

Malibu East Dialogue

October 2006

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Building construction projects continue

State of the Building

By President Marcel Molins

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Another year and for many of us, this means more grey hairs or even worse, less hair.

It has been again a year of lots of activity around the building. It is a fact, unfortunately, that not everything we have done is to everybody's liking. I do admit that with the foresight of seeing how things have come out, I (as well as the Board) might have tried to do things differently. The reality is that after the work is done it is easy to see the mistakes one has made. It is also a fact that, if we have made mistakes, it has not been for lack of trying; quite the contrary, we have tried to do our best, but it has not always come out as we expected. I should point out that in every case, we had outside consultants and engineers and architects to assist us, but one thing is to see samples and drawings, and the other is to see the final product. Anyhow, let's review some of the things we have done.

I will not try to give you an exhaustive list of all the things we have done during the year, since the Chairs of each of the Committees will provide you with more in-depth information.

The two most encompassing projects, and both of them were very much needed, were the remodeling of the hallways of all the floors and the lobby circulation and handicap access project.

We did finally redo our hallways. We fully understand that there are still a few issues and problems which need to be finalized in connection with this project. The Chair of the Committee will give



you, of course, a full explanation of these matters.

The building was quite defective in that it did not have proper handicap access to either the Residential portion of the building or the Commercial Unit. The building was constructed at one time when this was not required by the City Ordinances. This was a major problem and a major inconvenience for both the residents of the building and the tenants of the Commercial Unit as well as their customers. Furthermore, there was no way, other than by putting our security at risk, to permit the tenants of the Commercial Unit and their customers to reach the Commercial Unit from the garage, other than going outside of the building. Given the rather inclement weather in Chicago, this was a major inconvenience for all these persons. Furthermore, our Commercial Unit, and it is ours, had no visibility for people going through Sheridan Road. We all have experienced also the problem of trying to open the door of the Commercial Unit on windy days and finding that there was no way of doing it. Given the fact that there was only a single door, there was a huge loss of heat in the winter, or a huge amount of hot air coming in during the summer days, every time one would open that door; and electricity is not cheap.

We tried to resolve all of these issues at once. In a few days, we all will be able to see whether we have succeeded in our endeavors. We have been told that the work will be completed in about 7 to 10 days.

We are presently reviewing the contract for the Laundry Room and we have continued, of course, to maintain the overall premises in the best condition possible as well as trying to make sure that the elevators are in good working

condition so that we can all go in and out of our homes.

The building continues to age, and we must rehabilitate and repair those parts of the building that show their age.

In the next couple of years, we will redirect our attention to the rehabilitation of our garage. The proposal from our architects is to repair the first floor. Consideration is being given to the possibility of placing reinforcements on the ceiling of the first floor so that when we do the reconstruction of the second and third floors we do not need to shore again all the way to the lower floor. This project will inconvenience many of us, probably all of us at one time or another. We do ask for your indulgence

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

Annual Meeting of Voting Members

Tuesday, Sep. 19, 2006

Attendance: 3 management representatives, 10 of 12 directors and 28 residents/owners.

Not present: Barbara Murphy, Richard Strauss

1. Notice of Quorum

Nine directors present at start of meeting.

2. Welcome — President Molins

A. President Molin's welcome.

B. Presentation of and thanks to directors whose terms are expiring today.

Cass Buscher, Sandy Chaet, Marcia Fishman, Barbara Murphy, Neil Warner and Marcel Molins

3. Election of Board of Directors

A. Presentation of candidates
Cass Buscher, Sandy Chaet, Marcia Fishman, Barbara Murphy, Neil Warner and Marcel Molins

B. Balloting

No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed.

4. Minutes

Motions to dispense with reading of minutes of Sep. 25, 2005 and approvals of minutes. Motions made and passed.

5. State of the association

President Marcel Molins
(See page 1.)

6. Treasurer's report

(See page 12.)

Total of reserves and operating accounts — \$3,209,327.80

A. Resolution to transfer excess operating funds to reserve
(Must be voted on by the owners present in person or by proxy.)
Motion moved and passed.

7. Committee reports

A. All committees presented a verbal report, and most committee chairs provided a written report to the Dialogue.

(See box this page for index of prepared reports.)

8. Informal budget review

Tom Vaughan

(See page 11.)

9. Questions from the floor and discussion of the Rules & Regulations

A. What is the status of our protest to the board of appeals concerning the recent increase in property taxes? *Our attorneys have applied for relief.*

B. What problems have been found by inspection of the balconies? *Nothing exceptional.*

C. Will there always be cables and staging hanging off the building? *Unfortunately, some of the time every year we'll have staging due to the requirements of city ordinances.*

D. When will the floor signage be replaced? *As soon as possible after completion of the hallway project.*

E. The new carpeting seems to allow an echo and seems to stain readily. *The new carpeting has a thicker backing than the old carpet. We are addressing the cleanliness of the carpet with a new machine. We also request that all residents report any spill or soiled carpet. Due to budget restrictions, we removed the wall coverings and did not replace them.*

F. Discussion about illegal and discourteous parking in the atrium by visitors, residents and taxis that blocks entrance to the lobby and to the garage.

G. Discussion about missing special room keys and carts.

10. Announcement of election results

(See box on page 3.)

11. Adjournment

Owners Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

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.

