineers is open 7:30-9 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Edison Park Fieldhouse, 6755 N. Northwest Hwy. (773-784-7778).



If your youngster is interested in flying, the O'Hare Airport offers views of takeoffs and landings in Terminal 5. The monorail is available to and from parking. Terminal 1 offers a life-size model of Brachiosaurus, a plant-eating dinosaur.



You can register for a tour of the airport at 10 or 11:30 am Mondays through Sundays, with such points of interest as the customs area. Children must be seven or older, and reservations are required. You need to call at least a month in advance to register at 773-686-2300.

Smaller children, up to age 12, will find an interactive play area full of "aviation equipment" in Terminal 2, i.e., a control tower where you can tune in to O'Hare's traffic control and the weather. There is also a kid-size helicopter with moving parts that runs on foot power, and MORE! This is free from 9 am to 10 pm, but only for ticketed passengers.

The Chicago Fire Dept. offers a realistic adventure in the Survive Alive House, 1010 S. Clinton St. You need to make an appointment by calling your local fire department for information.



North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski, has a Nature Center (the only one in the city) that hosts a variety of programs for children and adults. To tour the area, which also includes a small display of live birds, animals, and insects, call 312-744-5472 for details. There is a wigwam — a real one — a beehive, and if you are lucky, you may see a deer, a coyote or some other wild animals. There are groups connected with the Nature Center who meet to study birds (Audubon), astrology, and also to do some craft work.



Along the east side of McCormick Blvd. between Dempster and Main Streets, is the North Shore Sculpture Park. Modern sculptures of all descriptions are shown. Some are hidden between shrubs and flowerbeds. When the weather is warm, it is a great place to walk, and the kids can touch all of it. They can weave in and out some of the larger pieces. A parking area opens off the east side of McCormick, just south of Dempster. Free.



To add to the pleasure — if you have a

library card from the Chicago Public Library, free family passes are issued for one visit to a number of the city's major museums, including the Field Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Art Museum. You turn in the pass when you attend. Contact your neighborhood library branch for details.

State of Illinois places to visit

The Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Community Affairs, Bureau of Tourism, has a number of pamphlets available, including its "Illinois Travel Guide: Get a Million Miles from Monday." Call 800-2CONNECT. One you may want to consider is a walk around one of Illinois' 262 state parks. Did you know that if you traveled across the state, it's 402 miles from Chicago to Cairo? There is a lot in between — camping facilities, motels, restaurants, historic sights, fishing, shopping, and bed and breakfasts. This Web site can give you more — <http://www.enjoyillinois.com>. You may want to find out more about the Dickson Mounds Museum that offers 12,000 years of history and pre-history in Illinois. Also, there is a

Liberty Bell of the West that sits on 14,000-square-acre Kaskaskia Island, 60 miles south of East St. Louis on the Mississippi River. It too is cracked like our national Liberty Bell, and its history of how we received it is most interesting. This area is in the west of the state. Going south, there are swamps similar to the Louisiana bayous. They are located in the Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area, at the southernmost tip of the Shawnee National Forest. Finally as a teaser, we have an ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD. It is located in Oquawka, about 70 miles south of Moline on the Mississippi River. The elephant buried there was once a circus star named Norma Jean. She met her untimely death, when she was about 30 years old, getting hit with a lightning bolt. There is a boulder to mark her grave.



HAPPY TRAVELS!



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese
MECA Association Manager



Spring is here, and the building staff is working hard to spruce up the exterior of the building. The staff has done a great job and hopefully can finish as soon as the weather allows. One project is the painting of the balcony railings

Building construction is under-way on the south side of the building. The crews are in the breakout phase of the project and have lost four days due to weather. The breakout phase of the project creates a lot of dust, dirt and debris that accumulates on balconies on the

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS INFORMATION

The association maintains a construction progress chart in the lobby by the door to the ramp, so that the residents can follow the progress of construction on their tier.

The information in the chart is updated every two weeks.

on the north side of the building. If you're on the north side of the building and your balcony railings were not painted last year, please contact the management office immediately to schedule an appointment.

