

Malibu East Dialogue

February 2005

Your Communication and Information Resource

MECA Rules revision almost complete

Rules & regulations changed; distribution for owner review soon

By Cass Buscher

After quite a bit of time and work, the new Rules and Regulations are nearly ready for the residents and owners to review. It is the hope of the board that the new format for the Rules will be much easier to read and follow. Additionally, some changes and additions to the Rules are being proposed, so please read through the rules very carefully.

To improve the Rules, an index has been added so that the reader can quickly find rules that they want to review, and an effort has been made to place all related rules in the same sections. Additionally there have been changes to some of the old rules and some new rules added. These changes include a section that details how to deal with grievances and breaches of the condo rules, changes in some of the times when construction activity can occur, some of the fees associated with moves, the new unit insurance rule, and the new Saturday Receiving Room rule that the board passed recently.

By the end of the month you should receive a copy of the new proposed Malibu East Rules and Regulations. In about a month's time, there will be a general meeting to adopt the new Rules and Regulations. Prior to that meeting, please submit, in writing, any comments, questions, or concerns you might have, to the management office or a board member. At that meeting the board will address the comments, and if the Rules are accepted, the intention is to have a more formal bound copy prepared and presented to the unit owners.



An exemplary effort

By Jack Winans

Laid up with a winter cold during the 12-inch snow storm, I rarely left my lofty 39th floor unit, but I could see that a war was being waged below and most of our neighbors were losing — but not Malibu East! Our tremendous crew took on the challenge with a vigor that kept our building entrances and sidewalks open 24 hours a day during the storm and afterward when the lake-effect winds all but closed most other Sheridan Road sidewalks, forcing pedestrians into the street.

It was also noted by our board that our wonderful employees accomplished the task with most ill prepared for the weather. Our board took immediate action to remedy this situation at the next board meeting.

(See board notes, page 2)

*Our condolences to the family and friends of
Ralph Flynn,
our mailman*

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

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.

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005

Attendance: 12 board members, 2 management representatives and 13 residents.

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Multiple cable TV complaints concerning bad reception, missing channels, no reception for long periods, residents told by repairmen that they needed to buy upgrade equipment for \$80 to get good reception and the phone lines at USA Wireless not being answered or call backs promised and not made.
President Marcel Molins stated he believed that USA Wireless contract commitments were not being met and the Cable Committee should meet very soon with USA Wireless to resolve the problems.
- 2) Why did we leave RCN Cable TV? *Several reasons, including poor customer relations, RCN's financial difficulties and their uncompetitive contract proposal.*
- 3) What happened with the proposal for dock doors. *Due to the pressing demand of more important projects, it was put on the back burner.*
- 4) Can we have a bench in the playroom for parents/grandparents? *Will be looked into.*
- 5) Is SNAPP working correctly as it was designed? *Yes and it is to our benefit as it simplifies and accelerates the assessment payment process.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves
— \$2,777,605.80

Delinquency report

Several accounting problems with accounts in arrears.

Holiday fund report

(See page 11, Dec. '04 Dialogue.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Rules & Regulations/Legal**
Marcel Molins/Neil Warner
Neil is in the process of making a final style check and has set a deadline of Jan. 31 before printing and mailing to owners for a 30-day review.
- 2) **Floor Representatives**
Keith Grubb
Working on the Bulk Room package.
- 3) **Security**
Sandy Chaet
Carts must be signed out and should be returned within 20 minutes. Safety packages will be sent out this week.
We are wondering if we should have a policy that a resident must accompany visitors into the residential area of the building during late-night hours. We will spot-check the log to see what visitor activity there is late at night.
- 4) **Commercial Property**
Marcel Molins
The First Commercial Bank, a tenant of our Captain's Walk, has requested a meeting with the board to explore methods that could be used to reach more Malibu East owners as prospective clients. If we can be insured, we might also consider putting more assets in the bank. The architects are very close to having the final construction drawings for the Captain's Walk handicapped entrance renovation.
- 5) **Architecture & Aesthetics**
Carol Beatty
Meeting in Feb. to continue with hall decoration plans. We are down to five choices.
- 6) **ASCO report**
Sandy Chaet
The Zoning & Planning Committee meeting is Wed. Jan. 26.