Meeting of MECA Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sep. 19, 2006 at 10:15pm

Attendance: 2 management representatives, 10 of 12 directors and 2 residents/owners.

Not present: Barbara Murphy, Richard Strauss

1. Election of officers

Marcel Molins, President

Richard Strauss, Vice President

Tom Vaughan, 2nd V President

Neil Warner, Treasurer

Allan Eckardt, Assistant Treasurer

Marcia Fishman, Secretary

Cass Buscher, Assistant Secretary

2. Additions and revisions to agenda

A. None

3. Management report

A. Handicapped project management meeting Sep. 20.

4. New business

A. None

5. Adjournment at 10:30pm

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2006 vote results

6 new directors

Cass Buscher	16.02
Sandy Chaet	34.28
Marcia Fishman	34.68
Marcel Molins	64.09
Barbara Murphy	21.20
Neil Warner	33.24

Note: These are cumulative votes representing percentages of ownership

Quorum: 34.05



What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

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and patience, since these repairs are necessary to maintain the integrity of our building.

We will continue the façade and balcony work, including the inspections by the engineers, as mandated by the City Ordinances, and some work will have to be done to repair portions of the fourth floor deck.

We continue to look and watch very carefully our finances, since we are committed to never have special assessments. We do believe that we are still quite strong financially and that we will be able to tackle all of our expected repairs based on our extreme care to keep appropriate reserves. As you well know, our objective is to budget not only for whatever repairs are known, but also to have some reserves for funding the unexpected problems.

It has been a pleasure to serve you throughout the year and if elected and appointed, I will continue to try to do the best for the good of the building and of course, all of us.

Thank you.

MECA board special budget meeting Tuesday, Sep. 26, 2006

Attendance: 9 directors, 2 management representatives, 5 residents.

1) Budget review highlights

The 2007 budget was reviewed by the directors present.

Income:

Garage rates will go up 5-6 percent to reflect cost-of-living expenses.

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

Please send remittance to:

Malibu East Condo Assoc.
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8401 Innovation Way
Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The management office will not accept assessment checks.

Carts and keys: This is to inform EVERY RESIDENT the luggage/shopping carts and keys must be signed out and returned immediately after use. Failure to return a cart or key will result in an hourly rate for us to retrieve it. If a key is lost, you will have to pay for a lock change as well as additional keys for the front desk. Please avoid a charge, return these items after use.

Visitors: We will not allow any visitor/guest to enter the building without being announced. This means that even if you give us permission to enter or they have keys to your unit, they will still not be allowed into the building without us calling to your unit first. Any visitor or guest who comes to the building between the hours of midnight and 7:00am, the resident must come down to the lobby and escort the visitor or guest into the building.

Pets: Please make sure that your pet is always on a leash when your pet is outside your unit. This is not only a building

rule; it is a City of Chicago law. If your pet has an accident on the carpet, notify the building staff immediately for a clean-up.

Management office: I am requesting that residents limit their visits to the management office, which is under construction. For your safety, I am asking that you avoid coming to the office unless it is necessary. If you need to contact the office, please phone first.

Hallway remodeling project update: We will begin addressing our punch list items within a week to 10 days. Also, we will begin the installation of the new signage by the elevators soon. If an accident happens on the carpet, please contact management or maintenance immediately for clean-up. This will help with the upkeep of the new carpeting. If stains occur to the new carpet or paint is scratched or chipped purposely by a resident or their guest, the resident will be charged for repairs.

Handicapped/lobby circulation project: As of Friday, Sep. 22, the main entrance to the Captain's Walk is open for your use. The new entrance on the north side of the building should be finished by Friday, Sep. 29.

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 will go up 6 percent.

Expenses:

Electricity costs are expected to go up substantially.

Insurance costs have gone up significantly.

Inspections and life safety costs that are related to city ordinance requirements have gone up substantially.

Capital expenditures:

Capital project expenditures budgeted for 2007 through 2009.

2) Garage repair bid requirements

Put shoring into the Captain's Walk only once and temporarily move no more than 50 cars at a time.

3) North mall entrance

Discussion of replacing the Sheridan Road north entrance's broken glass in kind or with an improvement.

The meeting ended at 11:30pm and went into closed session.

Community Calendar

by Miriam Romain



Pagan/Wiccan:
Samhain



Christian: All
Hallows Eve



U.S./Canada/

October holidays

October 2



Jewish: Yom Kippur

(Begins at sundown the night before.)



Hindu: Dussehra/Durga Puja

Festival celebrating the victory of good over evil.

October 4



Catholic: Feast Day of St. Francis
of Assisi

October 7-13



Jewish: Sukkot

(Begins at sundown October 6.)

October 10



Hindu: Karva Chauth

October 14



Jewish: Shemini Atzeret



Heathen: Winter Nights

October 15



Jewish: Simchat Torah

(Begins at sundown the night before.)

October 19



Muslim: Lailat ul-Qadr (Shab-e-Qadr)

October 20



Baha'i: Birthday of the Bab

(Begins sundown the previous day.)