In January, all residents were asked to reclaim keys left at the front desk. Several residents responded to the request and picked up their keys. However, some keys are still being left at the front desk for more than a day. Keys left at

SPECIAL NOTICE Keys left at the front desk for more than a day will be returned to the resident.

the front desk for more than a day will be returned to the resident. Residents may leave keys at the front desk for ONE day only, and keys will be kept at the front desk for only one day. Residents may wish to leave keys with the management office, which can issue the keys during office hours. Our goal is to increase the level of security in the building, and we need your cooperation when leaving keys at the front desk or with the office.

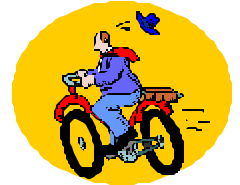
south side of the building. The crews will clean the balconies as time and weather permits, but there may be situations where debris remains on a balcony for several weeks. If the debris on your balcony has damaged your window or screen, please call the management office so we can address the situation. Now that the weather is getting warmer, the work on the east side of the building will begin. The association maintains a construction progress chart in the lobby by the door to the ramp, so that the residents can follow the progress of construction on their tier. The information in the chart is updated every two weeks and includes all tiers undergoing construction work. Additional information regarding the status of the project will be posted on channel 95 and in memos issued by the management office.

The City of Chicago will be removing and replacing the curbing and sidewalk on Glenlake east of Sheridan Road this spring. 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 contains a

Bikes on Sheridan Road sidewalks

To the Dialogue from Ernie Constantino, 48th Ward Aldermanic Aide

I am writing to the 20th District Commander again this year to ask for a spring enforcement operation of ticketing bikers



along Sheridan Road. Last year the police were stationed at Ardmore. I'll ask for an additional station at Thorndale to direct bikers to the west to Winthrop or else walk their bikes. I will also ask the 24th District Commander to do a similar operation further north on Sheridan Road. I'll try to find a contact at Loyola for the bike issue.

I know this is a perennial problem for Sheridan. Do you think residents of Sheridan Road would be willing to get together with ASCO and our office to organize their thoughts and actions around this issue? Interested parties should contact Sheli Lulkin at 561-6000 or Ernie Constantino at 784-5277.

Thanks,
Ernie

plan to beautify the end of Glenlake and includes the addition of a planting area by the seawall. Once under-way, the project 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 our building to ensure that they are completed in a safe and timely manner.

We have recently added Mr. Gilbert Richardson to the front desk staff, and we encourage all residents to welcome him to the building. Gilbert has been a doorman for other buildings in the area and we feel he will become a valuable member of our staff in a short time.

Architecture & Aesthetics Committee

by Larry Creter

The Architecture & Aesthetics Committee has been hard at work, planning for a master decorating scheme to be used as a guide for the look of our common areas. Our main concentration has been the refurbishing of the hallways, which we hope could begin as funds become available after our exterior restoration project.



The committee has made several field trips to view buildings that have completed similar projects. We continue to gather ideas and sources. Beside new carpeting and a new paint scheme, some considerations for the corridors include lighting, door and hardware refurbishing, signage and safety. The committee would ultimately enlist the help of an outside design source.

If you wish to help in this project or have ideas or suggestions, please leave that information with the doorman to the attention of Elaine Froese or Larry Creter. Future meeting dates will be announced.

Landscape Committee

by Larry Creter

Spring has arrived, our spring bulbs are about to bloom and our planning for the summer planting has begun. Due to our exterior restoration project, the use of our 4th floor deck will be limited this season. We hope to brighten the deck and pool area with colorful plantings in as many of the large planters as possible. The atrium and grounds will also be replanted in a similar scheme for the year.



Condominium law

by Mark Pearlstein

Q. We live in a high-rise condominium building in the city.

Our condominium rules include a prohibition against keeping any personal belongings in the hallways.

For whatever reason, the board of directors refuses to enforce this rule. Do they not have a fiduciary responsibility to all owners to enforce all of our governing documents?

Some unit owners use the common area for storage or decorate the area with items of furniture. We are concerned about potential liability problems or creating unnecessary fire hazards. What is your opinion on this situation?

A. If the board enacts a rule, the directors should enforce it. If an existing rule is felt by the board to be unenforceable or unnecessary, steps should be taken to eliminate the rule from the official association regulations.

It is common for high-rise condominium associations to prohibit personal belongings or furnishings in the hallway. In addition to maintaining a proper appearance in the halls, personal items may impede traffic or create a fire hazard, particularly if items are stored near an exit.

It appears that the rule is reasonable and should be enforced.

