

# Malibu East Dialogue

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Your Communication and Information Resource

## Holiday party draws scores of MECA residents



Pictures by Tracy Poyser (above left)

### Holiday & Hanukkah thanks

By Sandy Chaet

Thanks to the Social Committee for a job well done for the Dec. 13 holiday party. The members were very busy all evening, serving our residents the food and drinks that was being served. Thanks to all the residents who brought donations. The contributions were delicious and deeply appreciated. That is what makes this party so successful! Over 100 people enjoyed mingling with their neighbors. Thanks to our Malibu East staff for setting and cleaning up. Thanks to Chris Chiodo and Rodica Ilc, our office staff, for joining us.

On page 5, I have listed the restaurants that donated to the party. If you order from the places, please express your thanks also.

Thanks to Ilse Siegler and Ruth Betty Spilky for planning our lighting of the first Hanukkah candle on Dec. 15. After the participants lit the first candle, we enjoyed potato latkes and wine. Songs were also sung celebrating the holiday.

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# MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

## MECA board meeting Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives, 5 residents  
Not present: Cass Buscher, Allan Eckardt

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) None

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

#### Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
— \$3,277,109.55

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Floor Representatives

Barbara Murphy

At the last meeting, Reps. Think that lobby security needs to be tightened. What is the status of the Cable Committee? Grocery carts are being used for laundry. Missing keys to exercise room. Should owner notify management when they have a sitter for their unit? Yes.

#### 2) Social and Educational

Sandy Chaet

See holiday report, page 1.

#### 3) ASCO report

Sandy Chaet

See e-mail to officials, page 5.

#### 4) Garage

Martina Molins

#### Standard Parking report

Shade Little, Mgr.

#### Claims

Approved:	0
Denied:	0
Pending:	1
Total:	1

#### Waiting lists

Single self-park:	25
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

#### Monthly parkers

Single:	142
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### HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD NOTES

ACM Elevator Co. representatives were present to hear and respond to board members' complaints of poor service.

Next year's garage construction may necessitate valet parking for all and for some cars to be temporarily moved to another building.

State Sen. Carol Ronen was present to provide insight into current legislation concerning upcoming electrical rate increases. The board made suggestions concerning proposed legislation and discussed options on how to counter rate increases.

MECA passes city façade inspection.

The North Sheridan Road door and curtain wall work is expected to start soon.

The "No commercial vehicles in the garage" rule will be enforced.

Tandem:	48
Valet:	320
Preferred:	2
Motorcycle:	4
Engineer: no charge	1
Total:	517

New monthlies:	4
Cancellations:	4
Upgrades	2

#### 5) Sports and Entertainment

Neil Warner

New yoga class will start Jan. 8.

Interest in a step-dance class.

#### 6) Communications

Tom Vaughan

The Dialogue remains in the black.

#### 7) Legal

Cass Buscher

Neil Warner

#### 8) Building Maintenance & Services

Carol Beatty

#### 9) TV

Tom Vaughan

#### 10) Life Safety

Sandy Chaet

Asked to prepare a plan that can be budgeted for 2008.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

#### Items requiring immediate board action

##### 1) ACM Elevator discussion

Note: The elevator and electric discussions were moved to the front of the agenda in respect to invited guests.

Representatives present from ACM Elevator Co.

Tom Brennan, ACM Maintenance Supervisor

Nanette L. Bucaro, Sales Manager  
Josh Sklar, Account Manager

#### Door detector issue

**Brennan:** Elevator 4 had a bad detector that provided intermittent service. When repairmen came to install the new detector, they determined that elevator No. 1 had at that moment gone down completely and so they decided to replace its detector instead. In the meantime, we have replaced the No. 4 detector at no charge.

**Board comments:** No. 4 elevator is still not working correctly.

Elevators not aligning with floors.

**Brennan:** This has been corrected; a bad brush was replaced.

**Board:** We are paying for preventive maintenance and are expecting that these types of problems should be prevented. If service and elevator conditions do not improve, we will have to look elsewhere for service.

**Bucaro:** Much of your equipment is outdated, and we are continuously recommending upgrades in equipment.

**Board:** We would accept an offer of a plan to update our equipment, but meanwhile we do require much better service.

**Bucaro:** We can provide a capital expense plan prior to the next board meeting.

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.