October 21



Hindu: Diwali

October 24



Muslim: Eid-al Fitr

October 29



Christian: Reformation Day

October 31

Europe: Halloween

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK

CULTURAL CENTER

Computer class

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Fridays, 2-4pm FREE
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-761-0376

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5801 N. Pulaski Rd
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Oct. 13-15
Fri. 6-9pm, Sat./Sun. 11am-4pm
Oct. 21, 10am

Those Were The Days Radio

Players: "The Lone Ranger"

Sat., Oct. 28, 2pm
EHS Museum
5358 N. Ashland
773-506-4849

THEATER/SHOWINGS

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

Fri./Sat. 8pm, Sun. 3pm
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
Ticket information
773-293-3682

CORN PRODUCTIONS

"The Return of Scruffy

Mufflekiss"

Sat./Sun. 2pm, \$10, Children \$5
4210 N. Lincoln
312-409-6435

GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

Calo Theatre

"Time and the Conways"

Thu.-Sat. 8pm, Sun. 2pm
Through Oct. 30
5404 N. Clark St.
773-769-2228

LAKESHORE THEATER

"Mamacita: More Tales From the Diaper Diva"

Sundays through Oct., 7pm
3175 N. Broadway
Ticket information
773-472-3492

LIFELINE THEATRE

"A Room With A View"

Opens Oct. 13
Fri. 7:30pm, Sat. 8pm, Sun. 5pm,
\$14
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

PEGASUS PLAYERS THEATRE

"Pantomime"

Through Oct. 22, \$15-\$25
1145 W. Wilson
773-878-9761

PROFILES THEATRE

"Fat Pig"

Fri./Sat, 8pm, Sun. 7pm, \$25
Through Oct. 29
4147 N. Broadway
773-549-1815

RAVEN THEATRE

"American Buffalo"

East Stage
Fri./Sat, 8pm, Sun. 3pm, \$25
6157 N. Clark
773-338-2177

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Captain's Walk Grand Re-opening

Sat., Oct. 7, 1-3pm

Captain's Walk

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 10

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 17

7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon

discussion group

Thursday, Oct. 19.

2:00pm — Community Room

Flu Shots

Wed. Oct. 26, 6-9pm

Windjammer Room

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



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The Malibu East Challenge: Creating Our Future!

By Bill Keane, 39E

I moved to Chicago from Philadelphia at the end of 2000, settled in an apartment in Ravenswood and started an exciting new work experience in Evanston.



Life was looking good, but I was still seeking that unique experience of community that Chicago and the Midwest were well-known for.

In less than six years, the world was turned upside down by terrorism; I turned over two jobs; my brother died from pancreatic cancer; I moved into Malibu East as an owner; and yes, the White Sox won the World Series. It has been a great time living here in Chicago, but that unique experience of community is still a bit elusive.

Despite my work and travel obligations, I've tried to be a good neighbor here, helping to deliver the Dialogue every month and attending the board meetings whenever possible. Having been a member of other not-too-functional condo associations, I have several times complimented our board on their competence and dedication in the efficient management of the building. However, with their 19-plus committees and limited volunteers, they can easily fall into a certain despair or "Us vs. Them" mode when experiencing criticism at these meetings. Sometimes, it is quite easy to understand.

Last month, I attended the Candidates Night program where we got to meet and question our board of directors' candidates for this year. There were six incumbents running for six vacant positions; of greater concern to me was the sparse attendance of residents from Malibu East. Nevertheless, we were asked to write and submit questions that could be asked of the six candidates by a chosen moderator. Somewhere along the process, one of my two questions was asked: ***What do you think will be the greatest challenge(s) facing Malibu East over the next 3-5***

years? Each candidate responded in various ways, but most of the comments related to building, property and financial things, the systems issues that boards generally spend most of their time confronting. However, as he wrote on his candidate information form, current Board President Marcel Molins, made reference to bringing a "sense of community life into the building." This resonated with me. Later, those of us who were still in the room were asked to also respond to this question, so I took ownership and tried to express the following points:

Webster has loosely defined "community" as a "body of people having common organization, interests, participation." We certainly have a common organization as represented by our board and regulations; we have a great diversity of interests, most of which we are not fully aware; and we have very limited participation as a community in the events and resources currently offered. This is what I think is our greatest challenge for the coming years, one which could ultimately affect our real estate values and attractiveness as a condominium residence.

As we share and celebrate our diversity, even if it sometimes inspires animated conflict; as we organize and schedule ourselves differently; as we support communication, experimentation and engagement in new ways; we could enhance the participation and "life" of the building community.

I have spent most of my professional life in the world of aging, health care, long-term care and Alzheimer's disease, and have learned some important lessons:

- Despite how some of us live in denial, we are all aging in various ways, but aging can be a pretty cool experience. (Some of my greatest experiences in addressing these issues have been in my work with teenagers.)
- Despite our strong cultural emphasis on individualism and independence, people are essentially social creatures who thrive in community living. One of the great lessons of aging is *interdependence* vs. independence.
- Successful community living is person-centered and relationship-based,

where we focus on what people like and can do, instead of what they don't like and can't do.

- Life is best lived when it is intergenerational and interactive.

