

Malibu East Dialogue

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Malibu East election turnout outstanding

Nov. 5 general election

by Thomas C. Vaughan

The 2002 general election again saw Malibu East's 22nd Precinct of the 48th Ward outshine the voting averages for the rest of the city and state. Our self-contained Precinct now has 548 registered voters, and 411 of them exercised their civic duty and voted ballots, representing a 75.0% turnout. This is dramatically higher than the city's turnout of 53.1%. MECA's lobby polling location again opened on time at 6:00 AM and closed as scheduled at 7:00 PM. The day went smoothly with few back-ups that, even then, took only a few minutes to clear.

This was the second election for the new vote tabulation procedure. After punching their ballot cards, voters were instructed to run their ballot card through the Precinct Ballot Counter (PBC). This allowed the voter to instantly know if the ballot was 1) mistakenly not initiated by an election judge, 2) was undervoted, 3) overvoted, or 4) both undervoted and overvoted. Lack of judge initials was corrected, while overvotes were identified as to office. At their option, voters were given a new ballot in the case of overvotes or an opportunity to review their votes in a correction-voting booth for undervotes. These voters also had the option to override an overvoted or undervoted ballot, knowing that their choice for other offices would be recorded. Our precinct's PBC ran flawlessly throughout the day, and vote totals were electronically transmitted through cell technology to the Election Board after the poll closed. Election judges from both parties deliver the completed applications for ballots, the voted ballots, and the total tapes to the collection point for the 48th Ward after the voting is totaled

and balanced with issued ballots and applications.

Our neighbor, Carol Ronen, ran unopposed for 7th District State Senator, representing the only unopposed major office on MECA's ballot. During the March 19th primary election 82.1% of the 313 voters that chose a party ballot took the Democratic option. This trend continued as can be seen in the chart (page 8) of the major contested offices, which contrasts our voting with the city (or county) and the state of Illinois.

Working the 16-hour day for this election as election judges were MECA residents Norma Edgar, Adeline Kalant, Betty Mayian, Vern Rose, and I. Election judges are always needed in the city, particularly those who voted Republican in the past primary. Should anyone have interest in working in February, they can contact the Election Board, either of the two ward committees, or any of our election judges.

The next election will be held in February for city offices, and there is time yet to register. This can be accomplished in person at the Board of Election Commissioners offices at 69 West Washington (the Brunswick Building across from the Civic Center). Its telephone number is (312) 269-7900 for information. Periodically, the Election Board also has registration booths set up at neighborhood locations in Chicago. Watch for publications of such opportunities.



22nd Precinct judges Norma Edgar, Betty Mayian, Adeline Kalant, Tom Vaughan, poll watcher John Chester

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002

Attendance: 9 board members, 2 management representatives and 12 residents

Not present: Sandy Chaet, Charles Cooper, JoAnne Meshbom

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Can we save money by having lobby flowers that last more than one week? **Will be looked into.**
- 2) The freight elevator door closes too quickly. Can we do something about the lobby freight elevator access door closing too fast. **Eventually a automatic power door may be installed here.**
- 3) Will the people who filled out the survey get first choice at lockers? **Survey respondents will be notified by letter and be given a few days early to sign up.**
- 4) When will south side residents be able to put things back on their balconies? **In mid Dec.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,410,929.70.

Obligated expenditures

\$500,000 — exterior/balcony project

\$300,000 — new roof

Assigned expenditures

\$500,000 — north wall repairs

This leaves us approximately \$1 million in reserve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Floor Representatives**
(See page 5)
- 2) **Security**
Larry Creter
We updated our new members at the Nov. 21 meeting. We discussed mall security (black key access), mall security guard, handicap access and garage security. The current garage sign-in system is not

working. These issues will be discussed after the regular meeting in closed session. The next meeting is Dec. 3 at 7:30pm in the Community Room.

- 3) **Social**
Sandy Chaet
Holiday party 6pm Dec. 18
(See page 5)
- 4) **Commercial Property**
Janice Krzesinski
Storage lockers for rent (see page 12).
Reviewing plans for handicap access to the building and to the mall. Fortune Lin space will be vacant next year. Motion made and passed to use brokers for the three vacant spaces, non-exclusivity to expire May 1, 2003.

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.