## What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

- 2) **Patten Power Systems quote**  
Three bids needed.
- 3) **Garage construction project discussion and approval**

For a limited time the garage is going to have to go to all valet parking during this project, and some automobiles might have to be temporarily relocated to another building.

- 4) **Electric discussion**  
**Guest speaker State Sen. Carol Ronen** (resident)

ComEd has made changes in electrical rates that will unfairly increase condominium common-area rates by declaring them non-residential rates. Ronen is working to put a freeze on those increases and then work out a compromise that will allow for fair and reasonable increases that may come. Ronen is also looking at legislation that will not allow ComEd to classify common-area electrical meters as commercial. The possible use of alternate suppliers of electricity may or may not relieve our electrical use expense depending on many variables and also on proposed legislation.

**Options:** To do nothing and hope that our legislature returns favorable results and our rates remain the lowest; to buy electricity from an outside supplier for a short term and to later go to a long-term contract if the legislature fails to give us relief, or to sign a long-term contract with an outside supplier.

### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Unit sales**

35E	\$245,000
5H	\$222,000
39K	\$263,000 (pending)
- 2) **Lobby circulation/handicapped ramp access project**  
A few minor items will be finished shortly. The board authorized the officers to make payment toward final payment with reservations.
- 3) **Critical ongoing façade inspection**  
We have passed inspection for the

**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.

**Complaints or requests:** If you have a complaint, please contact the management office to voice it. If it is after hours and is an emergency, please contact the front desk. If it is a non-emergency, please write a letter and slide it under the management office door or wait until the management office opens the next business day. I will not accept complaint or request letters that are not signed or do not have a unit number on it. Also, I will only record complaints from the person making the complaint; this means you can't make a complaint or make a request on behalf of someone else. In addition, all anonymous complaints and requests will be discarded.

**Lincoln Towing:** The board and management have signed a new towing contract with Lincoln Towing. This means that if you are doubled-parked on the driveway and not in the one of the designated 15-minute parking spaces, your automobile can be towed at any time without direction from management or

certain staff personnel. In addition, the doormen have been given authority to call for a tow if you park longer than time allowed in the 15-minute parking and refuse to remove your automobile as well. Management will be monitoring the doormen, confirming that they are completing their responsibilities. Make sure you inform any guest or delivery person of this rule. In the event that an automobile is towed, management is not allowed to call the car back, and the only way you can get it back is if you pay a fee. MECA cannot and will not give refunds under any circumstance. **NO EXCEPTIONS. THIS IS PART OF THE CONTRACT.**

**Hallway carpet:** Management has been noticing more and more stains appearing in the hallways. If you have an accident in which the carpet gets stained, please contact the management office for a cleanup, or if after hours, the front desk. Please don't wait to report it and **DO NOT TRY TO CLEAN IT YOURSELF.** This carpet has to be cleaned in a special way. If you try to clean it, you may be doing more harm than good.

**Valet parkers:** I wish to inform every valet parker that you will not have access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the garage, and I have programmed your security access key so it will not open those doors.

**E-mail:** You may contact the management office or the board of directors for any reason, with requests, concerns, problems, etc. E-mail to: malibueast@awb.us

ongoing work on the N & W sides and critical on the E and S sides. Another city-required inspection is not due now for two years. However, regular maintenance work will continue on the façades.

- 4) **North Sheridan Road door update**  
Expecting delivery on doors shortly and work will commence soon. It is estimated that when all the parts are assembled, it will take three days to replace the door and curtain wall.

- 5) **Community Room rules discussion**  
Discussion of whether rules should be made to set an age where young people should be supervised in the Community Room.
- 6) **Commercial vehicles in the garage**  
Our rules prohibit commercial vehicles in the garage. This rule will be enforced.

The meeting ended at 9:53pm and went into closed session.