Like many of the 1,000 plus persons who live at Malibu East, my community interaction can be limited to laundry room interactions, occasional board meetings, or elevator rides staring at the floor, ceiling or floor numbers. (This morning, I rode with a woman who jumped on the elevator, pushed the lobby button again as well as the "Close Door" button, ignored my "good morning," and stared angrily at the floor numbers for 30 floors. I regret that I had not been more engaging with her.) Within these 45 stories, there is incredible diversity in our ages, career commitments, creativity, cultures, education, ethnicity, income, languages, lifestyle interests, sexual orientation, volunteer activities and work experiences. At the same time, there is a great common desire to be a good neighbor, grow friendships, enjoy community living and make a difference. One of the key words is "initiate." Maybe, if more of us were "initiators" of random acts of community and communication, we could enhance our "life in the building." Here's my short list for now:

- Learn about the diversity and needs of our community by conducting a comprehensive survey for all residents to complete. Hold a town meeting to share the results and do some spontaneous planning.
- Put some appropriate bulletin boards on the elevators where interesting news can be shared daily and residents can be invited to participate. Let's call it the "Daily Dialogue."
- Hold floor meetings or parties at least twice a year to get to know our neighbors.

Sound naïve? Impossible? Corny? Awesome? Let me (or the Dialogue or someone on the board) know what you think. I can be reached at 39E or wkeane@sbcglobal.net. Community begins one relationship and one idea at a time.

Let's create the future of our Malibu East and bring more life back into the building!

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Indie Café

Restaurant review
By Tracy Poyser

There are plenty of sushi bars & Thai restaurants in our neck of the woods, but in my recent experience, Indie Café is by far the best — and it's within easy distance from Malibu East at 5951 North Broadway. A bit hidden along the short strip of storefronts just south of Dominick's on Broadway and almost at the Thorndale corner, it's easy to miss the classy, moon-shaped sign at the entrance door. In fact, the first time I tried last year, I walked right past with a Thai-hungry friend, and we ended up all the way south at Andies, but that's a different review. After that, I forgot about it for a while, but now that I've been there three times (two dinners, one lunch), I'm hooked, and so are my friends.

I had heard lots of good things. Indie Café took over the space previously occupied by Lily of Thai that, according to a review I read, was a comfy but fairly ordinary neighborhood Thai place. Indie Café serves Thai food also, along with Japanese, but it is way above average in terms of quality, presentation, and value.

It starts with the atmosphere, small, but wonderfully serene, currently seating about 28 in a long, narrow space. I understand expansion plans are in the works. The square, light wood tables are complemented by the clean black lines of the sushi bar. Lighting is gentle and pleasant. The wooden chairs are comfortable, with a long bench accented with soft red cushions along the south wall. There's soft music, and the soundproofing seems unusually good. Table settings match the cozy mood, an incredibly elegant silver fork, real teak chopsticks resting on a wooden block, one simple flower, and simple plates in interesting shapes. The menu comes hidden in a 5 by 7 book-shaped metal cover which you keep for the duration of the meal. It's fun to read, well explained and illustrated, and a nice way to get people interested in more exotic items than what they may have come for.



Tracy enjoying spring roll

Although they don't take reservations, two people for dinner wasn't a problem, although the place filled up later on. Prices may be a touch higher than your "average" Thai restaurant in our area, but only marginally so, and the experience is well worth the extra couple of bucks.

Now to the main part — the food! My first two experiences were with the Thai side of the menu. Both times, we shared the spring roll, probably the prettiest presentation I've ever seen and tasting just as good as it looked. During one hot and steamy night, I picked the Andaman salad. It's a substantial mélange of steamed shrimp, plump scallops and calamari tossed with red onion, shredded carrots, and a sauce made with lemongrass, lime, and hot peppers, perfectly balancing sweet, salty, spicy, and crunchy. I thought it was a bargain at \$8. One of my friends went for the (now famous) Indie Signature Curry featuring — in her case — chicken, lemongrass, coriander, garlic, cashews, onion and potatoes in a wonderfully creamy masamun red curry & coconut milk sauce. Both dishes went wonderfully well with a cooling Thai iced tea, a creamy concoction served elegantly in a tulip-shaped glass. No need to have dessert after that one!

My other Thai food experience over lunch was equally satisfying. We had some great appetizers suitable for sharing — and every plate so attractively presented that it seemed a shame to destroy it without taking a picture first. We tried the chicken satay and a very unusual and delicious presentation called "Asparagus Gold" — stalks of asparagus wrapped in a crispy-thin rice sheet with shrimp and bacon, and served with a sweet & sour dipping sauce and mango salsa. For my main course, I tried the green curry with shrimp, bamboo shoot, peas, carrot, basil and green bean — and took half of it home to enjoy as my dinner. Spicing was much to my taste; I like Thai food complex and spicy, but not so hot that I can't taste a thing. The friendly and knowledgeable young servers will help with that part and the chef/owners will accom-

modate any preference. For an economic alternative, the daily lunch specials seem to be a great bargain.

Portions overall were just right in my view, enough for someone with a fairly healthy appetite, but not so big that they're overwhelming — something I dislike in many restaurants, especially when so much food gets unnecessarily wasted that way.

For my sushi experience, I got help from my friend Linda, a sushi expert. Indie Café is BYO — so we brought a crisp white wine that worked great with our shared exotic selections: A "Spicy Scallop Maki" with spicy mayo, masago (a type of roe) and cucumber; some salmon and shrimp sushi; a Thai spring roll and my all-time favorite, a "caterpillar." It's a Maki roll wrapped with crunchy broiled eel, cucumber, and rice on an incredibly flavorful smoky BBQ sauce, and draped with thin slices of avocado — textures and tastes that were smooth and crunchy and very rich. It was shaped like a real caterpillar, with eyes made of roe and the little horns crowned with small round balls of wasabi (don't eat those, you'll regret it!). We almost apologized to it before we made it disappear. There's much to select from, and for the less adventurous there are lots of conservative choices and help from the servers.