- 5) **Architecture & Aesthetics**
Larry Creter
Signage required by city ordered, our staff will install it. Outside decorations completed, the tree will be decorated first week in Dec.
- 6) **ASCO**
Sandy Chaet
The planters on Sheridan Road will be replanted for the winter season the first week in Dec.
- 7) **Garage**
Martina Molins
A survey of the garage showed 25 less cars than budgeted.
Claims
Approved: 0
Denied: 3
Total: 3
Waiting lists
Single self-park: 69
Tandem self-park: 0
Second car: 1

Monthly parkers

Valet:	306
Tandem:	57
Single:	140
Preferred:	2
Engineer:	NC
Motorcycle:	0
Total:	505

New monthlies:	3
Cancellations:	3
Upgrades:	3

8) Communications

Tom Vaughan

Take a look at channel 95, it is greatly improved.

The Dialogue reports that, at the end of 2002, advertising income exceeded printing expense by \$1,150 and that the Dialogue has a profit of \$410 after all expenses for the year.

9) Legal

Janice Krzesinski

We are reviewing requirements for unit owner insurance policies.

For a new tenant in a rented unit, not on the lease, to get a black key, he must provide a written authorization from the unit owner that he may reside in the unit. If someone wants access to an unoccupied unit, we should get a picture ID and they must be an authorized person or on the access list provided by the owner.

10) Finance & Insurance

Tom Vaughan

The board of directors is searching for a resident with insurance knowledge to serve on this committee.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

- 1) **Building survey summary**
Working on the volume and quality of elevator music. The swimming pool hours will be returned to pre-construction hours in 2003.
- 2) **2003 proposed budget**
Motion passed to accept the budget as sent to owners. Janice Krzesinski was thanked for her outstanding work on the budget.
- 3) **Committee appointments**
Affirmed (see page 6)
- 4) **2003 board meeting dates**
Affirmed (see page 6)



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese, MECA Association Manager

The building staff has been very busy over the past few weeks decorating the interior and exterior of the building for the holidays. They are also prepared for the cold and snow that will be here soon. The snow removal equipment is tuned up and ready to go. There is plenty of ice melt on hand to help them battle the elements.

The exterior fascia and balcony project is coming to an end

The exterior fascia and balcony project is coming to an end. The crews are finishing the final two tiers (A & C) and they are scheduled to be finished with the project in the next few weeks, weather permitting. Residents in the L, G & J tiers can have full use of their balconies because the construction is done on those three tiers. The board of directors would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all the residents in the building for their cooperation and patience during the construction. The board is considering an annual exterior maintenance program, which could result in saving money and sig-

nificantly reducing the time needed to complete repairs on the building.

The holiday season is just around the corner, and a letter will be issued to all building residents and owners regarding the annual holiday fund for all of the building staff. When you receive the letter, please take a minute to read it, and hopefully you will feel compelled to contribute to the fund, which is distributed to all the building staff. Should you make a contribution, your consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Malibu East staff is committed to serve the residents and owners in the building at the highest level possible. I want to thank them all for their hard work and dedication over the past year. I consider myself very fortunate to be part of the Malibu East family and to be able to work alongside such loyal and motivated people. I look forward to continued success in 2003 and I want to extend my best wishes to the staff, residents and owners for a joyous holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

5) Garage entrance repairs

A contract was approved to remove loose concrete, patch and paint the area inside the entrance to the garage.

6) Penthouse roof

A contract was approved for repairs to the east penthouse roof (penthouses enclose the elevator machinery).

Items not requiring board action

1) Exterior & balcony project

The six-year \$5 million project will be finished the first week in Dec. Nothing is left to be done in the spring. We are considering a maintenance program costing \$50,000 yearly (1% of the complete project cost). The city made an inspection of the garage June 11 and has requested repairs.

2) Unit sales

31B	\$262,500
41J	\$215,000
41K	\$245,300
42E	\$237,000

3) Management office holiday hours

Closed these days:
Dec. 24 — ½ day
Dec. 25
Dec. 31 — ½
Jan. 1

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

Christmas tree disposal

Any resident who needs to dispose of a Christmas tree can do so by calling the management office at 271-1732. The office will schedule an appointment to have the building staff come to your unit and take your tree down to the loading dock so that it can be removed from the property. If you are unable to call the management office, you may leave a note with the front desk, and the office staff will contact you to schedule the removal of your tree.

Please do not remove your Christmas tree by yourself because you may cause unnecessary work for the building staff by leaving pine needles and tree branches in the hallways and elevators.

Contact the management office for additional information.

Free poinsettias



Each year our lobby is decorated with large, beautiful poinsettias. They are given away free each year on a first-come, first-serve basis when lobby decorations are removed. If you would like to give a poinsettia a post-season home, please sign up in the management office to receive a free poinsettia. You will be notified when they will be available. Free printed care instructions are available.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



NATURE CENTER

Winter Solstice Concert/Festival
Roasted chestnut tasting, crafts, animals, music, luminary walk.
Dec. 21, 6-9pm
5801 N. Pulaski
312-744-5472

WARREN PARK

North Shore Philatelic Soc.
4th Wed. 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

CHISPEARE PRODUCTION CO.

