

# Malibu East Dialogue

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## Park District fails on promises to Berger Park

### The squeaky wheel gets a dab of grease

by Jack Winans

In a set of extraordinary coincidences, Berger Park was the scene of frenetic activity Tuesday morning, June 25. After Chicago Park District (CPD) representatives failed to show for a previously scheduled meeting, a firm demand from 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Ald. Moore seemed to get results. Persistent complaints, letters and finally a petition from the Berger Park Advisory Council headed by President Lillian La Palio were probably additional factors that shook off the lethargy that has enfolded the CPD in a womb of inaction concerning the multiple problems at Berger Park.

Present for the 9am meeting in the infamous playlot (see articles on pages 5 & 7) were Ald. Joe Moore, Ms. La Palio, Lakefront Director Colleen Rock Mueller, North Lakefront Area Manager Dana L. Zilinski, CPD Community Outreach Manager Robert Steele, several assistants to the CPD representatives, Berger Park Supervisor Sue Nicotera and a dozen members of the Advisory Council.

The heat of the day was matched by the heat of the rhetoric as blame and excuses were traded. Ms. La Palio insisted that the playlot must be upgraded or replaced immediately as had been promised for years. Ms. Mueller stated that the CPD's new policy is to only match funds raised by the community for capital improvements. She also stated that it is park policy to remove any dangerous playlot equipment and not replace it until budgetary requirements are met.

While the combatants were engaged in this discussion, park employees were



removing a bench that had been broken over the weekend. The bench that was across from the Downey mansion coach house was one of seven that the Advisory Council had provided for the park at a cost of \$700 each. When hearing that the bench was to be removed and not replaced, Ms. La Palio's furious response to this injustice resulted in a promise that it would be replaced that day with a Park District bench.

Other Park District activity mysteriously coincided with the presence of this unprecedented meeting of local activists, Park District representatives and Ald. Moore. A CPD truck appeared, and workmen installed a new chess table and said another would be installed the next day. Other CPD workmen attacked the wood chip floor of the playlot, filling in bald spots. A pair of vendor carpenters appeared to take pictures and assess the wood rot and other damage that the coach house has suffered over the years. It is amazing how much incidental activity the CPD can generate when push comes to shove. However, this smoke screen of activity did not deter Ms. La Palio from her primary objective, the refurbishing of the playlot.

She and members of the Advisory

Council met later with Mr. Steele to prepare a laundry list of repairs and the plan for long-term financing of a new playlot. The estimate of construction of a new playlot ranged from \$300,000 to \$500,000. The CPD policy is to match locally raised funds, which would make the community-raised goal \$150,000 to \$250,000. Ms. La Palio is adamant that this magnitude of fundraising is impossible. Ald. Moore stated that he would attempt to find some funding, but recommended that the council work with Mr. Steele, who has the qualifications and resources to assist communities in raising these types of funds.

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# MECA board meeting

## MECA board meeting

Tuesday, June 25

Attendance: 11 board members, 2 management representatives and 16 residents. Not present: Ila Chaiken

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) When will the freight elevator numbers be installed? *Will be finished by Monday*
- 2) Passenger elevators not working right last week. *Nos. 2 & 3 were serviced last week. Please report any problems and the elevator number immediately to management.*
- 3) A resident presented an advertisement offering elevator camera coverage at a reasonable price.
- 4) Could we replace the glass in the CU entrance door with plastic? It is getting broken twice a year. *Management will look into it.*
- 5) Why isn't my (B-tier) balcony membrane being applied; everything else is done. *Because of cross-contamination of dust and particles. All concrete work on the south side must be finished first before membranes can be applied.*
- 6) When will single-color coat paint jobs for balconies with patchwork colors be available? *We hope to have this done in-house for \$300 or less per balcony to be charged to individual unit owners who opt for this solution.*
- 7) I have a puddle on the balcony by the inside wall. *Unfortunately, low spots are not in the scope of this work contract.*
- 8) I was told that noisy construction work such as drilling would stop at 1pm daily so that the pool could be open and air-conditioners could be turned on. *This is correct, a letter from the board will go to Golf Construction concerning this and any other contract violations.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

*Financial statement*

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,144,612

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Security—reported by Larry Creter

We met twice and got input from residents and planned the security event. A safety packet, including our evacuation plan, has been distributed to all units. We discussed ID badges for outside workers. A new evacuation graphic highlighting stairways will be distributed.