From the Chicago Tribune, Mar. 11, 2001

Mark Pearlstein is a Chicago lawyer who specializes in condominium law. Write to him c/o Condominiums, Real Estate Section, 4th Floor, Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Sorry, he can't make personal replies.

Editors note: Our board of directors and the management office are to be commended for their diligence in enforcing this rule in our building. The one recalcitrant resident, who had a thick hallway rug in front of their entrance door, and who thus ignored this rule, has moved, and our building hallways are now clear of potentially dangerous obstructions.



Computers for schools

by Willie Cade

There's still hope for your old computer.



Meet Hope

Let Computers for Schools transform your old computer so kids like Hope can learn the skills they need to succeed in the new millennium.

The Computers for Schools Association refurbishes your "refreshed" (a.k.a. junk, old, aged, wintry, elderly, bone pile, out-of-date) Pentium systems for our nation's schools. Our process transforms your systems into sharp tools for the future. For more information, call (800) 939-6000, or check out our Web page at:

www.pcsforschools.org.

Computers for Schools has placed over 100,000 PCs in America's schools during our 10-year history. Please become a partner in our "mission of the future;" we are always seeking hardware donations. We also need people to refurbish computers, and if you know of a school that needs technology, please have them apply! Working together, we can all make a difference!

ATTENTION, NEW RESIDENTS!

You can register to vote at the Chicago Public Library at Elmdale and Broadway across the street from Dominick's.

Malibu East has its own precinct, and voting takes place in our lobby.

FREE**CONDO CONFERENCE
AND TRADE SHOW****May 12, 2001***"Opening Doors to the Best in Leadership"***9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Swissotel - 323 East Wacker Drive

100 Exhibitors • 16 Breakout Sessions

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**Free Registration
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(312) 751-0900Suburban Office
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www.sudler.net**Safety tips
for dog owners***by Elaine Winans*

Now that we are eagerly waiting spring and warmer weather — dog owners will expect to be out more often on more frequent and longer walks. The majority of expected meetings between dogs are friendly and social, but the opportunity for confrontations increases. Although most of man's best friends are usually affectionate and good-natured, it is instinctive for many dogs to be territorial. This is the time we need to apply some rules of common sense to make our pet meetings genial and safe.



- ◆ First of all, protect yourself from any legal complications. Obey the leash law, have up-to-date dog tags and, most importantly, make a visit to the vet for updating all of your dog's shots.
- ◆ Elevator courtesy. Use the freight elevator whenever it is available. Control your dog with a short leash. Stay back from the doors when they open until you can perceive any problems that could occur in close quarters. Keep dogs as separate as possible in the elevator; let each one have his own "territory."

Also, please keep your dog away from laundry. Some people feel uncomfortable with dogs sniffing their freshly laundered clothes.

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Chicago, Illinois 60611	Home	773-275-7217

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Edgewater
condos and
organizations.
Place your ad in
the Dialogue
starting at \$25
call
773-271-1732
or
773-761-5792**

- ◆ Don't let your dog run loose in the hallway or other common areas. Elevator and unit doors may open, and your dog may quickly get out of your control. Pets are not permitted in any of the amenity rooms.
- ◆ If your dog has an occasional "accident" on the way to the dog run, please inform management for a prompt cleanup.
- ◆ Never let dogs run without a leash. Even the best-trained dog can break the "rules" once, be distracted by another dog, person or car, and run into traffic.
- ◆ If a confrontation does occur, immediately pull your dog to safety and leave.
- ◆ Don't allow your dog to jump on people. Even a small dog can knock down a child or elderly person, and dogs' paws can transfer dirt and excrement to clothes.
- ◆ Not all dogs are compatible, so if you see someone waiting for a "private" turn, please exit the dog run promptly. Remember, the dog run is NOT an exercise or play area.
- ◆ Don't leave your dog in the car while you go into a store. Even with a window slightly open, your dog can suffer from the quickly rising temperature. You also risk having a dog lover call the police.
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- ◆ And finally ... PLEASE DO NOT leave your dog on the balcony unattended. Loneliness, stress, and summer heat can make your dog very agitated and bark continuously to the discomfort of the dog and your neighbors.

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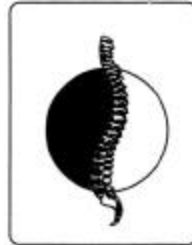
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