7) Garage

Martina Molins

48 cars have been moved to Malibu due to construction. Some complaints due to cars parked outside on the boat dock. No other problems due to construction.

Standard Parking report

Claims

Approved:	1
Denied:	0
Total:	1

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	29
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

Monthly parkers

Single:	144
Tandem:	48
Valet:	304
Preferred:	2
Motorcycle:	1
Engineer:	NC
Total:	499

New monthlies:	1
Cancellations:	0
Upgrades:	0

8) Sports Entertainment

Neil Warner

It will not be practical to fix the billiard table. A replacement will cost about \$1,500 – \$2,500.

9) Communications

Carol Beatty

The Dialogue reports a 2004 profit of \$800. No budgeted monies were expended.

10) Building Maintenance

Carol Beatty

A letter will go to parents using the playroom concerning the current misuse of the playroom and the playroom equipment. The Billiard Room has been renovated, please take a look!

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chris Chiodo, Association Mgr.
Dean Lerner, Sudler Rep.

Items requiring immediate board action

- 1) **Lechner & Sons contract renewal/ New maintenance uniforms**
The board looked at and voted on sample uniforms. A gray shirt and navy pants were selected — very classy! The Lechner proposal was pre-approved with allowance made for final fine-tuning by the Executive Committee.
- 2) **Winter parkas quotes for maintenance department.**
Will go with navy blue with artificial filler. The coats will be for Malibu East use only, not for personal use. The board approved the purchase of the parkas.

Items requiring future board action

- 1) **New doorman uniforms**
Our current doorman uniforms are outdated. The board will look at samples at the next meeting.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Garage construction report**
The construction work is going smoothly and is right on time. The have come in every single day.
Richard Strauss: We budgeted \$410,000. We do not have the engineering specs for phase 2, that is also in the budget. We hope to be done with the current phase by April or sooner.
- 2) **Satellite TV status**
A Cable TV Committee meeting was scheduled for 7pm Feb. 3 to discuss residents' and the board's concerns about the current state of TV reception and service.
- 3) **Unit sales**
14M \$180,000

The meeting ended at 9:30pm and went into closed session.



What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

Building staff: I personally would like to thank the building staff on their efforts handling the bitter cold and the exhausting snow removal this past month. On many days our staff spends hours & hours in the cold so we can have better access to our building. Please show them your gratitude by saying thanks.

USA Wireless Satellite TV: After numerous conversations and meetings with USA Wireless, they have been upgrading the system on a daily basis, making the picture quality in the building much better. According to their office, you should be noticing a much improved picture quality. If you continue to experience problems, do not contact the management office or DIRECTV, only contact USA Wireless. They can be reached at 1-800-433-4558 or 1-847-831-4561. Please be aware that more changes to the channel lineup are likely. If you would like to see channels added or deleted, please make that request only in writing and send it to the management office. (There will be no channels added or deleted until the system is up and running without any problems.)

Garage construction project: I'm happy to report that the transition of parkers moving over to Malibu went very smoothly. I have been meeting with the contractors who are working on the garage on a daily basis; they informed me that they are right on schedule.

While the construction work is being done, there will not be any guest parking available at the MECA garage during the project with the exception of

daytime hours on weekdays. You may want to direct your guests to the garages at Malibu and 6030 N. Sheridan.

We acknowledge the inconvenience of having your parking privileges changed, yet this is necessary for this project to commence and be completed on time. We appreciate your support, understanding and cooperation with this project, which is critical to restoring the structural integrity of the building.

Management Office E-Mail Address: For your convenience, if you need to contact the management office or the Board of Directors for any reason, you may e-mail your requests, concerns, problems, etc. to malibueast@awb.us.

Assessments: Assessments are due by the 15th of every month to avoid a \$50 late charge. Please send remittance to:

Malibu East Condo Association
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8401 Innovation Way
Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The management office will not accept assessment checks unless directed to do so.

Senior Citizens: If you're 65 or older and are an owner, you may qualify for Sewer Charge Exemption on future bills. Copies of the 2004 water bill can be picked up at the management office.

Mailman Ralph Flynn: If anyone wants to contact the family of our recently deceased mailman, Ralph Flynn, concerning donations to specific causes, please contact the management office for details.

