

# Malibu East Dialogue

July 2006

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## Malibu East and community active in July

### Community news

By Sandy Chaet

At the Zoning & Planning meeting on May 31, Ald. Mary Ann Smith discussed how well the cop-cameras are doing on Thorndale/Winthrop and Argyle/Winthrop. This month should see the traffic camera being installed at the intersection of Foster/Sheridan and later by Hollywood/Sheridan. This camera will help ticket vehicles going through the lights and other moving violations. Ald. Smith announced that the proposed zoning for Broadway and Sheridan that had been passed at Zoning & Planning should be voted on by the City Council sometime this summer.

A four-story mixed-used building will be built at 5642 N. Broadway. It will consist of nine condominiums and two commercial spaces. It will be an elevator building with fireplaces, hardwood floors, balconies and indoor/outdoor parking.

On Saturday, July 1 at dusk (probably around 8:30-9 p.m.) there will be our first Movie at the Beach, sponsored by ASCO through a donation by the Breakers at Edgewater Beach. The movie will be "Music Man." It will take place on the east side of Lake Shore Drive at Bryn Mawr. Everyone is welcome to attend. People are allowed to bring food, beverages, blankets and/or chairs to sit on, etc. No alcohol is allowed. Dogs must be kept on leashes. Parking will be available at St. Andrew's Church. This is a free event.

The next Movie on the Beach is a Gay Games-affiliated cultural event. The Games take place in Chicago from July 16-22. This movie is being sponsored by the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce and will be on Sunday,

July 16 at dusk. There will be a concert and a series of family-friendly, gay-themed movies, "Shorts on the Beach," which have been approved for public screening. There will be free trolley services back and forth from Clark Street to the event. Again, all are welcome to attend. Watch for more details on both events.

### White elephant sale

By Betty Mayian

Spring-cleaning is over, right? Well, what are you going to do with all the extra "stuff" you have accumulated? Why, sell it, of course!

MECA is bringing back its once-popular white elephant sale for all of us who need to get rid of things — and for those of us who need to buy more. The event will be held from 11am to 3pm Aug. 13, on the deck if possible. The Windjammer Room is our backup location in case of inclement weather. Residents are welcome to invite guests to come, to buy at the sale.

Each person who is selling will need to provide his/her own table and chair and pay a \$5 entry fee, which will go to the Social Committee budget. If you want to come to purchase something at (hopefully) a bargain price, bring your pocketbook. All transactions will be between the buyers and the sellers.

A flyer will be delivered to residents to further explain the event. The timing of the arrival of the seller's supplies will be staggered to make it easier on our elevator service. It sounds like a good time to stock up or get rid of your "treasures."



### Chocolate feast

By Betty Mayian

Everyone seems to love chocolate. Dark, light, white, over fruit, in a cake, brownies, cookies, milk, ice cream, candies and on and on. There doesn't seem to be a bad way to serve it. What if all of that is put out before you on a sweet-table that will make you weep with joy? You don't have to go to a wedding to have this. Just come to our Malibu East chocolate feast at 2pm on July 23, in the Windjammer Room. The MECA Social Committee will supply some goodies, (homemade and store-bought). But what makes it exciting is if you bring your own favorite chocolate treat to share with your neighbors and friends. There will be coffee for the adults and milk for the kids. No charge! Just bring some chocolate dessert and we will all have fun. Hopefully the day will be good so you can take your plate outside on our deck. That is what it is for. Join us.