A final word about the service: No bad experiences there either. Each time, we were treated graciously, got a table change when we wanted it, and given that everything's freshly made, didn't have to wait too long. Also, with so many little dishes on fairly small tables, it was nice that used ones were unobtrusively cleared without so much of a nudge needed. We never felt rushed.

It's clear that the owners/chefs take great pride in what they do, and so does everyone working there. They just started delivery service, with a special 10% off through 11/30/06 — so next time you walk by, pick up a menu — but better yet, go in and try the place for yourself. I'm only worried that word will get around and the Indie Café will get too popular!

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Admissions

By Martina Molins

In 2006 we had so far this year 25 sales and 13 rentals. By year-end we will probably have about 30 sales and maybe two or three more rentals as November and December are usually slow months. I believe that there will be about 10% less sales in 2006 than there were last year, while rentals will be up by about 50%. The range of prices has increased towards the upper end: A units: \$375,000 to \$400,000; B units: \$332,000 to \$355,000; middle two-bedrooms: \$220,000 to \$292,000 and one-bedrooms: \$164,000 to 194,000. Location within the building, condition of the units, need of an owner to sell fast and, whether the seller is an estate or a bank that foreclosed, all may have a bearing on the price and explain the variance in prices.

As to rentals: no A, C, E, H, J units were rented. The range of rents is as follows: B units \$1,596 to \$1,170. Middle two-bedroom units: \$1,400 to \$1,650 1 bedroom units: \$1,100 to 1,170. Again, the condition of the units and their location may affect the rent rates. Also, some of the rent amounts include parking. Overall there was an increase in rents charged in 2006.

As lenders became more liberal in giving mortgages the committee became more concerned with the creditworthiness of the buyers and, while in a few cases the committee had doubts about the buyers' long range ability to make good on their mortgage and assessment obligations, overall the committee was satisfied with creditworthiness of the buyers.

Owners who intend to rent out a unit should know that the committee, by virtue of MECA's contract with the provider of the credit reports, is not allowed to share credit report information with unit owners who are selling or renting out their unit. However, it is the feeling of the committee that in particular unit owners who are renting out their unit may be well advised to make their contract or lease subject to a satisfactory credit report to be provided by the buyer or tenant, meaning a report that does not contain too many rated accounts in collection without a good explanation showing that their credit problems are behind

them and that they will be able pay their rent on a reliable basis.

The committee enjoyed meeting with so many nice and pleasant people who will add much to our community here at Malibu East.

Architecture and Aesthetics

Carol E. Beatty

Beginning in the fall of 2005 we chose our new floral vendor, and we are pleased with our choice, The Crest of Flowers from Wilmette.

The holiday lighting and decorations were set in the Lobby and outdoors. Our disappointment came in the lack of electrical outdoor outlets available. (At this reading we are waiting for quotes for the electrical work required to correct the situation.)

Prior to our hall project start date, all the chute rooms were retiled, new baseboard installed and painted. The bulk rooms were repainted (walls and floors).

Starting in the first week of January 2006, work was begun on the hall renovation/re-decoration project. Floor 34, with the permission of the residents of that floor, served as the trial floor for all aspects of the hall project. Drawing the colors from the marble cab floors to ensure an aesthetically pleasing transition from elevator to floor, examples of varied shades of paint and paint finishes and three different light fixtures were reviewed over an appropriate amount of time by the committee and final decisions were made.

Working from the 45th floor down, much of the work has been accomplished by our painters, electricians and carpet installers, overseen by our design company, The Dresser Group, our committee, board and onsite manager.

In addition to the residential halls, the common area hall (fourth floor east wing) and the Billiard Room were carpeted.

Much work remains to be completed — water heater doors adjusted and paint finished, kick plates and hand plates and signage need to be replaced.

No project of this magnitude is without problems which must be overcome and processes that must be endured. The Committee wishes to thank our residents for the understanding and patience they exhibited during all phases of the re-decoration of floors four through 45. Redecorating all the floors in one calendar year is a first for MECA

ASCO and community news

By Sandy Chaet

ASCO stands for Association of Sheridan Condo/Co-op Owners of which I am the treasurer and the representative from Malibu East. The ASCO board voted to write Aldermen Stone, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Burke and Mayor Daley about the Life Safety Ordinance that was passed in City Council. We are once again expressing our displeasure with it. Since January 2006, there has been 29 deaths related to fires that were in single-family homes but none that were in a high-rise.

During the summer, many community groups sponsored "Movie in the Park" at Osterman Beach. In July, the movie "Music Man" was shown and was a very successful evening. There are plans to repeat this activity next summer.

Because the Fire Safety seminars planned by the City of Chicago were not scheduled for our area, ASCO asked Alderman Smith to arrange two sessions for Sheridan Road. One session will be at 5415 N. Sheridan and the other at Emanuel Congregation. It will be in October or November. The City of Chicago has several departments presenting the program.

Lastly, the playground at George Lane according to the Park District, will be started in late fall or early spring. The playground will have a special surface and will have a fence around it. Dogs will still be allowed as long as they are on a leash and not in the playground area. Letters supporting the building of the playground (as well as dogs being allowed on leashes) can be sent to Alderman Mary Ann Smith, 5533 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640 or email info@masmith48.org

Budget preview

As presented by Tom Vaughan

Locker rental (located in the Captain's Walk mall) and garage rates will increase by approximately five percent.