"The Tragedy of Hamlet"
Thru Dec. 15, call for prices
2pm Sat., 7pm Sun.
1650 W. Foster Ave.
773-769-2056

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"Cocktail Time"
P.G. Wodehouse comedy/adventure.
Thru Jan. 12, \$18-\$24
8pm Thu.-Sat., 3pm Sun.
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-293-3682

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel"
Musical, Mike and his shovel.
Thru Jan. 5, \$8
1&3pm Sat., 10pm Sun.
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

PEGASUS PLAYERS

"The Poet, the Puppet, and the Prisoner"
One-man puppet show.
Thru Dec. 8
8pm Thu.-Sat., 3pm Sun.
O'Rourke Theatre
1145 W. Wilson
773-878-9761

RED HEN PRODUCTIONS

"Dracula, the Puppet Play"
NOT for children under 12

Thru Dec. 31, \$25
8pm & 10:30pm Fri./Sat.
5123 N. Clark St.
312-409-8123

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH

Sing-A-Long Messiah
17 piece orchestra
7:30pm Sun., Dec. 8
\$10, \$5 students/seniors
Music score-\$10
St. Ignatius Church
6559 N. Glenwood
773-274-4480

COMMUNITY EVENTS/MEETINGS

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

17th Annual Edgewater Singers Holiday Concert
Dec. 14, 7:30pm FREE
1244 W. Thorndale
Edgewater Chamber of Commerce
Holiday mixer & Best of Edgewater Awards
Dec 9, 6-8pm, \$40 single, \$50 couple

The Room
5900 N. Broadway

Uptown Head Start

Half & full days, 3 & 4-year-olds
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-769-5753

Sweet Adelines

Edge-O-Town chapter looking for women who enjoy singing.
773-205-2820

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Security Committee meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 3
7:30pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 10
7:30pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 17

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

MECA holiday party

Wednesday, Dec. 18
6:00pm — lobby

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Dec. 19
2:00pm — Community Room

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK

CULTURAL CENTER

Adult computer classes

Thu 7-8:30pm
Call for information
773-761-5792

Winter class registration

Begins Dec. 7

Annual holiday concert

Performance by the Chicago Studio of Professional Singing
Mon., Dec. 16, 7:30pm
Donation \$5
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.
312-742-7871

BROADWAY ARMORY

Early childhood recreation classes

5917 N. Broadway
312-742-7502

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.
Dec. 4, 7pm

Internet basics

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail
1st Sat. of month

Chess club

Children and adults
7-8:30pm Mon.

Creative writers group

7-8:30pm Thu.

Children's writing group

5- to 10-year-olds
9:30-11am Sat.
Call Mark Kaplan for info
1210 W. Elmdale
312-744-0718

MISERICORDIA

Holiday brunch

Dec. 1, 8, 15
6300 N. Ridge Ave.
773-973-6300

NORTH PARK VILLAGE

Malibu East Holiday Party

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:00pm in the lobby
Please bring food

The two success stories of our annual holiday party are:

1. We get a chance to share the holiday spirit with our neighbors.
2. We get to share our neighbors' culinary skills.

So please bring your special finger foods to the party to share with your neighbors and friends.

Restaurants open Christmas Day



by Betty Mayian

Andies, Greek-Mediterranean
5253 N. Clark St.
773/784-8616

The Angus, Prime steaks, seafood
7555 North Western Ave.
773/262-8844 / fax 773/262-2444

Deluxe Diner, diner
6349 North Clark St., 773/743-8244

Ethiopian Diamond, African
6120 North Broadway, 773/338-6100

Fireside Pub, American
5739 North Ravenswood,
773/878-5942 / fax 773/878-7615

Mei Shung, Chinese & Taiwanese
5511 North Broadway
773/728-5778 / fax 773/728-6962

Reza's, Persian
5255 North Clark St.
773/561-1898 / fax 773/561-9896

Standees, 24/365 diner
1133 West Granville, 773/743-5013

Turkish Cuisine & Bakery,
Mediterranean
5605 N. Clark St., 773/878-8930

What does 'Auld Lang Syne' mean?

by Norm Cratty

It turns out that "Auld Lang Syne" is an extremely old Scottish song that was first written down in the 1700s. Robert Burns is the person whose transcription got the most attention, so the song is associated with him. A good translation of the words "auld lang syne" is "times gone by." So (including a couple of other translations) when we sing this song, we are saying, "We'll drink a cup of kindness yet for times gone by."