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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, Jun. 27, 2006

Attendance: 11 board members, 1 management representative and 14 residents  
Not present: Martina Molins

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Is it possible to get an artist's rendition of lobby circulation project?  
*Will inquire as to price.*
- 2) Complaint of hall carpet stain that staff has not been able to remove.  
*Will be addressed by the board.*
- 3) Leak in unit with heavy rain. *Our engineer has examined the leaking area from scaffolding and we are getting quotes for the repairs.*
- 4) Any update on the property tax increase? *The board has obtained the services of a tax lawyer to appeal the unit property taxes in our building.*
- 5) Any update on elevator cameras?  
*Would like to have the hallway decorating done first.*
- 6) Any update on the parkway sod problem? *No fence this year, but maybe next year; the anti-dog spray is helping.*
- 7) What is the hold-up on carpeting the fourth floor? *Inferior carpet was delivered, rejected and reordered. Will be done first week in July.*
- 8) Larger bulletin board requested for the laundry room. *A second one of the same size will be considered.*
- 9) Why is there an ashtray by the elevators on the fourth floor? *As smoking is allowed in the Windjammer Room when rented for a party, the ashtray is there for anyone leaving the party and smoking. We will consider moving the ashtray out of the residential area on the fourth floor and into the common area east of the elevator area.*
- 10) Suggest the tennis court be locked to protect the surface except when reserved for tennis. *As long as there is no abuse, access should be allowed.*

*The pool attendants will help to oversee this area.*

- 11) Can unit keys entrusted to the management office be made available during the weekend? *No, due to legal limitations.*
- 12) Are all the balconies going to be repaired again? *No, we are just doing the city-required inspection and we will repair those items that are found during the inspection that need attention.*
- 13) Why are we replacing the billiard table? *It was in very poor condition, and that may have discouraged residents from using it.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

#### Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
— \$3,097,685.88

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Floor Representatives**  
**Barbara Murphy**  
Complaints of BBQ ashes falling from balconies. Complaints of spots in the new carpet. Need to have the bulk room signage replaced. Echoes in hallway need to be addressed. The board suggests meeting with the decorator to discuss this issue.
- 2) **Social and Educational**  
**Sandy Chaet**  
July 23 — Chocolate Feast (see page 1).  
Aug. 13 — White Elephant sale on deck, or in case of rain, in the Windjammer Room (see page 1).  
Nov. 4 — Mediterranean Night belly dancer.  
Oct. 26 — Flu shots 6-9pm  
Community events (see page 1).
- 3) **Architecture & Aesthetics**  
**Carol Beatty**  
On schedule with hallway redecorating project (see management report, page 3).  
Signs will go up in the bulk room shortly.

- 4) **Garage**  
**Standard Parking report**  
**Shade Little, Mgr.**

#### Claims

Approved:	0
Denied:	2
Pending:	0
Total:	2

#### Waiting lists

Single self-park:	27
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

#### Monthly parkers

Single:	143
Tandem:	54
Valet:	316
Preferred:	2
Motorcycle:	3
Engineer:	NC
Total:	518

New monthlies:	6
Cancellations:	8
Upgrades:	0

- 5) **Sports and Entertainment**  
**Neil Warner**  
New water aerobics and yoga classes starting (see bulletin boards).
- 6) **Communications**  
**Tom Vaughan**  
Dialogue continues to show a profit.
- 7) **Building Maintenance & Services**  
**Carol Beatty**  
Freight elevator floor will be repaired and cleaned.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### Items requiring immediate board action

- 1) **Proposals for new hallway carpet extractor**  
Funding up to \$2,500 authorized for a new hallway carpet extractor.
- 2) **Proposals to replace domestic water pump pressure valves**  
Subject to officer approval, funds up to \$4,400 allocated to this project.
- 3) **Proposals from ACM Elevator to replace cracked door detector**  
Tabled

- 4) **Garage repairs**  
Non-destructive testing for the garage third-floor ceiling approved.
- 5) **Façade inspection**  
Engineers have reviewed previous inspections of the north façade and have suggested additional staging, a critical inspection and repairs. Repairs up to \$130,000 (if necessary for safety) were approved.
- 6) **Unit repairs**  
Awaiting a quotation, but will approve the repairs of water leaks of two A-units up to \$40,000, subject to board officer's approval.
- 7) **Property tax protest**  
Authorized retaining a property tax lawyer to protest MECA residential and commercial unit increases in assessed valuations.

