

Malibu East Dialogue

May 2008

Your Communication and Information Resource

This year's garage construction done in May

Garage project

Richard Strauss

As reported by Jack Winans

Richard Strauss, long-time board member and officer, is the current board's Vice President, member of seven board committees and liaison to three standing committees. Richard's background and experience in finance and engineering highly qualifies him to also hold the unofficial but very important hats as "chairman of the building committee" and "construction inspector."



In his reports, Richard is always very hard-hitting with facts and figures to promote projects that he feels are absolutely necessary and he is often outspoken with very direct comments to disparage what he feels is unwise use of MECA's limited resources. One of Richard's long-term goals has been to bring our building into first-class condition, to do it with the latest available technology and to minimize yearly assessment increases while avoiding the horror of special assessments that many of our neighbors have experienced.

The following report (not verbatim) was given at the April 22 board meeting.

We are near the end of this year's project. We had budgeted about \$100,000 over expected expenses to cover unexpected contingencies. We decided to do the garage project in two stages to minimize the need to move some parkers out of the building during construction. This was not covered in the budget. Also, unfortunately, at this time, due to unexpected repairs, we have gone over this year's garage construction budget by about \$10,000. This does not cover

the planned repairs in the atrium that were scheduled for this year. One solution is to do aesthetic repairs (*this is not a safety issue*) to the atrium and come back to it later. To do the complete job at this time would cost an additional \$300,000. Another approach is to do the aesthetic repairs only this year, within budget, and then do the complete repairs three years out when the budget projection of that year (2011) is only \$400,000 to 450,000 (the other two years (2009 and 2010) are \$600,000). This would raise the third year (2011) to about \$900,000. If we do it this way, we will get the construction crew out of the garage two weeks early this year and we will be within a reasonable disparity of the budget. (*This last proposal was approved by the board.*)

We are also working on improving the garage lighting and the drainage system.

This year we will be done with the first floor and the second floor except for the area over the atrium. We will continue to minimize the removal of parkers from the garage during construction for 2009 and 2010. As the area being worked on during the final year contains only about 60 parking spaces, there probably will be no need to move parkers out of the building in 2011.

During the current garage construction, please be reminded that visitor parking may be refused.

We've installed a new roof, we've done the façade, and we're working on the garage. This building is being put in first-class condition, and we have maintenance projects in place to keep it that way. There will always be something to be done. The plumbing and the aluminum wiring will need attention, and the city is always presenting us with new challenges.

Smoking in stairwells

By Jack Winans

Unfortunately, a few of our more insidious residents are using the stairwells, apparently to escape the scorn and clutches of roommates, to sneak a smoke. I have complaints from residents who use the stairwells for exercise that several floors on both the east and west stairwells have areas permeated with the acrid, foul-smelling stench of cigarette smoke. Our janitors also report having to clean up the butts and messes left by these clandestine smokers.

Please remind your neighbors and all unit occupants and guests that smoking is forbidden per Rule IIA in all common areas of the building and that those flaunting the rules of the building are encroaching on the general good of all residents and are placing themselves at risk of action by the board up to and including fines.

II. COMMON AREAS A.—No-Smoking Rule. Smoking is not permitted inside the Malibu East building except in individual units, on individual balconies, or during private parties in the Windjammer Room, at the discretion of the host. In addition, smoking is prohibited in the pool enclosure.



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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, Apr. 22, 2008

Attendance: 11 board members, 2 management representatives and 5 residents
Not present: Barbara Murphy
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Bike room blocked off with shoring, no one told. When will it be open? **Board not notified either. Will inspect and hopefully will reopen in two weeks or sooner, if it is possible to move the shoring.**
- 2) A section of the Sheridan Road fence has been torn out by an accident. **Will it be fixed and will insurance cover it. It will be repaired, but our deductible will probably be greater..**
- 3) Sidewalk that floods by the temple. **They are working with the city to fix this.**
- 4) Will the pool open on time? **All bidders have said that they will have the pool repairs done on time for pool opening.**
- 5) Will be going to key fobs on the fourth floor rooms? **Not at this time as we are considering reconfiguring some of those rooms.**
- 6) Is there a difference in the construction rates doing the work in the winter? Yes, we get better rates by allowing work to start in January when the construction business is at a low.
- 7) Do we have earthquake coverage?
Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves
\$3,285,827.16

2) Delinquencies

\$46,717.59

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Rules and Regulations

Cass Buscher

No report

2) Floor Representatives

Barbara Murphy

No report

3) Security

Sandy Chaet

No report

4) Social and Educational

Sandy Chaet

We have a luau planned for the evening of Aug. 7. Social Committee Meeting May 12 in the Community Room.