#### 2) Social—Sandy Chaet

The July 7 outing has had a poor response. We suggest that the Can-

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didates Night format be changed to include a 20-30 minute formal question-and-answer session for those candidates who volunteer to participate.

#### 3) Architecture & Aesthetics—Larry Creter

Still planning to have the garage waiting room conform to the lobby look. The garage desk area and carpet will be refurbished. Most of the work is painting, replacing posters, refinishing metal and adding new waiting-area seating.

New hall signs are being put up. The soft-burnished-brass-type elevator number signs can be inspected on upper levels. Framed fire escape location graphics will be placed above elevator-area ashtrays on each floor. Additional exit and entry signs on each stairwell door will be installed when city specifications are firmed up.

#### 4) ASCO—Sandy Chaet

Sheridan Road planters are done and look great. The planted area at the east end of Glenlake is filling in. Bicycle riders are being stopped

on Sheridan sidewalks and fined \$250.

#### 5) Garage—Martina Molins

9 yes votes and 9 no votes were returned on questionnaires concerning tandem parking for 2<sup>nd</sup> cars. We have moved single tandems up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and are using the open 2<sup>nd</sup> floor tandem spaces for valet parking. The tandem project will be tabled until the garage repair work is completed.

#### 6) Communications—Janice Krzesinski

New Dialogue guidelines and policies regarding article and advertisement submission were submitted to the board by the editor and approved as modified.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### Items requiring board action

##### 1) Commercial property issues

The committee was authorized to go forward with the new storage lockers project.

##### 2) Building survey status

- a) Cable TV—item complete (see pg. 10).
- b) Doorman rules—survey items, including enforcement of rules, were reviewed with the entire doorman staff.
- c) Garage claims—the Garage Committee is not involved in the garage claim process. Damage reports are referred to the insurance company by the garage manager.

### GARAGE CLAIMS

Notice: The board will not accept a claim for damages from any garage patrons who remove their car from the garage before having garage personnel inspect any alleged damage.

The unfavorable determination of a garage claim can be appended by requesting a hearing before the MECA Board's Grievance Committee.

##### 3) 2003 & 2004 projects

Projects that must be done, a new roof and north wall repairs, are estimated at \$1.6 million. Any projects to be included in next year's budget must be presented prior to the July 23 board meeting.

#### Items not requiring board action

**1) Exterior & balcony project**

The east side is done, and staging is down. A-tier residents must move balcony items from the south to the east side. B-tier balconies are ready for normal use. Breakout work is almost done. The city-mandated 4-year critical inspections will be done on the east, south, and west sides this year. Balcony painting will be done in-house this summer.

**2) North wall repairs**

The engineering will be done this year, the work next year.

**3) Unit sales**

9E \$210,000

**4) Roof replacement status**

Bids are being sought.

**5) New insurance requirements**

A larger deductible and changes in our handling of individual certificates of insurance. A letter of explanation and procedures will be sent to unit owners.

**6) Elevator inspection status**

A City of Chicago elevator inspection resulted in an order for replacement of hoist ropes in elevator No. 3 and a test of the governors in the freight elevator.

The meeting ended at 10:30pm and went into closed session.



## What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese, Assoc. Mgr.

Summer has arrived with extremely hot, humid temperatures. Your building staff is working very hard to beat the heat, watering the new sod and plants around the building and playing a key roll in ensuring that the pool is open every day.