#### Items requiring future board action

- 1) **Laundry Room bids**  
CoinMach contract up in October. Will obtain bids for new contract, possibly utilizing improvements in technology.
- 2) **Proposals for Thermoscan repairs**  
Still working on this with building engineer.

#### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Satellite TV status**  
Recent outage caused by a storm-related lightning strike.
- 2) **Hallway remodeling project status**  
Carpeting in the lower level east hallway to the Captain's Walk is in poor condition and will be addressed. A runner over the carpet will give temporary relief, and sections of the carpet may be replaced with tile.
- 3) **Unit sales**

21F	\$240,000 (pending)
11E	\$290,000
30L	\$194,000
4M	\$164,000 (pending)
28J	\$225,000
31B	\$332,000 (pending)
- 4) **Lobby circulation/handicapped ramp access project**  
Finishing up demolition work. Will start the excavation work. On schedule.

The meeting ended at 10:17pm and went into closed session.



## What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

**Assessments:** Assessments are due by the first of each month. A late charge will be assessed for any delinquent account on the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please send Remittance to:  
Malibu East Condo Assoc.  
% Sudler – 80  
8401 Innovation Way  
Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The management office will not accept assessment checks.

#### **Hallway remodeling project update:**

As of Mar. 31, the first phase (painting prep) is complete. The second phase (carpet installation) has been installed from the 45<sup>th</sup> floor down to the ninth floor. The third phase (painting of closet doors & frames) is complete. The fourth phase (light fixture installation) is complete. The fifth phase (finishing paint work) is complete from the 45<sup>th</sup> floor down to the seventh floor as of Jun. 30. Please note some areas may appear unfinished or improperly done; these matters will be addressed while the project is in progress through a weekly walk-through to be held by the contractor(s) and management. Some floors may take longer than others, please be patient, we want the contractors to do a thorough job. *(If an accident happens on the carpet, please contact management or maintenance immediately for clean up. This will help with maintain the upkeep with the new carpeting.)*

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**Guests & deliveries:** This is a reminder to all residents; residents must come down to the front desk to pick up or escort all deliveries or guests that arrive between the hours of midnight and 6am. The front door staff will not allow any guest or delivery person to enter without an escort during these hours. This policy will be strongly enforced.

#### **Handicapped/lobby circulation project:**

As everyone is aware construction has started with this long-awaited project to create new handicapped access ramps and entrances in Malibu East as well as in the Captain's Walk. This project will affect certain entrances and you will have to detour to other areas of the building for entry. This project will take approximately three months to complete. Please be patient, as management is working together with the contractors to make this project run as smoothly as possible.

#### **Management office e-mail address:**

malibueast@awb.us

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 mail e-mail your requests, concerns, problems, etc. to (malibueast@awb.us)

**New July  
Mystery  
contest  
Details  
on  
page 10**

### **MECA ELECTION DATES**

**Application deadline  
Fri., Aug. 11  
Candidates meeting  
Tue., Aug 29  
Proxies will be mailed  
about Aug. 21  
Annual meeting:  
Tue., Sep. 19**

# Community Calendar

by Miriam Romain



under Brigham Young; festivities include parades and community events.

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS EDGEWATER BRANCH

### LIBRARY

CAPS Beat #2433 Meeting  
Wednesday, July 5, 7pm  
1210 W. Elmdale, Library

### EDGEWATER GREEN MARKET

Farmer's Market  
Every Sat. 8am to noon  
6034 N. Broadway  
(Corner of Broadway and Norwood)

### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Those Were the Days Radio Players"  
perform summertime comedies from the Golden Age of Radio (1930s, '40s and '50s).  
Sat., Jul. 8, 2pm  
5358 N. Ashland  
773-506-4849

### NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

"The Man Who Came To Dinner"  
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.  
773-764-0353

### ST. ANDREW'S GREEK ORTHODOX FESTIVAL

Greek Festival  
Jul. 7, 8, 9  
5649 N. Sheridan Rd.