NOTICE

See the Community Calendar on page 4 for board and committee meeting dates

REMINDER

With the onset of winter weather, remember that it is against MECA rules to store anything on the hallway floors including: rugs, boots, shoes, wet clothing, seasonal statues.

Community Calendar

by Jack Winans



7–8pm Feb. 25, \$2 & \$3
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8pm Wed.–Fri. \$6 & \$12
4710 N. Lincoln Ave.
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LIFELINE THEATRE

"The Sirens of Titan"

A world premiere based on the novel by Kurt Vonnegut
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invasions. Join the characters as they travel from Earth to Mars to Mercury to the moon Titan in Vonnegut's scathing satire on luck, religion, power and the meaning (or non-meaning) behind human existence.

Feb. 4–Apr. 3, 7:30 Fri., 4 & 8pm Sat., 5:30pm Sun.
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

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"Dead Man Walking"

Tim Robbins has invited us along with other Jesuit universities nationwide to be the first to produce his new play. *Dead Man Walking*, an adaptation of Sister Helen Prejean's book and Robbin's Academy Award-winning film. This production will be one part of a university-wide discussion on capital punishment happening this year.

Feb. 18–20, 24–27
Loyola University
6525 N. Sheridan Rd.
1125 W. Loyola
773-508-3847

PEGASUS PLAYERS THEATRE

"The Upper Room"

Examines the tenuous relationship between a prominent Jewish scholar and his African-American colleagues.
Feb. 10 – Apr. 24
1145 W. Wilson
773-878-9761

RAVEN THEATRE

"Puss in Boots and Other Tails"

Jan. 22–Feb. 27, \$8
1pm Sat. & Sun.
6157 N. Clark
773-338-2177

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 15
7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon

discussion group

Thursday, Feb. 17
2:00pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 22
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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Your House Has a History

Research seminar by Kathryn Gemperle. Three Saturdays, \$35/members, \$50/non-members.
10–11:30am Feb. 5, 12 & 26
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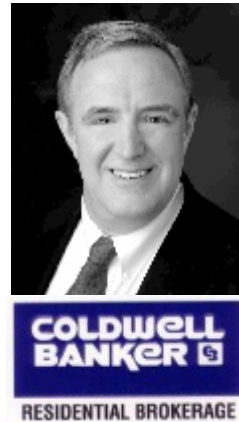
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Over 100 attend salon open house

By Jack Winans

The crowd of guests overflowed into the hall at Anna Ivleva's Sheridan Hair & Body Studio annual open house. Sunday afternoon, Jan.9, Anna served drinks and hors d'oeuvres to clients and residents of neighboring condominiums in her salon located in the Malibu East Captain's Walk at 6033 N Sheridan Rd.

Winter door contest

By Jack Winans

First of all, I'd like to express my thanks to Carol Beatty and her panel of judges for resurrecting the Winter Door Decorating Contest. It was a lot of hard work examining and recording the details of the decorating flair of every unit in our large building.

Second, we'd really appreciate feedback from our owners/residents concerning the entire concept of our contest. Please leave your comments in an envelope at the doorman's station addressed to Jack Winans, Dialogue Editor, or email to:

Dialogue@MalibuEast.org.



Did you know?

The Y of "Ye Olde English Tavern" is actually the "thorn" from Old English Anglo Saxon writing that supplemented the Roman Latin. It was pronounced TH. The letter in Old English was originally shaped like our lowercase p, but with an ascender — Þ. With no thorn in the Norman invader's alphabet, printers came to use the Y with a curled tail to represent thorn. This use lasted well into the 18th century.



Sizzle grand opening

By Betty Mayian
Dialogue restaurant reviewer

The restaurant portion of the Pumping Company has reopened as Sizzle on Broadway under the management of Mike Ellert. The grand opening festivities Sep. 26 included Creole food specials, music and prizes. The writer was accompanied by husband Ara, and Jack and Elaine Winans.

We agree the Sizzle has sizzle, all right. It also has a great hangout atmosphere, a place where the manly men can go for games and such. Sun., Feb. 6 — Super Bowl party, 25¢ jumbo wings, drink specials, five TVs upstairs plus the jumbo screen in the party room. Also, it has a place for the quieter type of individual, who might want to participate in a Poetry Slam that is coming at 9pm Wednesdays in the lower level lounge. Call for details. Sunday brunch starts at 10am.