The pool is open 2-10pm weekdays and 9am-10pm on weekends and holidays. The weekday hours may change depending on progress of the exterior construction. Any changes will be posted on our bulletin boards and on channel 95. All residents and their guests are asked to obey all the pool rules and comply with the requests of the lifeguards. The board of directors wants everyone using the pool to have a safe and fun summer and to remember that the lifeguards are here to help everyone enjoy the pool.

The east side exterior fascia and bal-

cony work is now complete, and the board of directors would like to thank all residents for their patience and cooperation during the project. Now that this side is complete, east side residents can contact the management office to schedule an appointment to have their balcony railings painted.

The crews are still working on the balconies and fascia on the south side of the building. The remaining work is on the L, C and A tiers. All south side residents are not allowed out on their balcony for any reason while there is construction activity under way.

All residents are reminded to refrain from parking in the atrium with the exception of the 15-minute zone. The atrium is not designed to accommodate parked cars and emergency vehicles at the same time. Please inform your guests not to park in the atrium.

The Annual Owners Meeting will be held Tuesday, Sep. 24. Candidates Night is Wednesday, Aug. 28. Six board positions are up for election. Please contact the management office if you are interested in running for one of the open positions. Applications MUST be filed in the management office by 5pm Friday, Jul. 26.

*Our condolences to the family and friends of Marvin Ferdinand*

## Ferdinand, Marvin

Marvin Ferdinand, dear brother of Esther Cohen; loving uncle of Lynn Cohen and Barbara Miller. Services were 2pm June 7 at Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel, 9901 Skokie Blvd., Skokie IL. Remembrances may be made to the Hospice of the North Shore, 9701 Knox, Skokie, IL 60077. Info Lloyd Mandel Levayah Funerals, 847-679-3939 or 888-LEVAYAH or [www.levayah.com](http://www.levayah.com)

Source: June 6, 2002 Chicago Tribune

## Marvin Ferdinand

by Jack Winans

Marvin Ferdinand, a longtime fixture of our lobby, passed away recently and will be missed in one way or another by all who knew him. To say the least, Marvin was a unique individual — you either liked him and his direct way and sense of humor, or you couldn't stand the man. Personally, I was fond of Marvin and was always happy to spend a few minutes with him on my way in or out of the building, or in the "coffee shop" in the Convenient Store in our mall.

Marvin was a window dresser in his early years. He later changed careers and became a successful and well-known fur salesman. He sold furs at I. Magnin, Maximilian and Saks Fifth Avenue.

The following story, related to me by Linda Cohen, Marvin's niece, illustrates

Marvin's unabashed directness in dealing with people that Marvin had judged to be uncivilized and deserving of his sometimes-blunt response.

Marvin boarded the always-crowded 147 express bus at Walton to find standing-only room. A rather "wide" woman and her packages filled the width of the bench seat behind the driver. Marvin asked the lady to move her packages so that he could sit during the long bus ride home. She ignored him in spite of two more requests. With that, Marvin announced to the lady, "If you don't move the packages so that I can sit down, I'm going to sit on your lap." Yet again, she ignored him. So Marvin sat on her lap. She said, "Are you crazy?" Marvin said, "I'm going to sit on your lap until you move those packages." With that the lady finally moved the packages, and Marvin sat down to a standing ovation from the other passengers on the bus.

# Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



July 14 & 28 – 5pm  
FREE, bring your own chair.

1230 W. Greenleaf  
312-742-7857

**MARGATE PARK  
Movies in the Park**

“The King & I”  
FREE – at dusk, July

20.  
4921 N. Marine Dr.  
312-742-7522

**NORTH LAKESIDE  
CULTURAL CENTER**

**Gallery opening**  
“Dream into Life—A multi-media exhibit from the C4 Art Studios.”  
Art, poetry readings, music and refreshments. Display open thru Aug. 9.