### THEATER/SHOWINGS

#### ACTORS WORKSHOP THEATER

"Beauty Queen of Leenane"  
A mother and daughter in a remote corner of Ireland where nothing happens cope with dead-end lives.  
Through Jul. 9  
Thu.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 3pm, \$25  
1044 Bryn Mawr  
773-728-7529

#### LAKESHORE THEATER

"The Water Coolers"  
An office musical poking fun at everyday corporate America.  
Thu.-Sun.  
3175 N. Broadway  
773-472-3492

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

"Gaudy Night"

Through Jul. 30  
6912 N. Glenwood Ave.  
773-761-4477

#### PEGASUS PLAYERS

"tick, tick...BOOM"

Through Jul. 16  
1145 W. Wilson  
773-878-9761

#### RAVEN THEATER

"Dinner Tales"

Two "slice of life" comedies set in one Chicago diner.  
Through Jul. 16  
Fri./Sat. 8:30pm, Sun. 7pm, \$15  
6157 N. Clark  
773-338-2177

#### MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Jul. 18  
7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Jul. 20  
(every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu. of month)  
2:00pm—Community Room

Water Aerobics

Mon. and Wed. 10:00am  
Tue. and Thu. 6:00pm  
Poolside

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Jul. 25  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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

#### In recognition of Independence Day

... ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

A politician will do anything to keep his job — even become a patriot.

Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.

What is the essence of America? Finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom "to" and freedom "from."

There are those, I know, who will say that the liberation of humanity, the freedom of man and mind, is nothing but a dream. They are right. It is the American dream.

## July holidays

July 4



### Non-Religious: Independence Day (U.S.)

Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

July 6



### Tibetan Buddhist: Birth of the Dalai Lama

Observance of the birth of the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, born July 6, 1935.

July 9



### Baha'i: Martyrdom of the Bab

Commemorates the execution of the Bab, the prophet-herald of the Baha'i faith.

July 11



### Theravada Buddhist: Asalha Puja/Dharma Day

Celebration of the Buddha's first sermon at Deer Park (Sarnath).

July 13



### Mahayana Buddhist

Ullambana (Obon)  
Also known as Ancestor Day; a Buddhist festival honoring the dead.

July 23



### Rastafarian: Birthday of Haile Selassie I

Commemorates the birth of the former emperor of Ethiopia, who was also known as Ras Tafari, for whom the faith is named.

July 24



### LDS: Pioneer Day

Honors the pioneers who traveled to Utah



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## Greek festival

St. Andrew's 45<sup>th</sup> annual three-day Greek festival will be held on the church grounds at 5649 N. Sheridan Road from Friday July 7 through Sunday, July 9. The New Odyssey fun band is featured Friday, an interactive band with three great musicians playing over 30 instruments.

The festival features games and rides Saturday and Sunday, DJ music Saturday, the Opa Orchestra Sunday and the Olympian Dance Troupe Saturday and Sunday. Also, Greek food and art, beer, wine, pastries, dancing, raffle, silent auction, kid's games, Orthodox book store. Fun for the whole family. Raffle first prize is \$20,000.

Admission \$2, children 12 and under free with an adult.

St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church  
 5649 N. Sheridan Rd.

Phone: 773-334-4515

Jul. 7: 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Jul. 8: 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Jul. 9: noon - 11 p.m.

Source: [www.standreworthodox.org](http://www.standreworthodox.org)

## Balcony tomatoes

*By Jack Winans*

Last summer, I grew a tomato plant on my balcony — surprise! actually picked and enjoyed a few great-tasting tomatoes. Even those bought at the farm stands just don't quite have the flavor of your own homegrown.

This year, encouraged by last year's minimal success, I went online to find varieties developed for my "patio garden." For those of us whose options are pots on a garden in the sky, [www.windowbox.com](http://www.windowbox.com) offers the most complete variety and directions.