5) Commercial Property

Avany Penaherrera

Report moved to closed session

6) Architecture & Aesthetics

Steve Ransone

No report

BOARD MAKES MAJOR DECISIONS ON GARAGE REPAIRS — SEE PAGE 1

7) ASCO report

Sandy Chaet

ASCO general meeting May 6 at 7pm at the Malibu, 6007 N. Sheridan Road. Voting on landmarking of some buildings. Attorney Michael Kim will give a presentation on proposed legislation affecting condominium owners. (See article, page 10.)

8) Garage

Martina Molins

The board stressed that guest parking may be refused during garage repairs.

Standard Parking report

Shade Little, Mgr.

Claims

Approved:	1
Denied:	2
Pending:	1
Total:	4

Waiting lists

Single self-park:	12
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

Monthly parkers

Valet:	482
Engineer:	NC
Total:	482

New monthlies:	1
Cancellations:	6
Upgrades:	0

9) Public & Community Affairs

Sandy Chaet

No report

10) Pets

Sandy Chaet

No report

11) Parents

Marcia Fishman

No report

12) Sports and Entertainment

Neil Warner

New Yoga class May 5, new members welcome. The pool will open Memorial Day weekend. Looking forward to water aerobics.

13) Finance & Insurance

Neil Warner

Waiting for first draft of audit. New insurance package available

14) Long Range Plans & Special Projects

Eleida Gomez

Looking at pool repairs and Captain's Walk carpet.

15) Communications

Cass Buscher

Dialogue in black with surplus.

16) Legal

Cass Buscher

No report

17) Building Maintenance & Services

Steve Ransone

Will cover carpet and doors later. Tuckpointing of brickwork on Sheridan road will be done this year.

18) TV

Cass Buscher

Cable Committee meeting with U.S. Wireless representative will be rescheduled. HDTV reception and contract will be covered.

19) Life Safety

Sandy Chaet

No report

MANAGEMENT REPORT**Items requiring immediate board action**

- 1) **Garage construction project**
Richard Strauss
(See article, page 1.)
- 2) **Approval of elevator contract extension**
Dean Lerner
ACM contract 60-day extension approved. We must have a meeting with ACM concerning elevator repairs.
- 3) **Legislative report**
Sandy Chaet
(See report, page 10.)
A letter will be prepared by the board secretary opposing specific legislation. Board members are asked to sign and send a copy of the letter to specified legislatures.
- 4) **Approval of final payment for Vortex Carpet**
Discussion of outstanding balance discrepancies and punch list items not finished and cracked thresholds. A payment not approved at this time. The board authorized the officers to negotiate a conditional payment.
- 5) **Approval of new garage doors**
Previously approved.
- 6) **Approval of new fence on Glenlake Ave. and repair of Sheridan Road fence.**
\$3,500 repair of Sheridan Road fence approved.
Discussion on extending the loading dock concrete area and diminishing the new Glenlake fenced area to limit potential damage exposure to the fence by trucks.
- 7) **Approval of outdoor landscapes**
The Sheridan Road grass should grow back if properly seeded and watered.
A \$7,900 bid for landscaping was approved.
- 8) **Approval of swimming pool repairs**
Rosebrook Swimming Pool Co., with a bid of \$48,700 for all three pools, was accepted.
- 9) **Elevator study**
Discussion on possible inadequacies of the report. Action tabled.

Items requiring future board action

- 1) **New HVAC contract**
Tabled
- 2) **New elevator maintenance contract**
Discussed previously.
- 3) **New automatic door operators**
Tabled
- 4) **New elliptical trainer for fitness center**
(Note: An elliptical trainer [also cross trainer] is a stationary exercise machine used to simulate walking or running without causing excessive pressure to the joints, hence decreasing the risk of impact injuries. Elliptical trainers offer a non-impact cardiovascular workout.)
Not ready to make a recommendation until, and if, we relocate the fitness center.
- 5) **New Captain's Walk carpet**
Will inspect comparable carpet for quality at other selected locations.
- 6) **Adding key fob entrances to fourth floor**
Tabled, see Open Forum (5) above.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Satellite TV status**
No report
- 2) **Façade ordinance**
Richard Strauss
A letter from our engineers, Klein and Hoffman, informs us that in spite of all the propaganda put out by the city, and the wording of the new façade ordinance, the Building Dept. has laid out new rules that signify that there will **NOT** be fewer scheduled inspections, or less thorough inspections and that enforcement procedures will be stricter.
- 3) **Garage construction project**
See item 1 above in Management Report.
- 4) **Laundry room project**
Dean Lerner
Some work and inspection of the electrical equipment will be done May 17-18. We should have a preliminary report at the May board meeting.
- 5) **Unit sales**
20G \$215,000
28A \$380,000 pending

The meeting ended at 10:20pm and went into closed session.

Management report

by **Chris Chiodo, 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 15th 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.

