

Malibu East Dialogue

May 2002

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Teddy bear celebration

by Grace Bergbom

Wow! It was a success. Forty-six residents came for a good time. There were as many “mature” children present with their Teddy bears as there were school-age children.

Everyone enjoyed the refreshments, which was no surprise. They all had a “bear” motif — cookies with a Teddy bear imprint, napkins, and noisemakers with a Teddy bear picture, and of course root-“bear” and root-“bear” floats.

Rose Wandel, our resident history buff, gave a talk about the origin of the Teddy bear. In case you didn’t know, the 100th anniversary of the Teddy bear is later this year but we celebrated it a little early.

Mementoes of the occasion, supplied by the Dialogue, were distributed to all who brought Teddy bears. Special mementoes were given as follows:

- Helen Seguine’s 95-year-old bear, for the oldest Teddy bear.
- Aida Calvopina for the smallest Teddy bear. Without perfect sight, you need a magnifying glass to see it!
- Linda for the most unusual bear; it was funny and cute.
- Jackie Forshee for the largest collection of bears — must have been 100 to 200 bears; there just wasn’t time to count them all.
- Elaine Santos for the largest bear
- Aamir Merchant, special mention for twin tiny bears.

I have something very special to share with my readers. When the Social Committee has its next young people’s party, Aamir Merchant, Elaine Rojas and Maya Flores have volunteered to help. The Social Committee appreciates their offer very much, and the Committee gives them a big thank you.



Historian Rose Wandel lectures on the history of the Teddy bear.

Summer flowers will color our landscape

by Larry Creter
Landscaping Committee

Spring has finally arrived, and the tulip and daffodil bulbs that were planted last fall in our landscape beds have brought some welcome color to our home’s exterior. The Landscaping Committee has planned for the summer season’s look and by mid-May the spring bulbs will be replaced with bright impatiens and geraniums. The planters along Sheridan Road and Glenlake Avenue will be filled with grasses, geraniums, purple wave petunias and green sweet potato vine.

Even though the fourth floor deck and the pool area will have limited use this summer during the completion of our construction project, many of the large planters, including those in the pool

area, will be planted. Many of the grasses have survived a second winter and the planting theme will continue in these large planters. What a relief to see some color amid the construction scaffolding, cables and dust!

The new planting bed at the seawall end of Glenlake was installed by the city last August with a wonderful variety of perennial plants, including roses, hydrangea, grasses, lilies, climbing ivy, evergreens and flowering trees. The plants should fill in considerably this summer as they become established and give this neglected area some color. Let’s all look forward to summer!

Fourth floor deck to be replanted.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Mary Churchill

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Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER Children's music camp

Children ages 7-13, any level
\$300 for 2 week camp
Jun. 10-21, 9am-4pm

Before and aftercare available.

Senior citizen orchestra

NLCC is considering forming an orchestra to be made up of senior players. If you play an instrument, are a senior citizen, and feel you might want to take part in this proposed orchestra, please call Bonnie Tipton Long, 6219 N. Sheridan Rd. 773-743-4477

NORTH PARK VILLAGE

NATURE CENTER

Open house

May 4 & 5, 11am to noon

Parent & child together in the wild

Families with children age 5 and up
1-2:30pm, May 12 (Mother's Day) & June 16 (Father's Day)

Wake Up Little Pond

Explore the pond with microscopes, etc., children age 6 and up.

May 25 & Jun. 9, 1-3:30pm

To volunteer, call Bob at number below.

5801 N. Pulaski

312-744-5472

SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

Mother/daughter fashion show

Fashions from Sweden
\$25 members, \$30 nonmembers
\$12 girls under 12
May 4, 11:30am

Free after-school program

Children 7-12 years old
Call to register

Nordic family researchers

Topic: family interview techniques
Annual fee for members
\$10 or \$8 per session for nonmembers

May 25, 10am-noon

5211 N. Clark St.

773-728-8111

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.
1355 W. Foster Ave.
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THEATER/SHOWINGS

AZUSA PRODUCTIONS

"Pulp Fiction"

Thru May 18, Thu.-Sat.
\$17.50, \$15 students

BANG, BANG

SPONTANEOUS THEATRE

6970 N. Glenwood
773-743-3355

BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER

"Chicago's Golden Soul"

May 12

"Sweet Mama Stringbean"

Opening May 19, Jackie Taylor as Ethel Waters
4520 N. Beacon
773-769-4451

BOXER REBELLION THEATRE

"The Wal-Mart'ians"