Notice to snowbirds

If you are going to be out of town for the winter season, keep up with MECA events by having the Dialogue mailed to your winter home. Leave your name, unit number, winter address and MECA phone number at the doorman's station or at the management office in an envelope addressed to the Dialogue editor. Also include the months & dates of your departure and return.



Committee transformed

by Sande Rohde & Wes Shriver

The former Floor Captains Committee, renamed the Floor Representatives Committee has undergone radical changes. After much soul-searching and suggestions from the board of directors and residents, the committee is now prepared to provide essential, timely support to residents, especially to our newcomers. There was a general consensus that many of our current residents and newcomers have a need for support and information that is not available on a consistent basis.

Committee meetings had also become a focal point for disruptive complainers whose needs could be better served by directing their complaints to the management office or turning in a formal complaint and a request for a hearing to the board of directors.

The committee will focus on this agenda, designed to better serve our residents' needs:

Knowledgeable representatives

Each representative will take care of residents' questions by either explaining the issue or by directing them to a resource that best serves their needs. Representatives will be provided with current information and facts necessary to carry out this responsibility.

Sharing issues and solutions

At quarterly meetings, representatives will share issues and solutions that have been effective, resulting in ongoing training of representatives in the latest and most effective means to assist residents.

Board recommendations

The committee will develop new procedures for assisting residents and will forward recommendations to the board of directors for action.

Committee membership

All residents are encouraged to volunteer for this committee. The only requirements are the desire to assist your neighbors and a few minutes of your time. The next meeting date is Feb. 11 at 7:30pm in the Windjammer Room. Please come!

2002-2003 MECA board committee assignments

Special committees

(Membership limited to board members unless otherwise noted)

Admissions

Martina Molins (Chair)
Larry Creter (Vice Chair)
Marcia Fishman
Jon Heller
Neil Warner
Jo Anne Meshbom

Finance and Insurance

Tom Vaughan (Chair)
Jo Anne Meshbom (Vice Chair)
Jon Heller

Janice Krzesinski
Martina Molins
Richard Strauss

Long-Range Planning & Special Projects

Jon Heller (Chair)
Richard Strauss (Vice Chair)
Charles Cooper
Larry Creter
Marcia Fishman
Tom Vaughan

Grievances and Appeals (board officers)

Marcel Molins
Richard Strauss
Tom Vaughan
Jo Anne Meshbom
Neil Warner
Larry Creter

Employees' Holiday Fund

Jo Anne Meshbom. (Chair)
Tom Vaughan (Vice Chair)
Sandy Chaet
Jon Heller
Janice Krzesinski
Richard Strauss

Garage Committee

Martina Molins (Chair)
Richard Strauss (Vice Chair)
Sandy Chaet
Marcia Fishman
Janice Krzesinski
Neil Warner

Communications Committee

Tom Vaughan (Chair)
Neil Warner (Vice Chair)
Charles Cooper
Marcia Fishman

Jon Heller
Janice Krzesinski
Security Committee
Larry Creter (Chair)
Sandy Chaet (Vice Chair)
Charles Cooper
Marcia Fishman
Tom Vaughan
Neil Warner

Standing committees

Liaison board members
(Membership open to residents)

Architecture & Aesthetics

Landscaping and Physical Plant

Larry Creter
Marcia Fishman
Richard Strauss

Commercial Unit

Janice Krzesinski
Tom Vaughan
Sandy Chaet
Marcel Molins
Charles Cooper

Dialogue

Larry Creter
Neil Warner

Floor Representatives

Tom Vaughan
Jon Heller
Marcel Molins

Garage

Martina Molins
Richard Strauss

Legal

Janice Krzesinski
Martina Molins

Public and Community Affairs

Janice Krzesinski
Sandy Chaet

Social, Educational and Recreational

Larry Creter
Charles Cooper
Richard Strauss
Tom Vaughan

Rules and Regulations

Charles Cooper
Tom Vaughan
Janice Krzesinski

Pet Committee

Larry Creter
Sandy Chaet

Parent Committee

Jon Heller
Tom Vaughan
Sports and Entertainment
Sandy Chaet
Jon Heller
Neil Warner

2003 MECA Board of Directors meeting dates

All dates are Tuesdays

Jan. 21
Feb. 25
Mar. 25
Apr. 22
May 20
Jun. 24
Jul. 22
Aug. 26
Sep. 16 (2003 Annual Meeting)
Sep. 30 (2003 Budget Meeting)
Oct. 14
Nov. 25
Dec. 16

Winter 2002 holiday decorating contest

by Jack Winans

The third annual unit door and residential hallway winter holiday decorating contest is coming. Decorations must be displayed by 6pm Saturday, Dec. 22 to be eligible for judging. Floor decorations are not acceptable.