# Community Calendar

by Miriam Romain

## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

### BERGER PARK

#### CULTURAL CENTER

##### Computer class

For seniors (over 50)  
Fridays, 2-4pm FREE  
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.  
773-761-0376

### EDGEWATER

#### BRANCH LIBRARY

CAPS 24<sup>th</sup> Dist. Beat #2433  
Come meet our beat police.  
7pm Wednesday, Jan. 3

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Guest speaker Bill Rossberger from the Burnham Park Yacht Club  
Sat., Jan. 20, 10am  
5358 N. Ashland  
773-506-4843

### NORTH LAKESIDE

#### CULTURAL CENTER

*"The Man Who Came to Dinner"*  
Sundays 4pm, \$12  
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.  
773-743-4477

## THEATER/SHOWINGS

### LIFELINE THEATRE

*"The Velveteen Rabbit"*  
11am and 1 pm Saturdays,  
1pm Sundays  
Call for additional dates and ticket prices  
6912 N. Glenwood  
773-761-4477

### PEGASUS PLAYERS

*21<sup>st</sup> Young Playwrights Festival*  
Call for ticket prices and times  
O'Rourke Center, Truman College  
1145 W. Wilson Ave.  
773-878-9761

### PROFILES THEATRE

*"Fat Pig"*  
8pm Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun.  
4147 N. Broadway  
773-338-2177

### RAVEN THEATRE

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



## MECA EVENTS/ MEETINGS

### Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 16  
7:30pm — Community Room

### MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 23  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

### Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, Jan. 18  
2:00pm — Community Room

## January holidays

- 1 Emancipation Day (African-American, United States)
- 1 Feast of St. Basil (Christian, Orthodox)
- 1 Japanese New Year (Japan)
- 5 Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (Sikh)
- 6 Epiphany (Christian)
- 6 Three Kings' Day (Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic)
- 7 The Nativity of Jesus Christ (Christian, Orthodox)
- 13 Lohri (Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh)
- 15 World Religion Day (Baha'i)
- 26 India Republic Day
- 29 Ashura (Islamic, Muslim)
- 29 Tet Nguyen Dan (Vietnam)
- 31 Al Hijra - Muslim New Year

## Adriaan Meijier

Adriaan Meijier, a MECA original owner recently passed away in North Carolina. Meijier (from Holland) and his partner, Ian Smart (from England) were original owners on 44 before living in Belgium and returning to Malibu East with Adriaan's transfer back to the States by Sears, where he was a buyer of women's and children's apparel. They lived in 35A for many years, before retiring to the Smokey Mountains in Hendersonville where they had lived for 18 years.

Cards can be mailed to: Ian Smart 3060 Golfside Lane Hendersonville, N.C. 28739 1-828-891-2455

Thanks to former MECA residents Vaughn Patterson and Larry Creter for providing the Dialogue with this information.



## New Illinois Condominium Property Act legislation

By Jack Winans

Several new acts relating to the practice of real estate law, passed by the Legislature during the 2006 session of the 94th General Assembly, have now been signed by the Governor and have become law.

### P.A. 94-0886 (House Bill 5267) Amends 765 ILCS 605/27 of the Condominium Property Act

Prohibits a condominium instrument from requiring more than a three-quarters vote of unit owners to amend the condominium instruments where there is any unit owner other than the developer. Effective June 20, 2006. This bill arose from constituent's complaint that declarations requiring 100% of votes, to all intents and purposes, precluded any changes. This made it especially difficult to change declarations that allowed or excluded pets, smoking in units and leasing of units.

### P.A. 94-1049 (Senate Bill 2570) Amends 765 ILCS 605/9 of the Condominium Property Act; Amends 735 ILCS 5/15-1507 of the Code of Civil Procedure

Senate Bill 2570 provides that when a condominium unit goes into foreclosure, the purchaser will be responsible for payment of up to six months of association fees. Previously there was no provision for payment of these fees in cases of foreclosure, and condominium associations often had to absorb them. This bill also arose from discussions with constituents. Effective January 1, 2007.

#### Sources:

Mark D. Pearlstein  
Marylou Lowder Kent  
Dan Rutherford  
www.ilga.gov

## Condo seminar

By Jack Winans

MCD Media hosted its annual Condolifestyle's State-of-the-Industry seminar Dec. 15 at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 North Clark Street.

Opening remarks were by MCD Media president and editor Michael C. Davids. MCD Media publishes numerous magazines, including The Landscape Buyer and Condo Lifestyles Magazines, which are available in our management office and by subscription.



This year's seminar main topic was "Aging in Place." Davids and the featured speakers spoke on the issues concerning seniors who have physical or

financial problems and need assistance in order to continue to live independently in condominiums.