I ordered a three-pack of their "Window Box Wonders" variety, guaranteed to thrive on my balcony with a minimum of care. In spite of my wife Elaine's protests (she doesn't believe in planting anything on the balcony until the middle of June), I planted them on arrival in the middle of May. One of the plants seemed a little bedraggled but perked up within a week.

As most males do, I didn't bother with the instructions and just pulled them out



of their "travel" pots and buried them root deep and soaked the pots. Our famous lake winds beat against them, and I lost quite a few leaves that broke rather than bending. Later, after finally reading the directions, I found that I should have trimmed all but three branches and buried them much deeper. So, belatedly, I did trim them back.

Within two weeks, even with my poor care, I was rewarded with a half a dozen little green marbles and a multitude of blooms.

TO BE CONTINUED.

### Dear Etta Kitt

Something smells fishy and I really mean it! Late Monday evening, long after all Memorial Day events should have ended and people should have been getting ready for bed as they had to go back to work the next morning, someone fired up their barbecue.

They started their charcoal briquettes with an extremely noxious-smelling charcoal lighter fluid, and as it was a pleasant warm evening, our windows and probably all of our neighbors' windows also, were open to the nice balmy night breeze. When their fire got going good, the offensive smell finally diminished and I breathed a sigh of relief. Too soon! Almost immediately, the equally odious odor arose, a really fishy-fishy smell that could have only come from some kind of bottom feeder like carp.

I'm sure that our condominium has rules that prohibit this kind of behavior and that shields us from the necessity of shutting our windows and ourselves from the outside world every time some thoughtless clod decides he has the right to pollute the neighborhood, my neighborhood.



*Signed,  
A Shut-in,  
Dear shut-in,*

I'm sorry that you and your neighbors were subjected to unfortunate results of this person's thoughtless acts. Perhaps it is a new resident who doesn't quite understand the concept of condominium living or hasn't fully read MECA's Rules and Regulations, which certainly prohibit this kind of activity. As it states on page seven:

5. Barbecuing is permitted only with a fully covered charcoal or electric grill, which may only be ignited with an electric starter.

Clearly, this resident was a) not using a covered grill and b) using an illegal substance to start the charcoal, rather than an electric starter.

If you can identify the unit, your best course of action is to report the incident (in writing) to the manager so that follow-up action can be initiated and the offending resident be notified that his actions are not allowed and are offending other residents.

### 'Town Crier' announcements by Rodica Ilc



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



## Sizzling summer pet safety

Summer is a great time for having fun with your pets, but heat, travel and greater outdoor exposure can also present some safety concerns.

### Heat stress

Since pets do not sweat to keep cool, as humans do, they need some special considerations in hot weather. Very young and older pets particularly suffer from the heat. Pets need lots of fresh, clean water in hot weather. Use an extra large water dish, or consider getting an automatic waterer so your dog won't run out of water during the day.

Be sure that your outdoor pets have shade all day long, especially on the balcony. The shade that a building provides in the morning may be in full sunlight by the middle of the day.

The MECA Rules prohibit leaving a pet unattended on the balcony for a prolonged period.

### Pets in parked cars

Each year 10,000 dogs and cats die in parked cars. Even in relatively mild weather, with the windows partially rolled down, the inside temperature of a car can reach 160 degrees within 10 minutes.

When traveling with your pet, never leave your pet in this dangerous situation. If you cannot take your pet inside with you when you stop, then someone should stay outside and walk the pet or wait in the car with them with the air-conditioner on.

### Drowning

Not all dogs can swim well, so if you take your dog to the lake or out on a boat, consider getting it a doggie life vest. These vests are available in sizes to fit all breeds and can save your dog's life.