Iowa small town whose only industry is Wall-Mart.
8 pm, Thu.- Sat. through May 25,
\$15, \$10 students
1257 W. Loyola
773-465-7325

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"Taking Steps"

English comedy through Jun. 16
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-293-3682

GRIFFIN THEATRE

"Stairs to the Roof"

Love story/comedy, experiment in meta-theater.
Through May 5, \$17/\$20
Thu.-Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 3pm
5404 N. Clark St.
773-769-2228

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

FREE Computer Club

For boys & girls 9-13 years old
Saturdays, 10am to noon
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

Adult computer classes

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773-761-5792

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Madshak Dance Company and The Jeremy Johnson Trio
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7pm, Fri., May 17
312-742-7871

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

House tour

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May 5, 11am-3pm
www.edgewaterhistory.org
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.
Wednesday, May 1, 7pm
(1st Wed. of every month)

Internet basics

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail
1st Sat. of month
1210 W. Elmdale
312-744-0718

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

150th anniversary celebration

May 19 Confirmation reunion worship and luncheon.
1500 W. Elmdale
773-271-7621

LIFELINE THEATRE

"The Rescuers"

Two mice on a perilous and musical journey.
\$8, Sat./Sun, 1 & 3pm
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

LOYOLA STUDIO THEATRE

Loyola University
773-508-3847
Mullady Theatre
6525 N. Sheridan Rd.
Studio Theatre Mertz LL12
1125 W. Loyola

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

30 socially/politically based shows in 60 min.

Ongoing, \$5 plus the roll of a die.
Fri./Sat. 11:30pm, Sun. 7pm

"City Girl"

Musical – small town girl's big-city quest.

8 pm, Thu.–Sat. through May 25
\$12, \$8 students
5153 N. Ashland Ave.
773-275-5255

COMMUNITY EVENTS/

MEETINGS

Uptown Head Start

Open enrollment for 3-4-yr.-olds.
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-769-5753

Senn High School reunion

Jan./Jun. 1953 classes looking for alumni for a 2003 reunion.
847-657-3639

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, May 14
7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon

discussion group

Thursday, May 16
(every 3rd Thurs. of month)
2:00pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, May 21
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese, MECA Association Manager

As spring arrives, your building staff has done a great job so far in sprucing up the exterior of the building. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so it can complete all of the outside projects.

The exterior project on the east and south sides of the building is under way. Crews are applying the membranes on the balconies on the east side. The crews on the south side of the building are grinding the concrete and hand patching several areas as needed. The east side work is expected to be completed in the next 30 days, weather permitting. The south side work is scheduled to be completed in October, weather permitting. The project status is displayed in the lobby construction progress chart.

Residents are reminded to comply with building policies prohibiting parking in the atrium. Vehicles left unattended in the atrium may be towed off the property at the owner's expense. Residents must contact the management office and provide written permission for vendors to work in their units when they

are not home. Residents must also sign in their guests with the garage before they arrive so that they will be allowed to park in the garage.

The pool will open on Fri., May 24, weather permitting. The pool hours will be 2:30pm to 10pm Mon. thru Fri. and from 9am to 10pm Sat., Sun. and holidays. Weekday hours may be increased or decreased depending upon south side building construction. Changes to pool hours will be posted in the building and on channel 95. Residents and guests using the pool shall obey the pool rules and comply with the requests of the lifeguards on duty. The board of directors wants everyone using the pool to have a safe and fun summer.

There has been a great response to the new storage locker survey. The board is going to take the next step and put together a final cost analysis for the build-out of the vacant space for the new storage lockers, and then the board will discuss the project and decide whether or not to go ahead with the project.

Sheridan Road sidewalk bicycle activity schedule

May 11, Saturday, 1-5pm. and May 12, Sunday, 11am-4pm, Mayor Daley's Bike Ambassadors will distribute leaflets at Ardmore. Volunteers needed all day. Pick up leaflets at Ardmore.

May 18, Saturday, education blitz by ASCO.

May 19, Sunday, 11am-4pm, Mayor Daley's Bike Ambassadors, accompanied by officers from the Chicago Police Department, will distribute leaflets at Ardmore and possibly at Emanuel congregation.

May 25, Saturday, BICYCLE BOOTING BEGINS.



June 1, Saturday, 48th Ward Bike Ride – 312-427-3325

June 9, Sunday, Mayor Daley's Bike the Drive. Lake Shore Drive closed 5:30-9:30am.