The guest speakers included Illinois 12<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, whose district includes Buena Park, Lakeview, Lincoln Park, and Near North. Rep. Feigenholtz is active with seniors in the Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs and legislative issues concerning seniors and high-rise living.



Also speaking on this subject was Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aging Joyce Gallagher. Gallagher en-



couraged board presidents and property managers to become the "voice" and avenue of aid for condominium seniors in need of assistance. Gallagher stated that her Department of Aging has numerous resources and an extensive staff ready to respond to financial, health and social needs of seniors.

Mark D. Pearlstein, of Levenfeld Pearlstein and Tribune condominium columnist, gave a community association legal update and commented on industry trends in legislation.



Attendees each received seminar-related pass-outs and trinkets.

Refreshments were catered by Wolfgang Puck.

## E-mail to officials

**From:** ASCO President Sheli Lulkin  
**To:** Carol Ronen,  
 7<sup>th</sup> Dist. Ill. Senator  
 Mary Ann Smith,  
 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman  
 Greg Harris,  
 48<sup>th</sup> Ward chief of staff  
 Harry Osterman,  
 Rep., 14<sup>th</sup> Dist. (D)  
 Michael Volini,  
 Committeeman, 48<sup>th</sup> Ward (D)  
 Ald. Joe Moore,  
 49<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman  
**Date:** 12/9/2006  
**Subject:** ASCO Membership

Dear elected official, Happy Holidays

I am forwarding to you an email sent to the ASCO Board by our treasurer Sandy Chaet.

According to Sandy, dues were paid in 2006 for 6,293 units. Since we pay property taxes at a rate slightly above single family homes, we divide our total by 20. (In an average Chicago city block there are 20 single family homes.) There are the equivalent of 314.65 city blocks represented by our "block club."

Let's round off 6,293 to 6,300 and 314.65 to 315 city blocks and talk. We are representing 315 blocks for which the city does not supply full scavenger or any bulk service. We are 315 blocks for which we clean and construct the sewers and water mains. We are 315 blocks for which we provide security and the police

do not patrol. We light our own hallways, we have very few street lights and Sheridan Road only has lights on one side of the street. We are 315 streets without many trees to be trimmed or much snow to be plowed.

For four years we have asked for an upgrading of the lights on Thorndale and for four years the lights have gone elsewhere. For 10-12 years we have asked for tougher traffic enforcement at Ardmore and Sheridan so that the commuters do not block our egress to Sheridan from Ardmore. We read in the newspaper about cameras being mounted but we have never received one. Is it possible that they have so much more traffic that we can't make the list?

315 blocks — 6,300 housing units

There are many neglected needs at the same time that the city keeps adding requirements. The legislature's action on ComEd's request will throw some of our budgets out of whack. More money for electricity combined with the life safety and facade requirements will cause a financial burden.

We are very concerned about this. We must insist that ASCO's just requests be honored.

We will be calling a meeting of our elected officials and ASCO leadership early in 2007 to seek solutions to continuing problems.

Sheli Lulkin, ASCO President

## Holiday party contributors

By Sandy Chaet

These are the restaurants that donated to our holiday party Dec. 13.

### Laurie's Pizza

5153 N. Broadway 561-8575

### Leona's Restaurant

6935 N. Sheridan 764-5757

### Wing Hoe Restaurant

5356 N. Sheridan 275-4550

Other contributors:

### HM Wagner Realty

Captains Walk 334-0200

Also huge thanks to all those residents who brought food to share!



*Time to celebrate  
the New Year again!*

**Come and join us on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm at the Sheridan Hair and Body Studio in the Captain's Walk at 6033 N. Sheridan Rd.**



## Loyola holiday party

Loyola University hosts community fundraiser and community holiday party

By Bill Keane

Christmas spirit was in full array at Loyola on Dec. 13 when the university hosted a festive party for the Edgewater and Rogers Park communities



in its newly restored auditorium, the Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, on Sheridan Road.

Appetizers and refreshing spirits were plentiful for the hundreds who attended and were welcomed by Loyola University President Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.

The auditorium was festive with ice sculptures, large Nutcrackers on the tables, and student art on display. Guests brought unwrapped toys and school supplies to be donated to Rogers Park and Edgewater schools.