Assessments will increase by six percent to keep reserves constant and allow for a five percent inflation in fixed costs.

Source: Director Richard Strauss notes

Building Maintenance & Services

Carol E. Beatty

This year our committee focused on:

- 1) The maintenance of lobby floors and cab floors, keeping them clean and polished without compromising the marble density
- 2) Tiling of chute room floors and the painting of chute and bulk rooms was done in house
- 3) Captain's Walk — carpet cleaning and painting
- 4) Doormen's uniforms — chosen by Building Maintenance and Services & Aesthetics Committees
- 5) Outside landscaper, Kinsella, changed the design schemes and planted at the street level and the decks on the fourth floor
- 6) Main lobby — repainted in Ralph Lauren Red
- 7) Refinished metal at the front entrance and elevator doors and entrance frame
- 8) Purchased new runners for elevator cab floors
- 9) Music — lobby and elevator music was shut down for a few days due to electrical work. Music CDs are being changed every two weeks. When it is possible to draw the wires from the Captain's Walk to our CD player, music will be heard in the mall.
- 10) Air conditioner installed in the Fitness Center

Communications

By Tom Vaughan

The house newsletter, the Malibu East Dialogue, continues in its award-winning fashion. Paid advertising continues to cover the production costs given the significant free contributions of content and

production expertise by its volunteer staff. Each month's issue is distributed to all MECA residents by the first of each month and is mailed to out-of-town owners in addition to many other Chicago condominium associations. The committee is always looking for resident talent and welcomes contributions to the newsletter and delivery staff. They are particularly interested in finding a resident with an advertising background to help them analyze Dialogue advertising pricing. Our thanks to the Dialogue Editor, Jack Winans, and the dedicated staff for a job well done.

Finance and Insurance

By Tom Vaughan

Insurance: We received an updated valuation on our property before the April 2006 renewal of 2006's property insurance, increasing the buildings' value to approximately \$150,000,000. Due to extraordinary increases in liability and property insurance in addition to the increased value of our building, our total insurance premiums increased to \$191,976 from \$112,990 in 2005. This was a 70% jump and \$60,000 over our budgeted amount that anticipated a 10% increase. Other operating efficiencies covered this budget shortfall. As you will hear tonight in our budget discussions, we are anticipating a further 10% increase for our insurance costs for 2007.

Audited Financial Statements: Each year the Association retains an independent accounting firm to perform a full audit of the previous year's results. For a number of years we have used Picker and Associates of Buffalo Grove for this process. The audit for December 31, 2005 was distributed by the treasurer to all owners in July. The board believes that this process provides the board, management, and owners the greatest level of comfort in the association's finances.

Garage

By Martina Molins

The current capacity of our garage, as determined by our garage manager Shade Little, is 534 regularly parked vehicles. We have 144 single self-park spaces, 72

tandem spaces, 315 valet spaces including 20 aisle spaces and 3 spaces for motorcycles. Capacity is down 6 spaces due to leakage in some areas of the garage. When repairs are eventually completed, the garage may again accommodate more vehicles.

In the past as many as 556 cars were parked on a regular basis in the garage, but that was tight. Then garage occupancy decreased slowly but steadily and for the last couple of years the garage has been under-occupied. This year we have seen a slight increase in the number of parked vehicles and while the number varies constantly, this year we have been parking 500 to 521 vehicles. As of Aug. 31 of this year, 519 vehicles were parked in the garage on a monthly basis: 141 single self-parked cars, 53 tandem parked cars, 321 valet parked cars and 4 motorcycles. The fact that the garage is currently under-occupied affects revenue, but on the positive side it allowed us, during the repairs earlier this year, to relocate all cars parked in the area where the work was being done to other locations within our garage. It will also help us minimize the number of parkers inconvenienced by the upcoming repairs in 2007. The number of cars which will have to be relocated is still being determined and we will try to inconvenience as few people as possible. I am confident that the garage personnel will do as good a job as during the previous repairs and that everybody will cooperate and be patient.

Perhaps enthusiasm with large vehicles is decreasing in view of the still high gasoline prices. To avoid unpleasant surprises I would like again to remind all parkers whose vehicles occupy a small or medium-sized parking space and who intend to trade their car in for a larger vehicle that there are only a limited number of large parking spaces and that the ceiling height varies in different sections of the garage. Their new car may not fit into their current space and they may have to wait until a suitable space becomes available. They should also be aware that, if their new car is so large that it does not fit into one parking space, the parker will have to pay for two spaces, according to the MECA garage rules.

Security

By Sandy Chaet

This past year a new door security system by United Security was put in. Residents have received a new security key which is called a keyfob. The system seems to be working. A picture, taken by the office, of each person receiving a keyfob is on a computer security system. Access to the garage on the 2nd and 3rd floor is now only for the self parkers.

People ask what can I do to help make our building secure. If you call 911 due to an emergency, also call the doorman. If you notice anything strange that concerns you, call the doorman to report it. It is extremely dangerous to throw anything off the balcony, since it can seriously hurt someone. Finally, don't hold open a door for someone you do not know. Let the person use their own keyfob.