### Lyme Disease

Summer is flea and tick season. If your dog romps in a wooded area or goes on hikes with you, it may be exposed to ticks, which carry Lyme Disease. Spray your dog with a good flea and tick spray before and after outings and check him for ticks on your return. Be sure to check between the dog's toes, in the ears, and on the behind. There is now a vaccine to prevent Lyme Disease. Ask your veteri-



## The thin red line

By Jack Winans

I spent two hours with two very outgoing members of Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors on Jun. 24. They were here in force earlier, Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend, but today only two ambassadors were on duty at the Sheridan Road/Ardmore north exit of the lake-shore bike path — Sarah Miller (*above left*), an experienced ambassador and Somalia Smith (*above right*), a newbie. Both young ladies showed a remarkable aptitude for persuasion, a genuine reservoir of cheerfulness and a good supply of thick skin for the few recalcitrant and sometimes obnoxious bicyclists who either ignored their pleas to stop riding on the sidewalk or gave them some lip.

They thanked each and every bicyclist who passed that was obeying the law and they attempted to stop and talk to those who weren't. It was amazing to see these two stop big men who outweighed them by 100 pounds or more with no more authority than the red shirts they wore emblazoned with "Mayor Daley..." and the ambassador logo. It was even more amazing that almost all those who were stopped were polite, apologetic and patient while listening to the ambassador's litany of safety and the law. They even walked over to Ardmore to ask a motorist to move who was double-parked in a bike lane.

Two Chicago Police patrolling the bike bath stopped and chatted and encouraged our ambassadors and then pedaled west narian if your dog should be vaccinated.

With a little forethought and planning, summer can be safe and enjoyable for your pets, whether at home or traveling!

and north on the side street bike lanes which our ambassadors were re-educating those riding on Sheridan Road sidewalks to use instead.

Ms. Miller says that she has never owned an automobile and travels throughout the city using her bike or public transportation. She says that this and serving with the Ambassadors are her contributions to the ecology. Somalia says that she applied for the job because she believes in the work of the Ambassadors; she enjoys being outside and likes educating the public about bicycling safety.

Chicago has more bike paths and lanes than any city in the U.S., probably because Mayor Daley is a bicycle enthusiast. He recently announced that he is planning hundreds of more miles of bike paths and lanes.

Unfortunately for Sheridan Road sidewalk pedestrians, this has resulted in collisions with bicyclists in recent years. In response to improving pedestrian safety, Ald. Mary Ann Smith promoted the bike lanes on Kenmore and Winthrop, the posting of fines for bicyclists on Sheridan Road sidewalks, tickets by Chicago Police bicycle patrol officers and the reeducating of bicyclists by Mayor Daley's Bicycling Ambassadors, an offshoot of the Dept. of Transportation.

The Ambassadors are spread thin as they do 200 community events every summer. The Chicago bike officers are spread even thinner with hundreds of miles of trails and lanes to patrol. Recently, the Dialogue offered a supply of free leaflets to any volunteers who would spend an hour or two this summer helping to educate those who continue to ride bicycles on Sheridan Road sidewalks.

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## Senior housing up fast

By Jack Winans

The senior housing apartment building at 1818 W. Peterson (at Ravenswood) is going up fast and should be ready for tenants next spring. The amenities include those found in most small condos, and the apartments have been designed to accommodate many of the disabilities that come are common among our aging citizens.

Monthly rents will be in the \$600 to \$1,000 range and are prorated by income. Requests for rental units will be taken, starting in August.

Although the builders say that it is designed to resemble neighborhood apartment buildings that feature two wings surrounding a courtyard, the "courtyard" is merely a shallow indentation that allows the builder to utilize more ground-level space and increase his profits. The building also sets so closely to the streets on both sides that it gives the impression of a fortification arising from the traffic. No amount of trees or planting will reconcile the starkness of this bulwark.

## Recycling at Malibu East

### Part 5: Computers/printers

By Jack Winans

#### What happens to my PC once I put it put it in the garbage?

In most cases, it ends up in a landfill. Only about 10 percent of all discarded computers are recycled in the U.S., meaning millions of computers could be leaking harmful chemicals into ground-water. Computer-related waste is a local and global problem. Eighty percent of the electronic waste slated for recycling in the U.S. is shipped overseas to be broken down into raw materials, often by poor



workers who don't take the proper precautions to protect themselves or the environment.