There was live holiday music throughout the evening, with special performances by the Sacred Heart School's Children's Choir (pictured above); the Loyola University Wind Ensemble; the University Jazz Band; the Silhouettes, a new Loyola women's a cappella group; and the Lira Ensemble, the only professional performing arts company in the United States specializing in Polish music, song and dance.

For information on future Loyola events, you can call 773-508-7450, or e-mail [communityrelations@luc.edu](mailto:communityrelations@luc.edu).

## Top 10 No. 3

By Jack Winans

An article by Mark Pearlstein concerning 10 facts about condominium ownership was reprinted in the October '06 Dialogue. The Dialogue editor is commenting on those 10 facts, and urges condominium owners to contribute their personal comments.

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

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.

No. 3. The association maintains everything outside your unit. Everything inside the drywall is your responsibility.

#### Editorial comment:

Your responsibility inside the drywall is complete, but that doesn't mean that your responsibility stops at that point. Unlike individual home ownership, you are now living in a community — with responsibilities to the community and to the maintenance of that community through involvement in the running of that community. The fiscal stability, security and the comfort that our condominium association offers depends immensely on the volunteers that give of their time and talents to running our association.

## MECA garage rates

Effective Jan. 1, 2007

### New monthly rates

1 <sup>st</sup> motorcycle	\$60
1 <sup>st</sup> single self-parking	124
1 <sup>st</sup> tandem parking	113
1 <sup>st</sup> valet parking	102

### Monthly surcharges

Preferred	\$32
2 <sup>nd</sup> vehicle	28
3 <sup>rd</sup> vehicle	32
4 <sup>th</sup> vehicle	80

### Guest parking rates

Up to 2 hours	\$2
2 to 4 hours	7
4 to 6 hours	9
6 to 12 hours	14
12 to 24 hours	17
Weekly	56

### Parking coupons

\$30 value for	\$25
\$60 value for	\$50

Available in MECA office in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations.

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

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

Atrium parkers must register at the doorman's station and are limited to 15 minutes. Violators will be towed.

## 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.



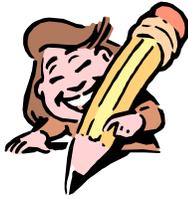
For reprints of back issues from January 2000 to date, go to:

[www.MalibuEast.org/dialogue](http://www.MalibuEast.org/dialogue)



Dear Etta Kitt,

I returned home late Saturday night after a fortnight, and, when preparing to retire, found I had no lights in the bedroom. I was too tired to check the fuse box, so with the aid of a flashlight, I went to bed with the intention of taking care of it in the morning. In the morning, a check of the fuse box showed a tripped circuit breaker. Aha! I reset the circuit breaker and checked the bedroom lights. Nope! Still no lights! Checked the circuit breaker, still OK. Another flashlight night, I'm afraid to use candles for lighting, too dangerous.



Monday morning, I got a recommendation for an electrician and luckily he had an opening and was out in the afternoon. His inspection showed that there was a break in the wiring inside the floor. He showed me the wiring that he pulled out and it was apparent that the wiring showed the stress of a nail or screw being forced through the wires. He said that this was not uncommon in apartment buildings and condominiums where a neighboring tenant was doing some type of redecorating or attaching something to the ceiling.

As I now knew that the problem was within the "common elements," I inquired of the management office, if I could submit the bill to Malibu East. The management office informed me that when you have an electrical or plumbing problem and are uncertain of the source, that you should always contact the management office first, so that Malibu East's maintenance people have the opportunity to solve the problem in-house if it is in the common elements.

Signed, In the Dark

In the Dark,

You should never let an outside repairman work on common-element troubles. If you do, you will be responsible for the repair bill from the repair service and also liable for any further damage that might be done to the common elements.

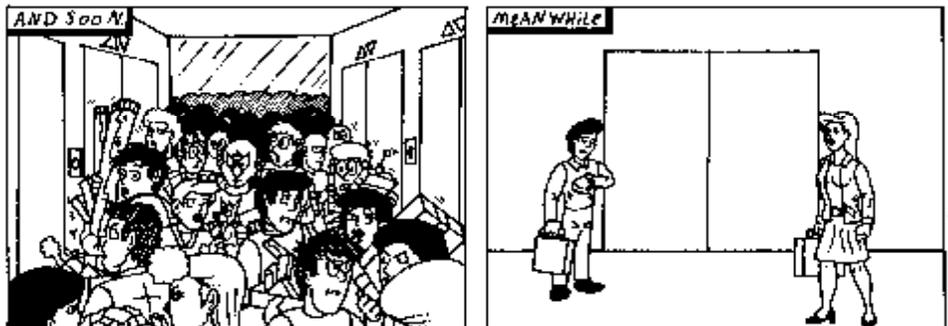
'Town Crier' announcements  
by Rodica Ilc