Social

By Sandy Chaet

First, let me thank the members of the committee — Aida Calvopina, Ann Pacatte, Ilse Siegler, Grace Bergbom, Betty and Ara Mayian, Jovita Duran, Marissa Michaels, Ruth Betty Spilky and Barbara Murphy. Thank you for all of your efforts and time in planning our activities. Thanks to Larry Rosen for making our interesting fliers and to Jack Winans for taking photos and for all of the wonderful articles about our events. Thanks to Aida Calvopina for chairing our casino outings, Ilse Siegler and Ruth Betty Spilky for chairing our Day Group activities and to the Mayians for chairing Meet the Candidates Night. Finally, thanks to Lawrence Bercini for his instruction for eight weeks of dance classes. Some of the dances taught were American tango, merengue, night club two-step, rumba, salsa and the waltz. More dance classes will be scheduled.

The Social Committee had a Chocolate Feast that was suggested by a resident. So many delicious chocolate treats were enjoyed. Many residents enjoyed participating in a Sunday brunch. The White Elephant Sale held in the Captain's Walk mall was very successful and will be planned again for the late spring or early

summer.

After the construction is completed in the Captain's Walk mall, a grand opening with refreshments will be planned. The tentative date is Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1–3pm. Also on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6–9pm, the American Lung Association will be here for flu and pneumonia shots. The flu shot will be \$30 & the pneumonia shot will be \$40. Only cash or checks will be accepted. You must bring your Medicare card. There is no charge for Medicare B participants. This will be held in the Windjammer Room.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Khazna Khalil will be performing Egyptian & Oriental dances starting at 7:30pm. There is no charge. Some light refreshments will be served, so please, when you get the flier, RSVP, so the Social Committee can plan accordingly.

Lastly, save these dates — the Holiday Party in the lobby will be Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Hanukah Lighting, also in the lobby, will be Friday, Dec. 15. More information will follow.

Sports & Entertainment

By Neil Warner

During the past year, the Sports & Entertainment Committee has accomplished a number of things:

- We instituted a yoga class, which now has been held once a week for nearly a year with a loyal core of residents participating. We currently have our largest class yet, 15 people.
- We set up, with the help of Chris Chiodo, regular water aerobics classes during the pool season.
- We purchased a new billiards table.
- We held a demonstration and seminar on the proper use of the equipment in the Fitness Room, under the direction of David Montgomery, a Malibu East resident who is also a certified trainer. It was well attended. We hope to hold similar demonstrations in the future.

I'd like to thank all of the residents who have participated in any of our activities.

One idea that we are planning to implement is to allow residents who are interested in a building activity but need a

partner, to leave their name and unit number and/or phone number on a list that will be kept in the management office. Other residents with the same objective will then be able to come to the office and get the contact information.

As always, we are interested in any ideas that residents may have. You can leave a note explaining your idea with the doorman or the Management Office, to the attention of the Sports & Entertainment Committee.

Treasurer's report

By Neil Warner, Treasurer

Although we have had to fund the hallway redecorating, the new building and Captain's Walk handicapped access project and greater-than-anticipated repairs to the building façade during the past year, the financial health of Malibu East appears to be in remarkably good condition. As of our most recent financial statement — July 31, 2006 — we had more than \$500,000 in our operating accounts and nearly \$2.7 million in our reserve accounts, for a total of approximately \$3.2 million in our combined accounts. This is slightly more than the funds we had in our accounts at this time a year ago. We do, however, have a number of sizable reserve expenses that will have to be paid in the next few months.

With interest rates climbing, the Board is making every effort to maximize the returns on the funds in our reserve accounts while continuing to invest only in U.S. government securities or deposits insured by the federal government. In striving to accomplish this goal, we have opened a number of CDs with our tenant in the Captain's Walk, the First Commercial Bank, and a number of its sister banks. This serves a dual purpose: It helps make one of our commercial tenants stronger while giving us a return in the form of higher rent, thanks to the long-term lease agreement that Marcel and the Legal Committee spent countless hours negotiating.

The level of delinquencies has been higher than we would like, but a substantial portion of the total is attributable to one account for which we finally received a legal remedy.

As you know, the Board of Directors wants to maintain the financial health of Malibu East while at the same time maintaining its status as a premier condominium. We anticipate a substantial increase in the property tax for our commercial unit, and the just-announced 22% increase in electric rates will have a big impact on us, since electricity is a sizable portion of our budgeted expenses. During the next few years, we anticipate substantially more repairs to the garage concrete. In addition, the relatively new city ordinances now require that we undertake a life safety study, which will likely require a number of modifications to our building, and we are required to conduct periodic inspections of the building façade, which are costly even if no repairs are necessary. The cost of complying with these ordinances and undertaking the capital projects I have just mentioned, as well as the inevitable increase in the cost of operating our building and garage, makes it inevitable that assessments will have to increase slightly more than the cost of living next year.

In the 2005 audit you may have noticed that the Board's ability to come more than 13% under budget with respect to operating expenses helped us to achieve a net operating surplus of \$533,393, which is being transferred to the reserve fund. As has been our practice, we will want to transfer any operating surplus from 2006 to our reserve fund at the start of next year.

If you have any questions about the budget or any financial issues at Malibu East, please address a note to me or any of the board members, and leave it with the management office. Or, you are welcome to attend the Board's budget meeting Sept. 26 and ask your questions in person. We will do our best to answer them.