Jul. 11, 4-8pm  
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.  
773-743-4477

**NORTH PARK VILLAGE  
NATURE CENTER**

**Concert: Blues/Country**  
7-9pm, July 26

**Concert: 40s Big Band**  
7-9pm Aug. 23  
5801 N. Pulaski  
312-744-5472

**NORTHTOWN GARDEN  
SOCIETY**

Meets 7:30pm first Tue. month.  
Warren Park  
6621 N. Western  
465-2276 or 743-5914

**SWEDISH AMERICAN  
MUSEUM CENTER**

**Summer camp for kids**

**Session I—ages 7-8**  
July 15-19

**Session II—ages 9-10**

July 22-26  
9am-noon, limited to 25 children per teacher

Creative writing, knitting, weaving, baking & more.

Registration & info—call Tina Harris

773-728-8111, ext 28

**“Ancestral Homes: Paintings Inspired by the Viking Age”**

Drawings and paintings of his heritage by artist Scott MacLeod.

Gallery hours: Tue.: 10am-4pm, Sat./Sun.: 10am-3pm

\$4, \$3 students, seniors & child

5211 N. Clark St.  
773-728-8111

**UPTOWN HEAD START**

**Open enrollment**  
3-4-year-olds, half & full days.

1020 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-769-5753

**WARREN PARK**

**North Shore Philatelic Society**  
Meets 7pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month  
6601 N. Western  
743-5015

**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.  
773-271-9001

**THEATER/SHOWINGS**

**BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER**

“Chicago’s Golden Soul”

Thru Aug. 11  
4520 N. Beacon  
773-769-4451

**LIFELINE THEATRE**

“Whose Body?”

Mystery – body found in a tub.  
Thru Aug. 18, \$10 to \$18  
8pm Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun.  
6912 N. Glenwood  
773-761-4477

**THE PETER JONES GALLERY**

“Click”

FREE, a photo exhibit  
Thru July 20, call for hours.  
1806 W. Cuyler  
773-472-6725

**COMMUNITY EVENTS/  
MEETINGS**

**HS reunions**

Sullivan Classes of Jan/June ‘52  
50-year reunion – classmates call 847-259-1130 or E-mail ReunionsB@aol.com  
Senn Classes of Jan/June ‘53. 2003 reunion – classmates call 847-657-3639

**St. Andrew’s Greek Festival**

July 13, 4-11pm; July 14, noon – 11pm

**Grandma (or Grandpa) Please**

Chat line for elementary school age with older adults needs volunteers to take calls 3-6pm Mon.-Fri.  
773-755-2255

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### **BERGER PARK**

#### **CULTURAL CENTER**

**Concert in the Park**

“The Rudy Macciocchi 30 piece  
“Pop’s Concert Band”

FREE, bring your own chair.

July 10 & 31 – 7pm

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

### **EDGEWATER COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Has moved its office to:**

6044 N. Broadway

773-334-5609

### **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, Jul. 3, 7pm

(1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month)

**Internet basics**

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail

1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

### **FARMER’S MARKET**

**Edgewater**

7am-2pm Saturdays

Jun. 22–Oct. 19

Broadway Armory parking lot

Broadway & Thorndale

### **IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**

#### **CHURCH**

**Community picnic**

Food, games, music, fun.

Everyone is invited.

July 27, 11am-4pm

**Vacation church school**

“Brave Believers” for ages 3-12

July 20–Aug. 2, 9am-12noon

1500 W. Elmdale

773-271-7621

### **LOYOLA PARK**

**Concert in the Park**

**MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**Sunday brunch**

At the Room Restaurant  
5900 N. Broadway  
Meet at the restaurant 11am July 7  
\$19.25 per person  
RSVP by Tue., Jul. 2

**Dialogue Committee meeting**

Tuesday, July 16  
7:30pm — Community Room

**MECA board meeting**

Tuesday, July 23  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

**Candidates Night**

Wednesday, Aug. 28  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

**Annual Owners Meeting**

Tuesday, Sep. 24  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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

**Social Committee**

*by Sandy Chaet*

All residents are invited to a Sunday brunch, 11:00am July 7 at “The Room” restaurant at 5900 N. Broadway. The cost of \$19.25 includes coffee, tea or orange juice, tax and tip. “The Room” has a delicious brunch. Please reply to the flyer by Tuesday, July 2.