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

Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



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Thursday	9:30-6:00	CHICAGO, IL 60660
Friday	9:00-7:00	
Saturday	8:00-5:00	TELEPHONE: (773) 561-6595
Sunday by appointment only		(773) 561-6596

CLOSED MONDAY

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I have 26 years of experience as an independent Appraiser in Chicago. And I am a Malibu neighbor.

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Santa—8M



Calendar—36G



Stocking—37E



Bells—32F



Most Colorful—38C



Wreath—40B



Largest—42L

## Fifth annual winter door-decorating contest results

By Jack Winans

Our door-decorating contest took into account every decoration that was remotely a “winter holiday motif.” We did not consider spring, summer or fall decorations or anything that was placed on the floor. We also eliminated package bows and magazine cutouts. There were many decorations hanging that were interesting but not relevant to the holiday season.

The decorations that were judged included wreaths made out of rope, twigs, dried flowers, evergreen and cloth. We found bows in every shape and size, with some hanging almost to the floor. Snowmen, stockings, Santas, calendars, horns, bells, dolls, pinecones and poinsettias were the elements of many decorations.

Some units had multiple decorations, and some floors had none at all. Our cutoff date was 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, six days before Christmas. Units decorated after this date may not have been judged. All judges asked to remain anonymous.

**32M Grand Prize**

**42L The largest decoration**

**06K Best “Spirit of Xmas” decoration**

**38C Most colorful**

**36G Best calendar**

**34G Best decorations made by children**

**39D Best crèche**

**30C Best Hanukkah decoration**

**\* Best Kwanzaa decoration**

**08M Best Santa**

**37E Best stuffed stocking**

**40B Best traditional wreath**

**32F Best use of bells**

**39E Most unusual decoration**

**45W Floor with best end decoration**

*Honorable mentions:*

**12C, 12E, 23H, 33H, 40K**

The Dialogue extends its gratitude to the special volunteer judge committee, headed by Carol Beatty, for their hard work.

NOTE: Due to a lack of qualified entrants, one prize\* was not awarded.



**Reach 500 units here plus 50 condominium offices!**

**Wishing all my friends and neighbors a healthy and prosperous New Year!**

**BAIRD&WARNER**  
**Mocky Sire**  
 Realtor

Cell: 773-497-0404  
 Fax: 773-334-8452  
 mocky.sire@bairdwarner.com  
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The Illinois Compiled Statutes Property Condominium Property Act (Section 18 a (10) requires that our bylaws provide for at least four meetings a year. Our association, with a building of 45 floors, 499 units, a commercial unit, a parking garage and extensive common areas with numerable amenities, necessitates that our board of managers meet more often — at least 12 times per year.

Regularly scheduled monthly board meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Some monthly meetings are scheduled earlier during the winter holidays and to allow for legal obligations when deliberating the annual budget. Occasionally additional meetings are called to deliberate or act upon atypical issues.

In addition to regular monthly board meeting dates, the board also schedules the Annual Meeting of Owners, the Meet the Candidates event, open Budget Committee review meeting and open and closing dates for director candidate applications.

January 23, 2007–7:30pm  
 February 27, 2007–7:30pm  
 March 27, 2007–7:30pm  
 April 24, 2007–7:30pm  
 May 22, 2007–7:30pm  
 June 26, 2007–7:30pm  
 July 24, 2007–7:30pm  
 August 28, 2007–7:30pm  
 September 5, 2007  
 Meet the Candidates–7:30pm  
 September 18, 2007  
 Annual Meeting–7:30pm  
 (Registration–7pm)  
 Election of directors and  
 annual committee reports  
 followed by a board meeting  
 and election of officers)  
 September 25, 2007  
 Board meeting–7:00pm  
 (budget review)  
 October 16, 2007–7:30pm  
 November 27, 2007–7:30pm  
 (vote on 2008 budget)  
 December 18, 2007–7:30pm

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