Source: ASCO 773-561-6000

2001 MECA survey results

by Janice Krzesinski and Larry Creter

In 2001 a survey was submitted to the residents for their input regarding satisfaction with life at Malibu East. Thanks to all who took the time and effort to participate! One hundred sixty five completed surveys were returned to the office, many of which included comments and suggestions about the categories presented. The surveys were tallied offsite by an impartial party employed for this purpose.



The following tables are a quantitative summary of the results. In order to calculate each percentage, the "no comment" total was deducted from 165 for the divisor. Your board of directors will address the categories and items that scored less than 85% Very Satisfied/Satisfied. Those items have been assigned to either an appropriate committee, management or the board for review and response to all residents. The "Building Survey" topic will be followed up on the monthly board meeting agenda until a response is finalized.

A future, separate report will include recommendations to address any trends in topics summarized from the "Written Comment" section of the survey.

Malibu East 2001 survey totals

The survey allowed 5 possible answers:

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied
- No Comment ¹

The percentages below are a total of the Very Satisfied and Satisfied.

DOORMEN

Courtesy	100%
Helpfulness	99%

Opening door	98%
Enforcement of rules	83%

MAINTENANCE

Cleanliness of building	95%
Exterior of building	94%
Lighting	91%

GARAGE

Courtesy	90%
Promptness	86%
Fairness in assigning spaces	86%
Claims	59%

RECEIVING ROOM

Courtesy	100%
Service	100%

MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Hours	93%
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Secretary

Courtesy	100%
Helpfulness	99%

Manager

Courtesy	95%
Friendliness	90%
Problem solving	80%
Availability	96%
Enforcing rules	89%

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MECA cost of living	
Reasonable?	79%
Physical condition of building	87%
Attention to problems	85%
Information to residents	91%
Getting value for what you pay?	86%

WINDJAMMER ROOM

Rental fee	96%
Cleanliness	94%
Availability	99%

SWIMMING POOLS

Cleanliness	92%
Temperature	92%
Safety/lifeguards	87%
Hours	80%

FOURTH FLOOR DECK

Amenities	90%
Cleanliness	90%
Appearance	85%

TENNIS COURT**

Availability	93%
Playability	86%

GUEST PARKING

Cost	66%
Staff courtesy	95%
Cleanliness	94%

CABLE TV

Monthly charges	93%
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Channel choices	91%
Channel 95	71%

COMMUNITY ROOM

Availability	95%
Cooperation of users	98%

DOG RUN

Cleanliness	84%
Security	82%
Cooperation of users	94%

HEALTH CLUB

Choice of equipment	79%
Cleanliness	91%
Availability	85%
Security	96%

TEEN ROOM**

Equipment	65%
Cleanliness	88%

HANDBALL COURT**

Condition of court walls	64%
Cleanliness	100%
Lighting	76%
Temperature	86%

SAUNAS**

Condition	71%
Cleanliness	79%

CHILDREN'S ROOM**

Condition	91%
Cleanliness	100%
Equipment and toys	91%

LAUNDRY ROOM

Cleanliness	86%
Hours	97%
Number of washers	89%
Number of dryers	75%
Condition of equipment	60%

NOTE: Survey was taken prior to the recent laundry room remodeling.

BIKE ROOM**

Cleanliness	85%
Availability of spaces	88%

ELEVATOR MUSIC

Volume	77%
Selection of music	74%

MAIL SERVICE

Satisfied with service?	68%
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NOTE: Survey was taken while we had many temporary postal carriers.

** Denotes categories with 50 or fewer responses.

¹'No Comment' totals by item were deducted from 165 for the base used to calculate each percentage.

Data provided by the Survey Committee



The younger set is mesmerized with the tale of the Teddy bear.



Helen Seguire with granddaughter Sara and her 95-year-old Teddy.



Aamir Merchant with twin tiny bears.



Jackee Forshee displays some of her hundreds of Teddy bears.



Littlest girl with the biggest Teddy, Elaine Santos with family — flesh and stuffed

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Property tax exemptions deadline extended to May 13

by Jack Winans

There are three exemptions that Cook County homeowners must apply for annually. The Homeowner Exemption, the Senior Citizen Exemption and the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption. The Homeowners Exemption booklet and the three exemption forms are available in the Malibu East management office or as downloadable PDF files at www.cookcountyassessor.com. For more information, call the Cook County Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550.

The SW corner lot at Sheridan and Thorndale is temporary parking for East Point residents during garage reconstruction.

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