Residents are also asked to look for details on a Sunday brunch to be held our Windjammer Room. More details will follow.

It was suggested that a “walking club” should be organized to meet and walk along the lakefront. If you are interested or wish to be a leader of this activity, please leave a note with your name and phone number at the lobby desk addressed to the Social Committee.

If you have suggestions for any other activities, parties or outings, please leave a note as above for the Social Committee.

**Dangerous 14-year-old playlot subject of Berger Park Advisory Council petition for replacement.**



**Pet Committee news**

*by Sandy Chaet & Larry Creter*

At their last meeting, the Pet Committee discussed several issues, including dog run maintenance. Our staff deodorizes and hoses the dog run down regularly except in freezing weather, and new gravel is added as needed. It was suggested that the gravel needs to be raked regularly to keep it evenly distributed in the dog run.



During a discussion of dog etiquette, it was suggested that dog owners should be reminded to keep their pets on a short leash to avoid accidents in the atrium and other common areas. Also, please do not use the atrium, ashtrays, fences, driveway or the parkway grass as an alternative dog run. If your pet has an accident in the elevator or in another common area, either clean it yourself or contact the doorman at once for action.

Dog owners should use the passenger elevators **only** when the freight elevator is unavailable. The freight elevator is not intended for regular passenger use, only for pets, laundry, carts and large objects.

The committee reminds all residents who have not registered their pets to do so immediately in the management office.

**Playlot petition**

*by Lillian La Palio, President  
Berger Park Advisory Council*



**Petition: A Demand for Action**

The children and families of this community have no place to play other than the playlot at Berger Park located at Sheridan Road and Granville Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. In spite of numerous requests to the Chicago Park District and promises from the Chicago Park District, the condition of the equipment at the Berger Park playlot has continually deteriorated since it was installed in 1988. Since 1997, the Chicago Park District has budgeted for new equipment to be installed. Now, with our playlot in dangerous condition, we, the undersigned, are petitioning the Chicago Park District to get our playlot in good working order.

(This petition is available for signing throughout the Edgewater community.)



**Berger Park featured in hiddentreasurestours**

Berger Park’s historic mansions will be showcased in a 5½-hour tour August 10 along with the North Pond Café, the Waveland Golf Facility and Nothing Park. This tour is filled.

*Source: CPD hiddentreasurestours 2002 bulletin.*

## Malibu East bikes the Drive

by Jack Winans

Four persons from Malibu East joined the 12,000 bikers who participated in Mayor Daley's Bike the Drive, Sunday June 9. Residents Larry Creter, Bill Brock and Jo Gayle, and Joan Burke from our management office, decked out in spandex and helmets, were thrilled to have this first-time opportunity to navigate miles of lakeshore and city streets free from exhaust fumes and the dangerous proximity of autos.

From 5:30 to 9:30am Lake Shore Drive was a biker's dream as Chicago Police Dept. officers and volunteers from the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation kept the Drive free of automobiles.

The multi-lane "bike" path stretched from 57<sup>th</sup> Street in the south to Hollywood Avenue in the north. The official "turnaround" was at Bryn Mawr, but many die-hard bikers biked the entire drive by turning around at Hollywood and Sheridan Road. The Bryn Mawr turnaround was provisioned with water, fruit and portable toilets, and an emergency bike repair station. The underpass at Bryn Mawr was so packed with bikers crawling slowly to the relief point that many scrambled up and down the embankments around the Drive to evade the bottleneck. It was here that I spotted Joan from our office. She said she had had so much fun that she was going to do the course again. All of the bikers interviewed were hoping that this would become an annual event.



Top right: Joan Burke from management office.