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Notice: The editor received this email from 48th Ald. Mary Ann Smith

Dear Community Leaders,

I am happy to announce that the Chicago Board of Education has approved the establishment of a Naval Academy at Senn H. S. that will open Sep. 2005.



While there was some disagreement about the Naval Academy, it is clear that everyone in the community wants what is best for the students who are currently at Senn and for those who will be attending the school.

The Academy is a first step in the concerted effort to make Senn the high school of choice for our community. As we go forward, I hope you and your organization will be part of this process.

Happy holidays and my best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2005.

Warm Regards,

Ald. Mary Ann Smith



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4	WMAQ-TV 5 (NBC)	39	Weather Channel	70	Soap Network
6	WLS-TV 7 (ABC)	40	Cartoon Network	71	(Reserved)
8	WGN-TV 9 (WB)	41	Disney Channel	72	TV Food Network
10	WCIU-TV 26 (Independent)	42	ABC Family	73	Discovery Health Channel
12	WTTW-TV 11 (PBS)	43	Animal Planet	74	(Reserved)
13	WFLD-TV 32 (Fox)	44	Discovery Channel	75	Travel Channel
14	WPWR-TV 50 (UPN)	45	Learning Channel	76	History Channel
15	WCPX-TV 38 (PAX)	46	Nickelodeon/Nick-at-Nite	77	(Reserved)
16	WYCC-TV 20 (PBS)	47	VH-1	78	(Reserved)
17	Galavision	48	MTV	79	Eternal Word TV Network
18	Univision	49	BET: Black Entertainment TV	80	Home Shopping Network
19	ESPN	50	(Reserved)	81	QVC
20	ESPN 2	51	(Reserved)	82	American Movie Classics
21	ESPN News	52	Spike TV	83	(Reserved)
22	ESPN Classic	53	Comedy Central	84	Turner Classic Movies
23	Comcast SportsNet	54	G4TechTV	85	Bravo
24	Fox Sports World	55	Sci-Fi Channel	86	Independent Film Channel
25	Golf Channel	56	Turner Network Television	87	HBO: Home Box Office
26	(Reserved)	57	USA Network	88	HBO Plus
27	Speed Channel	58	Turner Broadcast System	89	HBO Family
28	Outdoor Channel	59	Court TV	90	HBO Signature
29	Bloomberg TV	60	E! Entertainment Television	91	Lobby Camera (To be added)
30	(Reserved)	61	FX	92	Mgt Channel (To be added)
31	Cable News Network	62	Home & Garden TV	93	(Reserved)
32	(Reserved)	63	TV Land	94	(Reserved)
33	C-SPAN	64	Lifetime: Television for Women	95	Showtime
34	C-SPAN 2	65	(Reserved)	96	Showtime (West)
35	Fox News Channel	66	WE: Women's Entertainment	97	Showtime Too
36	CNBC	67	Hallmark Channel	98	Showtime Showcase
37	MSNBC	68	A&E: Arts & Entertainment	99	Television Program Guide

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Dear Etta Kitt,

Many times this winter, I have found myself stuck on the 2nd or 3rd floor because the elevator door will not close due to a strong draft from the garage through open hallway doors. This occasionally even affects the closing of the elevator door in the lobby.



Signed, Stuck and going nowhere

Dear Stuck,

Many others have complained about being "stuck." We do have a great deal of "negative air pressure" in this building, which makes it sometimes very difficult to close those garage hallway doors. A little extra effort by everyone in closing doors is the correct "Etta Kitt." Also, please report to the management office any doors that do not properly "latch" closed.

Dear Etta Kitt,

Quite often, the elevator stops at a floor and there is no one present to get on. I realize that this is very often the result of someone pressing both the "Up" and "Down" buttons in a misguided attempt to grab the closest elevator. These "Mystery Passengers" frustrate me. Is there a solution?

Dear Frustrated,

The only real solution is forbearance. Remember the old adage, "God give me ..." This is a lose-lose situation. It's almost impossible to identify the guilty party, and even if you did, would you really want to Confront the type of person who commits such selfish acts?