Management requests that all decorations be hung with no damage to the unit doors. The cost of repairing nail holes will be passed on to the unit owners. Please hang decorations from the doorknocker, the doorknob or from a strap over the top of the door.

If you would like to be a judge (your anonymity will be preserved), please contact the Dialogue staff by Dec. 10. Judges must be willing to view at least five residential floors and will be supplied with judging forms and award criteria.

Restaurant review

by *Betty Mayian*
Turkish Cuisine and Bakery

5605 N. Clark Street
 Ph (773) 878-8930
 Fax (773) 878-8960

Open 7 days a week,
 11am to midnight (no exceptions)



Engin and Marina are the owners of this good restaurant and bakery and entertainment establishment in Andersonville. My husband, Ara, and I decided to try it one day for lunch. The food was good, but we did not know what else was in store for those who go there on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday evening. Upon returning there one Saturday, we found that there are live musicians with lovely music that soothes and helps the digestion. Also on the weekend you can find belly dancers to stir up the juices even more. We sat with Engin after our meal and talked about what he was doing to help build up his business and give more value to his clientele. He is putting a grocery store in the location just south of the restaurant. It will have some foods from Turkey, Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Russia and more. His own bakery will be on display there instead of taking space in his dining room. There will be many varieties of olives and feta cheese, plus specialties from the far reaches of the European continent. He comes to Chicago from the East Coast – mainly New Jersey and Manhattan. His background is Turkish. He employs six cooks and bakers who specialize in one thing and do their job without stepping on the other chefs' feet. Once you eat here, you know why they added "and Bakery" to the name. Their chefs make their own phyllo dough – and create many different types of baklava. We had to try one of each. Sooo good. I usually don't like baklava because of its sweetness. These are sublime. I spoke with a Greek woman, recently, who said she prefers the Turkish baklava to the Greek. Each to his own, but I prefer less honey. You just have to try some.

We had food other than dessert. If you want to just go for the cold appetizers,

you can't go wrong here. We had five of them at our table and did a little rating. Hummus, the mainstay at any Mideastern establishment, was tasty but a bit thin. We prefer a more substantial chickpea dip. But, it is all according to taste, right? Haydari is a thickened yogurt with crushed garlic and dill (we also detected some walnuts) — well, this was to die for. So good. Cacik is similar, with cucumber in the blend (no walnuts.) Babaganus is made with pureed eggplant and is excellent on their fresh strips of bread (no pita at this bakery). A fried eggplant dip is called patlican and is made a couple of ways here, one with garlic and the other with a hot pepper sauce. My husband's favorite appetizer is their white bean salad called piyaz. Vegetables are blended with the beans in an olive oil and parsley dressing. It is very enjoyable. Engin is proud of his choices in feta cheeses for his restaurant (and later in his new grocery store). A plate of feta is called beyaz peynir. We have tried their hot appetizers, too, but can only recommend their falafel and their sigara boregi, which is a cheese-filled phyllo dough roll in a cigar shape.

For vegetarians, you may supplement your appetizers with tabula salad or choose from several veggie dishes. If you want some very good lamb, then you can pick from so many varieties of kebab (kabob to you) that feature lamb in chunks, ground, or in chops. Not only lamb, but chicken, quail, or chopped beef. Sometimes in combinations. I love the chopped lamb, called kofte, but miss the pine nuts that are usually mixed with the meat. Soups change daily, so ask what the ingredients are. This is a good idea any time you try a new cuisine. But, even though the atmosphere may be new to some, the food is quite good and you can have entertainment along with your meal — at no cover cost.

The friendliness of the owners is beyond reproach. Just try this little spot and get in a conversation with the people there; they will help you make your decisions. Remember to bring a wine with you, if you want to have some with the meal. No liquor license, but they will open and pour your wine for

you. We ended our meal with some sweetened Turkish coffee (and, of course, a plate of assorted pastries). A very enjoyable meal.

Luncheon specials are reasonable and include other items from their bakery, including lahmacun, a Turkish style pizza. (Ara insists on calling it "Armenian style pizza." In any case it is very good and different — a must-try. Firindan, meaning from the oven, is a Turkish stuffed pie with your choice of ingredients. Firindan is their trademark dish.

Free and fast delivery is one of their advertising slogans. Try them out.