Facing page, top left: Jo Gayle, Wendy (Jo's friend), Bill Brock and Larry Creter

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Berger Park playlot 6205 N. Sheridan

## Years of Park District neglect of playlot spurs community action

by Jack Winans

The Berger Park Advisory Council (BPAC) met 10am Tuesday, June 4 in the lakeside 96-year-old mansion at 6205 N. Sheridan Road. The dark oak-paneled meeting room in the mansion built for long ago Chicago Commissioner of Works Joseph Downey was the scene of community anger and incomprehension of Park District stonewalling on years of promises to rehabilitate the popular playlot at Berger Park.

Berger Park is unique within the park system with its prairie-style mansion fieldhouse, its lakefront location in the Sheridan Road "condo canyon" and its upscale enlightened curriculum that draws children and adults from distant Chicago and Evanston neighborhoods.

The mansion at 6205, which serves as park headquarters, and the neighboring mansion at 6219, which houses the North Lakeside Cultural Center, were destined in the early 1980s for the wrecking ball and the development of more high-rises that would have added to the already dense population of the area. Community action spurred by the Association of Sheridan Road Condominiums Organization (ASCO), the Edgewater Community Council (ECC) and an outpouring of community support saved the priceless lakefront property and led to its purchase by the Chicago Park District (CPD). Although one

of the three original mansions was not salvageable, the two remaining mansions and their two coach houses were lovingly restored to their early century elegance. The mansions with their many rooms are the scene of not only upscale educational classes in the arts, music and drama, but also the setting of Shakespeare plays, opera performances and the meeting point for many local organizations. One of the coach houses has been transformed into a seasonal restaurant with an extraordinary lake view, the other with its high ceiling serves as classroom, gym and auditorium.

A lakeside playlot was built in 1988 north of the two mansions. It is the only play area in this community, and its meager set of playground equipment is always overcrowded by the throngs of local children. Although it shows many indications of neglect and disrepair, other than new swings, it has not been improved or renovated since it was built. The obsolete wooden structure, that serves as a play area, is splintering and dangerous, and a source of many cuts to the children who play there. A low wooden wall that surrounds the playlot has also deteriorated, and the wood chip fill that is supposed to protect the children is woefully inadequate and another source of children's injuries. The CPD has not only neglected this playlot but has reneged on years of promises, claiming budget shortfalls. The CPD had even rejected requests for park benches until BPAC fund-raising efforts resulted in the installation of seven park benches. The CPD belatedly

offered matching funds for future park bench purchases.

Berger Park's situation is further hindered by the gerrymandered boundaries of Ald. Joe Moore's 49th Ward that encircles the finger of land that the park lies on but excludes Granville Avenue, both sides of which now lie in Mary Ann Smith's 48th Ward.

Years of letters to the supervisors of the Chicago Park District, Mayor Daley, both aldermen and other dignitaries have always met with promises but no action. Recently, letters to those offices have been blatantly ignored. Years of neglect, broken promises and the unresponsiveness of officials have now provoked the community to more extreme measures.

Invitations to this Advisory Council meeting were extended to all of the local organizations, schools and politicians, and commitments were received from many. Unfortunately attendance was poor due to unusually severe storm conditions the day of the meeting. However, a consensus was reached, by those present, that the time had come to prepare and circulate a petition to amass the enthusiastic support of this community that had in the past been instrumental in saving this park. The petition will outline and make clear the years of neglect that Berger Park has been subjected to by the leaders of the C.P.D. and demand that restitution be provided in the form of a new playlot that would serve the needs of the children of this community in a safe and wholesome manner.

## Restaurant review

by *Betty Mayian*

### Edgewater Beach Café

A family runs this 20-year-old establishment with a mother who is classically trained in Paris, France, at the Cordon Bleu. The father manages the restaurant and makes sure everyone is happy. Their children help out, too. They are in college but find time to work in the family business.