#### How has electronic waste affected the environment?

Circuit boards contain lead, mercury, cadmium and beryllium, which have harmful effects on humans. The plastic cases of PCs and monitors give off toxic fumes if they're burned in a landfill.

#### So what products do I need to recycle?

Basically, anything with a circuit board. Older monitors and televisions are especially bad because of all the lead used in the CRT (cathode ray tube) to shield the viewer from radiation. But PCs, cell phones, VCRs, DVD players, printers and even digital alarm clocks should not be tossed out with the regular trash. Next month's recycling article will deal with getting rid of these "other electronics."

#### Recycle it responsibly.

If you bought your "old" computer in 1998 or later, it can probably be refurbished and go to a school, a teacher or a needy person. Locally, you have several options. You can give it to a friend or a local non-profit computer center such as those at Berger Park and the Armory. You can also give it to Computers for Schools, a non-profit that has been in the computer recycling business since 1991. If they can't reuse it, they will recycle it responsibly, and they will destroy the hard drive data on all donated computers, meeting the Department of Defense 5220.22M standard.

#### Here's where to take it.

Berger Park Computer Center  
6205 N. Sheridan Road Zip  
773-761-0376

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## Secret message winner

#### The June winner is:

Blanche Schulz #43D  
Tuesday, May 30, 9:00 PM

#### Runner-ups are:

Manisha Makwana  
Wednesday, May 31, 5:48 PM  
Bob Solone #42C  
Thursday, June 1, 12:04 AM

Congratulations to the winners and runners-up! You have sharp eyes! The message, "youhavesolvedthepuzzle" was entered one or two letters at a time in "italics" starting on page one. We'll have to make the contest a bit harder next month.

Each month's winner will be ineligible to enter the following month's contest.

The contest winner's prize is, as stated in the Dialogue, a six-month subscription (July through December) to the color edition of the Malibu East Dialogue. We print only 10 copies in full color, and two are saved as file copies. The other color copies are distributed to people featured in the Dialogue and to the owners/managers of restaurants that are reviewed in the Dialogue.

#### July contest

As the Dialogue does not get delivered in "one fell swoop," we will announce the details of the next Dialogue contest with a notice on the Laundry Room bulletin board at noon Sunday, July 2 in order to make it fair for all.

The **July first prize** is your choice of two tickets (valued at \$37 each) to the Western Open (July 6–9 at Cog Hill) or a free \$25 business-card-size ad in the August Dialogue — a great opportunity to advertise your items for the upcoming White Elephant Sale. Second prize will be whichever prize is remaining.

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## Farmers' Market opens at new location

The Edgewater Farmers' Market, which opened Jun. 17, has a new home, new name and new vendors. The market is located at the corner of Broadway and Norwood (6034 North) and has changed its name to the Edgewater Green Market to reflect its focus on sustainable, locally grown and made products.

Vendors include organic growers Kings Hill Farms (produce) and Prospera Farms (herbs and herb plants), traditional growers Ellis Farms (fruit and honey), Scheringa Farms (vegetables including proprietary varieties of sweet onions) and Crust for Bread (artisan hearth breads). Flowers, organic cheeses and farm-fresh eggs are also available, and Ras Dashan sells fair trade spices. Each week there will be an organic "market special," featuring whatever is freshest and most abundant that week.

Local artisans are selling their wares as well. They include Soothe Your Senses



(body scrubs and skin care lotions), Debra Wegner (homemade soap and knitwear), Molly Blossoe (silver jewelry) and Marian Hayden (tote bags). Soothe Your Senses also offers chair massages.

The market will run from 8am to noon Saturdays, rain or shine, though the end of October.

Local craftspeople and growers who are interested in participating in the market can apply on-line through the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce website: [www.edgewater.org](http://www.edgewater.org).

Source: [info@edgewater.org](mailto:info@edgewater.org)

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