Dialogue reprints

Reprints of Dialogue pages are available in color on photo paper at the price of \$1 per page. Call or e-mail the editor with your requests.



For reprints of back issues from Jan. 2000 to date, go to:

www.MalibuEast.org/dialogue

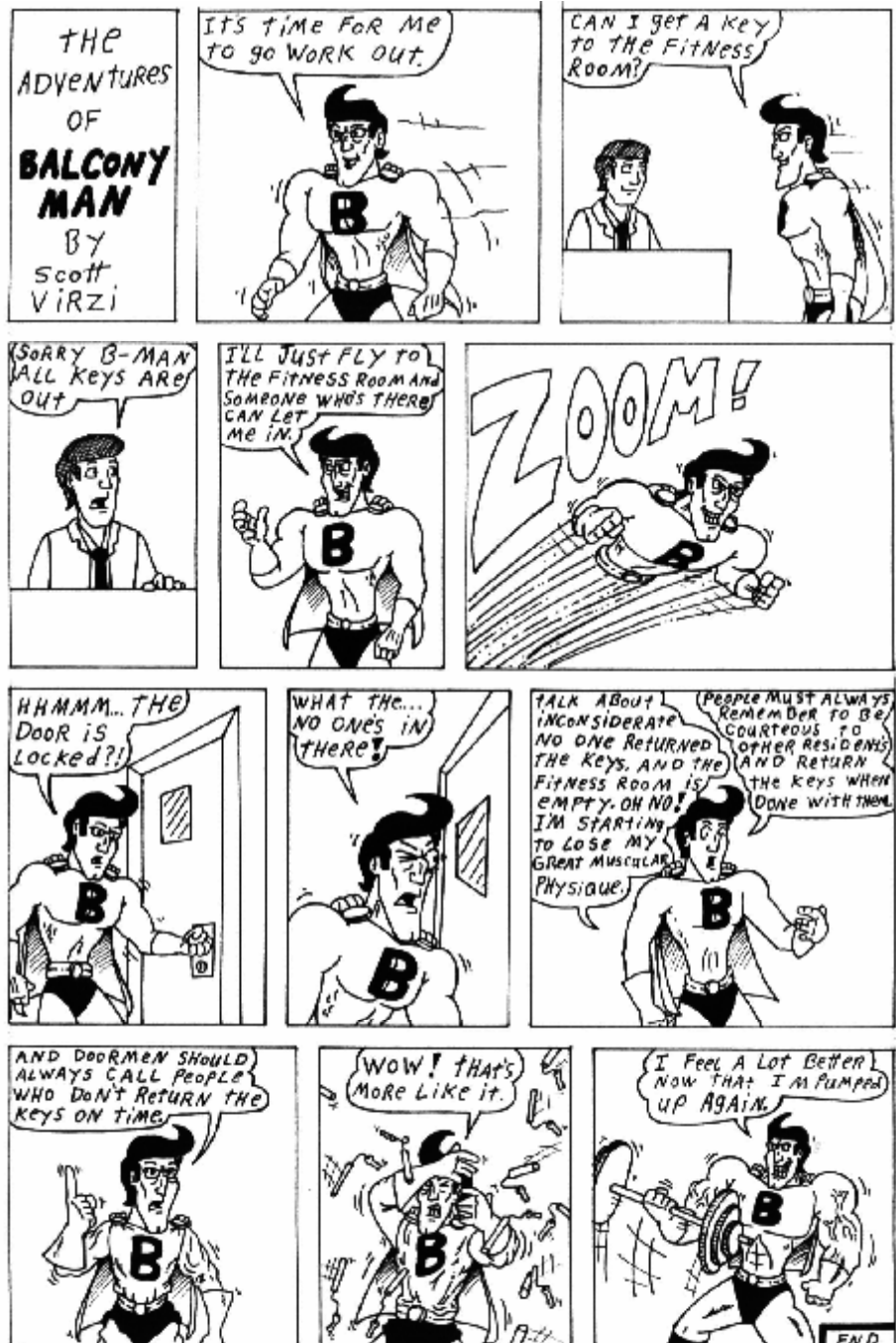
'Town Crier' announcements by Betty Mayian

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



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