MECA garage rates

Effective Jan. 1, 2003

New monthly rates

1 st motorcycle	\$40.50
1 st single self-parking	99
1 st tandem parking	92
1 st valet parking	81

Monthly surcharges

Preferred	\$25
2 nd vehicle	20
3 rd vehicle	45
4 th vehicle	75

Guest parking rates

Up to 1 hour	\$2
1 to 2 hours	3
2 to 4 hours	6
4 to 6 hours	8
6 to 12 hours	15
12 to 24 hours	20
Weekly	70

Parking coupons

\$30 value for	\$25
\$50 value for	\$45
\$60 value for	\$50
Available in MECA office in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations.	

NOTICE: There are no new third or fourth vehicles permitted while there is a waiting list for second vehicles. See our garage manager to sign up or to check the status of the waiting list or for any questions on the garage rates.

Don't forget, you must register your guests for garage parking privileges.

Nov. 5 general election results MECA, Chicago, Cook County, State

MECA City State

U.S. Senator

Durkin	R	22.8%	16.1%	38.0%
Durbin	D	75.8%	82.5%	60.0%

Governor

Ryan	R	29.8%	18.8%	45.0%
Blagojevich	D	68.2%	79.1%	52.0%

Attorney General

Birkett	R	27.0%	21.6%	47.0%
Madigan	D	70.7%	76.1%	50.0%

Secretary of State

Cohn	R	19.3%	11.5%	30.0%
White	D	79.7%	86.7%	68.0%

Comptroller

Ramsdell	R	15.5%	10.1%	33.0%
Hynes	D	80.9%	86.5%	63.0%

Treasurer

Topinka	R	46.5%	28.3%	55.0%
Dart	D	52.8%	70.0%	43.0%

Representative in Congress - 9th

Duric	R	17.2%	17.7%	27.0%
Schakowsky	D	80.8%	78.9%	70.0%

State Rep - 14th

Kazi-Taylor	R	14.1%	10.2%	10.2%
Osterman	D	81.9%	80.3%	80.3%

Cook County Board President

		County		
Bullock	R	28.5%	31.6%	n/a
Stroger	D	71.5%	68.4%	n/a

Cook County Clerk

Thomas	R	16.9%	24.2%	n/a
Orr	D	83.1%	75.8%	n/a

Cook County Sheriff

Swick	R	22.7%	23.4%	n/a
Sheahan	D	77.3%	76.6%	n/a

Cook County Treasurer

Daniels	R	21.2%	24.1%	n/a
Pappas	D	78.8%	75.9%	n/a

Cook County Assessor

Pieczonka	R	18.3%	24.5%	n/a
Houlihan	D	81.7%	75.5%	n/a

Color prints available

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High-rise sprinklers

by Sheli Lulkin

Election returns are to politicians as Oscars are to the movie industry. People have parties to watch, results are guessed at and discussed. Every politician worth their salt has one eye on the television that night, whether on the phone or shaking hands.

So if you had an industry that has been trying to get aldermen to jump their way for years and never succeeded, what would you do if you had lots of money and wanted to get their attention? The National Fire Sprinkler Association, Northern Illinois Sprinkler Advisory Board had an idea. They sponsored the election returns and tried to get the politicians' attention.

The City of Chicago has been rewriting its building code, piece by piece. Each discipline (electrical, plumbing, etc.) is getting the city's complete attention. And some of the new requirements are resulting in higher assessments or special assessments to pay for them. The fire safety section has not been rewritten yet.

For years the NFSA vendors have been wiggling around, trying to get the City of Chicago to mandate sprinkler systems in high-rise residences with little success. They even tried to latch onto the 9/11 high-rise evacuation legislation.

What a bonanza it would be for their members; my two bedroom apartment would be about \$16,000 plus my share of the cost of the common element work. There are over 7,500 units in our section of Sheridan Road alone, thousands of bonanzas just in the 48th Ward. No wonder the sprinkler people spent all that advertising money.

Fortunately, lakefront aldermen are not stupid. The Northern Illinois Sprinkler Advisory Board has not succeeded in finding a champion for its bonanza in the City Council. Every time they float a proposal to council members, Ald. Mary Ann Smith forwards it to the ASCO Board for analysis. We have never supported it, nor has she.

Since 1974, the City of Chicago has required sprinkler systems in new construction. The sprinkler systems are not exposed but hidden behind a thin fake ceiling. This is a design matter.

The day after the fire at 260 Chestnut, lobbyists from the nationwide sprinkler vendors invaded Chicago, promoting their profits. They played a film from this event during their Illinois election night commercials.