Swimming pool & fourth floor deck:

The pool season is right around the corner. The tentative opening date for the pools and patio deck is 6am Saturday, May 24. For early-bird swimmers. At this time we are planning to have water aerobics this summer, with the dates and time yet to be determined. Please make sure you sign a waiver in the management office before you attend a class. The lifeguards will be checking for pool passes this year and that policy will be strictly enforced. Anyone without a pass will be asked to leave the pool area. If you do not have any passes, please come to the management office to purchase them. Each unit is allowed four passes only at a cost of \$10 each. If a unit is caught with more than four passes, they will be confiscated.

Façade inspection & repair: Beginning in May, Golf Construction, along with Klein & Hoffman, will be working on the building façade per City of Chicago ordinance. A detailed notice will go out prior to the start of the repairs to explain the scope of the work and what is required from the residents.

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

Restaurant reviews

By *Betty Mayian*

Excellence in dining within walking distance

Maybe that title is a little odd for some of you. There are those who will be reading this who actually walk very long distances. But this article should be titled, "So you actually can only walk three blocks!" The gist of my story is that most of us ached for warm weather and I think that walking a few blocks and then rewarding yourself with a good meal — or a good cup of coffee — is an easy thing to do now that the warmth is here.



1.) The closest one to attempt is on Granville, between Kenmore and Winthrop, and its name is Metropolis. Perhaps you have seen their signs in other restaurants and wondered just who they were. Well, they are an actual coffee-roasting company that sells their freshly roasted beans to a large number of Chicago-based restaurants. They keep getting mentioned in magazine and newspaper articles as the best in Chicago. They sell their coffees and teas at these Edgewater restaurants, Flourish Bakery on Bryn Mawr, Antepima on Clark, Dawghaus Café outside of Berger Park on Sheridan (wait for really warm weather), That Little Mexican Café on Bryn Mawr and Hopleaf on Clark in Uptown. Metropolis has parking! It's worth going there to get a cup of great brew plus a nice scone or piece of pie to go along with it. They have more than that, but see for yourself.

773-764-0400

1039 W. Granville Ave.
Metropolis Coffee Company
Mon.–Fri. 6:30am–8pm
Sat.–Sun. 7:30am–8pm.



2.) Next up a couple of blocks north and west is Uncommon Ground, the newest restaurant around. They are on the corner of Devon and Glenwood and have taken over from Speakeasy at 1401 Devon. They, too, have parking! It is a full-service place with great breakfasts, lunch, and dinner — and desserts, a bar, and almost nightly entertainment. The Camerons, Helen and Mike, have opened at the old Speakeasy, nee Glenway Inn, location. This is their second restaurant; the first opened in Lakeview in 1991. Both restaurants have acquired a following for those who want good food and also look forward to an evening of music. Get on their website to find out which musicians are appearing on any one night. The disclaimer is, although entrance to these musical events is free, the owners strongly suggest a \$10 donation per person to support these artists and encourage them to return. Uncommon Ground shows much promise and their small parking lot is directly on Devon with the entrance to it off the alley. Their "bowl" of cappuccino is magnificent, but specify if you want it strong or not. Sometimes the staff gets a little heavy-handed with their caffeine. Their mac and cheese is to die for. Make sure to check them out.

773-465-9801

1401 Devon Ave.
uncommonground.com
Sun.–Thu. 9am–midnight
Fri.–Sat. 9am–2am



3.) The third on my list may actually be closer. The Broadway Cellars is on the northwest corner of Broadway and Thorndale. It opened around two years ago and is one of our most frequented restaurants. They have continued their service from lunch through dinner, so the hours they are open now include 3pm–5:30pm. They have so many special nights that you have to leave your e-mail to get all the latest events and wine tasting and all the pairings of food that you could want.

773-944-1208

Broadway Cellars
5900 N. Broadway
Tue.–Thu. 5pm–10pm
Sat.–Sun. 5pm–11pm



4.) The fourth review is of Habibi, which is one block east of Uncommon Ground on Devon and Magnolia. The owner seemed quite eager to please his guests. The décor is Egyptian, so I asked him if he (or his food) was Egyptian. (I don't remember an Egyptian-owned restaurant in Edgewater.) When he told me he was Jordanian, he said the décor is because people from all over like Egyptian scenes. The chairs are soft and roomy in the large room. There is room enough to have small parties or meetings without disturbing other guests. Cloth napkins were given, even at lunch. The costs are low and the food is very good.