Cable

By Tom Vaughan

MECA now receives 78 channels, including four HBO and four Showtime stations in addition to the regular over-the-air Chicago channels and "basic" cable coverage of sports, news, and special interest programming. Such coverage would cost something over \$50.00 per month as individual subscribers; how-

ever, due to our bulk purchase, we are able to charge only \$20.20 per month. Our DirecTV master cable system, while it has had periodic interruptions, is now performing equal to our former supplier, RCN.

As you may remember, MECA has an older wiring system that does not allow "addressability" to each unit. Addressability would allow greater flexibility for owners to subscribe to DirecTV's broader programming offerings for an additional fee. The "A" tier (the tier with the worst reception) had their splitters upgraded within the past year as an experiment to analyze whether it would be cost effective to pay the approximately \$180,000 to retrofit the whole building. The board continues to analyze this change. A long-postponed poll to solicit owner input regarding programming is stalled in the Cable Committee, but is planned to be distributed before yearend.

Top 10 facts to know before you decide to own a condominium

By Mark Pearlman

August 6, 2006 Chicago Tribune

Q. I moved into a condominium 10 years ago. The next year I became a board member. Owners in my building think that board members can solve every problem for them. People who move into condos think they live in apartments and board members are landlords.

I would appreciate a list for the condo complainers of the top 10 things you need to know to live in a condo.

A. For condominium owners, some of whom complain, but most of whom appreciate the time spent by volunteer board members:

1. Expect assessments to increase annually; years of no assessment increases will lead to a large special assessment for deferred expenses.
2. Be willing to accept decisions made by others, namely the board of directors, in exchange for the convenience of having someone maintain your common property.



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 **dates** of your **departure** and **return**.

3. The association maintains everything outside your unit. Everything inside the drywall is your responsibility.
4. You are responsible for any damage that arises from your unit, regardless of whether you were negligent.
5. You are buying into a system where the rules can be changed by an amendment or board regulation. These changes include leasing and pets.
6. If you live in a multifamily building, do not expect the level of silence of a single-family home. But consider that you have neighbors in proximity of whom you must think.
7. If you own a pet, control it. You don't have a back yard.
8. Assessments include a forced savings account called reserves.
9. The board must maintain a building for the benefit of present and future owners. The attitude that "I will not be here in five years, so why should I pay for it," does not apply.
10. Respect the property manager who must fill the role of engineer, social worker, police officer and financial manager, while attempting to please the board members and the unit owners.

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Exotic night

By *Sandy Chaet*

Join us at 7:30pm on Saturday, Nov. 4 for an evening of Egyptian and Oriental entertainment sponsored by MECA's Social Committee. The evening's highlight will be a performance by Khazna Khalil, professional dancer & teacher.

Refreshments will be provided — there is no charge for the party, but please respond by Wednesday, Oct. 25, so that we will have enough refreshments on hand.

Ms. Khalil performs at the Sigara Hoo-kah Lounge 2013 W. Division, 773-292-9190 and at the Kan Zaman, 617 N. Wells St. 312-751-9600. She also holds classes in dancing at the Rast Ballet Studio, 1803 W. Byron #201. More information, videos and pictures are available at www.khaznakhalil.com.



Get back in the swim at EASC!

By *Tracy Poyser*

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MECA events

The Malibu East Social Committee has planned the following events.

- **Grand reopening of the Captain's Walk mall.**
Tentative date, Saturday, Oct. 7, 1-3pm.
Ribbon cutting and refreshments.
- **Flu shots**
6-9pm on Wed. Oct. 26 in our Windjammer Room.
(See page 16.)
- **Exotic night**
7:30pm Sat, Nov. 4.
(See above left article.)
- **Holiday party**
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6pm in the lobby.
Refreshments and drinks will be provided, but residents are requested to donate additional homemade or purchased hors d'oeuvres or desserts.
- **Hanukkah lighting**
Friday, Dec. 15 at 5:30pm in the lobby.



Lane Beach playlot to go forward

According to an announcement by Robert Steele, the Lane Beach playlot project will go forward this fall, but probably construction will continue on into the spring of 2007.

Source: Email from Robert Steel, Community Outreach Manager, Intergovernmental & Community Affairs, Chicago Park District.

'Town Crier' announcements by Rodica Ilc



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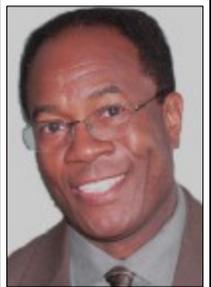


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Candidates, L to R: Marcel Molins, Marcia Fishman, Cass Buscher, Neil Warner, Sandy Chaet, Barbara Murphy.

Candidates' Night

By Jack Winans

Our six MECA director incumbent-candidates were grilled by 29 residents and two directors at a meeting in the Windjammer Room Aug. 29. Prewritten questions were submitted to the candidates by the Social Committee's moderator, Ara Mayian. Most questions centered on MECA's three- to five-year future challenges and how to better publicize and promote MECA events and meetings.

The traditional question and answer session was followed by a social "coffee-and."



Flu shots

The American Lung Association will be here from 6-9pm on Wed. Oct. 26 to give flu and pneumonia shots in our Windjammer Room. \$30 for flu shots, \$40 for pneumonia shots; only cash or checks accepted.

No charge for those bringing their Medicare part B cards.

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