A majority of the clientele comes from the Edgewater Beach Apartments. It is so convenient and the food is so good. One of the problems is that most of the rest of the neighborhood is not aware of the Edgewater Beach Café. Exterior signage is next to nothing, and I have never seen advertising about it. Friends of ours from the building and others who live across the street told us how good it was, and we joined them for dinner. It was so delicious that we made sure we returned several times and brought others to sample the menu. I feel strongly that more people should try this wonderful French/American cuisine. When you are ready for an elegant night out, the Edgewater Beach Café can offer you that — with reasonable prices.

A typical dinner menu offers wonderful classic appetizers that include shrimp cocktail, escargot bourguignonne, wonderful shrimp de jonghe, and spinach salad with hot-bacon dressing. There are even more starters, and also daily specials that increase your choices and make it harder than ever to pick. The entrée selections are mainly from the classical school of cuisine. Think of

this, will you pick tournedos of beef with green peppercorn sauce or filet mignon marchand de vin? Maybe the New York strip steak or broiled whitefish? The house specialties are grilled shrimps with burgundy and mustard sauce, and roast duck with apple brandy sauce. My husband's favorite is their broiled pork chop, which has a tendency to run out early due to its popularity. All of those entrées come with soup or salad, potatoes or rice and vegetable of the day. If you are lucky, you may be able to enjoy their wonderful cream of wild mushroom soup. It was so good, I wanted to have more of it and forego the main course, only kidding. My favorite selection is the roast duck. The calvados brandy sauce leaves you wanting more. Everyone says the food is superb — and they don't hustle you out of there; you feel pampered.

Gee, I forgot to mention desserts. These change daily and are homemade. Just

## Dialogue articles

by *Editor Jack Winans*

Lately we have had to turn down several requests to print articles from residents. Ours is a building publication, and we have to limit the scope of our reporting to events and issues that directly impact our residents and unit owners, the value of their investment and the quality of life in our building and in our immediate community. To satisfy everyone's requests and go beyond this limit would bloat our small publication, dilute its effectiveness and overreach our resources of both staff and finances.

In response to this problem, the editors and staff of the Dialogue are developing guidelines for the Dialogue that will be presented to the board for their approval. Recently the Dialogue updated the Dialogue Statement and developed an advertising disclaimer that was reviewed and accepted by the MECA Legal Committee. The mission statement will incorporate and build on the tenants of those two documents.



know that whatever you pick is bound to be first-rate.

Appetizer prices run from \$5.25 to \$7.50. Main-course selections start at \$9.95 and go to \$18.50. Coffee or tea is \$1.50. There is a full-service bar.

### Edgewater Beach Café

5545 N. Sheridan Road

(773) 275-4141

Closed on Monday

Tuesday–Saturday, 5–10pm

Sunday brunch 11:30–2:30pm

Catering available, parking nominal with validation

## NOTICE

### Article submission

The Dialogue is published monthly and is distributed by the first of the month every month. General Malibu East or neighborhood interest articles for the Dialogue must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to appear in the next month's issue. All official Malibu East documents, including committee reports may be accepted as late as the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month for the next month's issue. Please keep in mind that all articles may be edited for length, and a reasonable attempt will be made to give the author of the article a final review of such edited articles. Articles must be typed, and e-mail or floppy disk submission is preferred over hard copy.

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## So now you own a condo, what next?

by Jack Winans

This is a continuing series on owner responsibilities. (See the January through April 2002 issues for the first 16 items in this series.)

### 18. No smoking rule

A read-through of our Malibu East Rules and Regulations will find many instances of “no smoking” here and there throughout the building. In March of 2000, the Malibu East board of directors in concurrence with contemporary mores and health considerations formally instituted a building-wide “no smoking” rule with the two exceptions stated below. This rule extends to the Captain’s Walk.

We have installed ashtrays at the atrium lobby entrance and the mall entrance for those entering and for those who step outside for a smoking break. Please use them, do not litter our front door with cigarette butts. Ashtrays are still available at the elevator entrances as a safety measure for those smokers who may forget and leave their units with a lit cigarette.

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### XXXI. NO SMOKING RULE

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Adopted March 28, 2000



### 'Town Crier' announcements by Betty Mayian



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## Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



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