The truth is that studies show that the safest place to be in a fire is in a residential high-rise. Unless yours is the unit that is on fire, keep your door closed until Chicago's finest come to get you.

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Historical Society Museum Fundraiser

by Betty Mayian

The Edgewater Historical Society had a fundraiser Nov. 6 that beat all of our previous fundraisers. Charlie's Ale House at 5308 North Clark allowed us to use their "almost opened" restaurant to hold the event. Let me tell you, Tim Rasmussen, owner of Charlie's, not only gave us a wonderful venue to help pay off our construction debts, he also generously gave the labor, food and drinks to go with it. This really helped us with much needed revenue to stave off the bill collectors. The restaurant officially opened the following Tuesday and it helped to "shake down" the restaurant for Tim.

Just how successful was the event? We about 300 people attended. Part of our success came from a 'Silent Auction' table that brought in 25% of the revenue. The people came from all over, but the majority came from the East Andersonville, West Andersonville and Lakewood/Balmoral areas of Edgewater. These people walked over, generally, but there is an Andersonville service of valet parking that is very helpful in that parking-starved area. The service costs \$3 and can really help when you are living on Sheridan Road, as we do. I intend to write a real restaurant revue of Charlie's for a later Dialogue, but for now I want you to know that the food is really good and fills another restaurant category for our neighborhood.

So, now we talk about the event, itself. The people were due to arrive at 7pm — and arrive they did. Right at 7pm the doors sprung open to a steady stream of partygoers. They arrived with checks, cash, and others with their names on pre-paid lists. The four volunteers at the door could hardly keep up with the people ready to celebrate the museum's opening, and the brand new restaurant in the neighborhood. Which reason was it that they all came for? We will never know — and we don't care, since they arrived with the mind-set to eat, drink, and put their names down at the silent auction tables.

Chef George had his hands full keeping

the food available on buffet tables in the back room. As he said later on, "I got very creative with noodle dishes at the end of the evening". He was inspired and the food was outstanding. Some of the dishes will be featured on the regular menu, but some were inventions of his fertile mind. The Swedish Bakery supplied desserts. How bad is that? The wait-staff was super. I have been there a couple of times since and they still are. Friendliness is an important factor in how I rate any service, and theirs rate right up there.

Our board meeting, that followed this wonderful time for us, was effusive in its praise of the owner and the restaurant; and we would like to do more events there. The space is right, the proximity to the museum (at 5358 N. Clark St.) is perfect, and we have the good-feelings about it that would make us choose it. Thank you, Tim Rasmussen — and thank you, all you wonderful neighbors who came to help make it a memorable time.

Poinsettia care

Post-purchase care of poinsettias is extremely important for extended life:

Place poinsettias in brightly lighted locations, away from cold drafts. Temperatures of 60° F at night and 72° F during the day, along with high humidity will prolong bract color.

Water only when the surface of the growing medium is dry to the touch. Since poinsettias do not like "wet feet," be mindful to discard water that might collect in a saucer placed under the pot. If the pot containing the plant is foil-covered, be certain there is a drainage hole in the foil.

Care of the new plant:

Poinsettias use a lot of water. Check daily. Make sure soil remains moist, but do not allow water to remain beneath the pot in the saucer or wrapping. Too much water will cause the roots to rot, and the plant will deteriorate.

Keep the plant out of drafts. Excessively hot, dry air from heating ducts will reduce the life of the plant. Also

Poinsettia hoax

Claim: Poinsettia plants are poisonous to humans.

Status: False.

Origins: Have you ever read a warning like the following?

Don't ever let your kids eat the poinsettias! They are deadly poisonous, and every year several poor unsuspecting little ones are killed at Christmastime by taking just the slightest nibble from a poinsettia plant.

Scary stuff. Luckily for us, it's not true. It's a wonderfully persistent myth though, and it seems to have arisen from a long-ago death of a child, having been attributed to the wrong cause.

Source: <http://www.snopes2.com>



avoid cold drafts. Poinsettias are semi-tropical and cannot tolerate cold temperatures or rapid temperature changes.

Keep the plant where temperatures remain above 60 degrees F. Temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees F are ideal. It is not necessary to move poinsettias into a cool room at night.

Place the plant in good light but not direct sun.

Do not allow the plant to wilt. Poinsettias are closely related to many desert plants. Their first response to dry conditions is to drop their leaves in order to cut down water loss.

Source: <http://muextension.missouri.edu/xplor/agguides/hort/g06511.htm>

Senn Park update

by Jack Winans

Monday morning, Nov. 4, children from Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran nursery school unofficially inaugurated the Senn Park playlot. Observing the children were the improvement's prime movers, 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith and Senn Park Advisory Council President Kate Thomas. "Can you imagine this place with grass and shrubs?" said Ald. Smith.

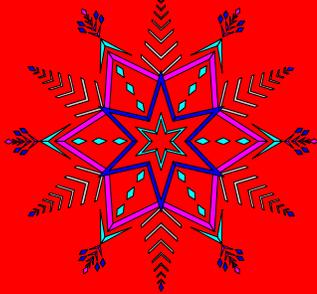
The playlot was started on Oct. 5 when a couple hundred volunteers assembled most of the playlot equipment, much like huge, colorful Tinker Toys. Thanksgiving was the target date for completion of work on the playlot. Landscaping was extensive with new trees, multiple beds of perennials, daffodils and shrubs. Sod is coming soon. Safety tiles will be installed under the play equipment early in December. The water-play feature will be installed before summer.

Donors' engraved bricks can still be ordered. Order forms are available at www.sennpark.org or by calling 773-271-2434.



Award medal pictured below will be placed on winner unit doors.

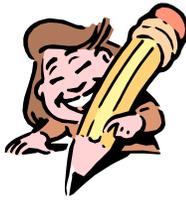
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Dear Etta Kitt,

My neighbor put a mat in front of her door. It curls and makes the hallway look sloppy, but I said, live and let live. Now with winter and the sloppy weather here, she's leaving boots, shoes and umbrellas out, also. It wouldn't be so bad if they were there for a short time while they dried, but they stay there day after day. She is not very friendly, and I'm apprehensive about bringing my concerns to her attention. I know that the MECA Declaration prohibits personal items in the common-area hallway, but I'm guilty also as I always hang a seasonal wreath on my door. What should I do?



'Town Crier' announcements
by Betty Mayian



We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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

Balcony Man by Scott Virzi

Miss Apprehensive,

I can sympathize with your concerns about "bearding the lion in the den," as unfortunately, like in all communities, we do have some people with rather vile dispositions. I also understand your concern about appearing equally guilty; however, this is where common sense comes into play. We need to be tolerant of the actions of our neighbors, but not to the extent where they diminish property values or compromise our safety. A wreath on a door is not a safety problem, but using one's front door, as a storage area for offensive or dirty items is not acceptable. The outside of your front door is part of your home also, and you have every right to complain to management when you feel offended.



Any item left on the hallway floor, including a doormat, no matter how pleasing to the eye, is a safety concern as it can impede the safe access or exit of firemen or your neighbors in the event that a fire fills the hallway with smoke. It also interferes with the safety of vision-impaired individuals.

Once again, I urge you to use common sense and apply the Golden Rule.



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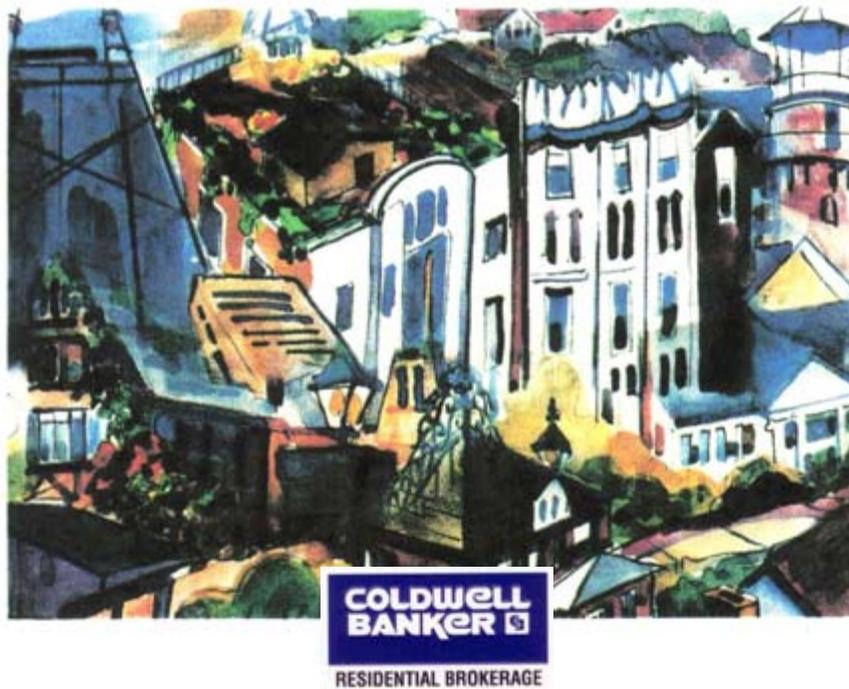
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