We love Middle-Eastern foods, so we knew in advance what might please us. First, we tried the hummus with olive oil. Other than the bland pita, the chickpea concoction served well as an appetizer. Eight falafel balls were crispy and spiced just right. Tabouleh salad was very good, but a little heavy on the mint. It had parsley, mint, diced tomatoes, onions, and cracked wheat with olive oil and lemon juice. I still miss Wikstrom's tabouleh, though. Kibbeh gets 5 stars as the second best ever; it even rivals the old Casbah's

version. It was appetizer-sized, where I remember Casbah having it as a main course and baked, not fried. We had lentil soup and it was so tasty. Everything was shared, except for the cup of sweet Turkish coffee for Ara. We were all served a never-ending cup of hot cinnamon tea on the house.

The next time we went there, I ordered grilled shrimps with vegetables and rice. Ara had beef and lamb shish kabobs. There is a vegetarian combo that serves your meatless friends. They even have grilled HOT DOGS on the menu.

Habibi Middle Eastern Cuisine
1225-27 W. Devon
773-465-9318
Delivery minimum is \$15
Daily 10am-11:30pm

5.) My fifth selection is of the Dawghaus



Café in Berger Park, behind the North Lakeside Cultural Center, just north of Granville on the east side of Sheridan. It is located in a coach house and it has picnic tables for diners and for those who may enjoy the evening movies, musical entertainment, and a view of the fireworks shown every Wednesday and Saturday during the summer. Did I mention wireless, too? The owner is a Chicago-based thespian named Frank Pullen. They want to keep high-quality foods that can be easily purchased in Edgewater. The coffee (hot and iced) is from our own Metropolis Café on Granville. The bakery rolls and breads will probably be from the wonderful Bryn Mawr bakery Flourish. The simple menu calls for no waitstaff, busboys, or food that kids don't appreciate. This is beach and fun food that is quite good and can be healthy, too. They are very concerned about having enough quality choices for those who don't go the meat route. Fire-roasted veggie protein burgers are a perfect example. Hummus and pita, nachos and chili (or not), and both a village house salad and the Greek salad are offered.

Last, but not least, did I mention dawgs? All kinds to add credence to the Dawghaus name. The shortest walk yet.

6219 North Sheridan Road
773-761-DAWG
Opening mid-May
10am-10pm Sun.-Thu.
10am-11pm Fri./Sat.

Paws for a moment!

By Regina Gubic, AMS, CMCA

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is McTavish and I am a nine-year old Cairn Terrier. When I was eight weeks old, my biological mother allowed my human family to adopt me. I love all humans, but not all canines and most definitely not any feline! I know that I am handsome and smart because everyone is always telling me this.



So, here is my story:

We moved into a condominium when I was a baby. All the neighbors and their friends went ooh and ah when they saw me, so I jumped up in excitement! The neighbors and others were not pleased that I jumped up on them and immediately told my human that I was not properly behaved.

Sometimes when we get on an elevator there is another dog and we begin growling and barking at each other. Once again, I am told that my behavior is unruly and that I should not be allowed on the elevator.

One time, my human was quite late getting home. We flew out of our condominium door and into the elevator so I could go outside to relieve myself. But unfortunately I could not wait, and I made a small puddle on the elevator floor.

When the elevator arrived on the ground floor, we ran outside leaving my mistake on the floor. The next day, the property manager sent a letter to my human, in-

forming us that I must behave better or I would need to be removed from the building permanently!

While I am a smart pooch, I cannot read, nor have I ever heard of pet rules. My human can read and is responsible for my actions.

Are you a responsible pet owner?

Most associations have pet rules that must be followed by the resident. Violations of these rules can result in fines, and continual violations can result in being told that you must remove your pet from the premises permanently.

Always be considerate of your neighbors!

Here are a few simple, common-sense rules that will help keep your neighbors happy.

- When entering an elevator and there are others already on the elevator, ask if they mind if you and your pet ride along with them.
- If your pet has an accident in the common area, clean it up immediately or call your manager and/or door staff, so it can be cleaned by the maintenance staff.
- Outdoors, pick up after your dog and dispose of the waste in a sanitary manner.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times when in the common areas and keep your cat inside your home, not allowing them to exercise in the hallway.
- Obey the nuisance clause in your declaration (generally defined as "excessive noise" such as continuous noise by an animal which disturbs any person at any time of the day or night).

There are approximately 65 million dogs and 77.6 million cats owned in the United States.

More and more community associations are allowing pets to assist in making the association more marketable. Please, be a responsible

pet owner. Your pet cannot obey the rules without your help!

Source: Newsletter by Sudler Property Management 2006, Page 4

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Community Calendar

by Miriam Romain



NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

"Chairs"

Opening, Fri., May 1, 6-9pm

A co-exhibit with the

Edgewater Historical Society
6219 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-743-4477
northlakesideecc.org

THEATER/SHOWINGS

BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER

"I Am Who I AM, the story of Teddy Pendergrass"

8pm Fri./Sat., 3pm Sun., \$40 Fri, \$45 Sat./Sun.

4520 N. Beacon
773-769-4451

blackensembletheater.org

CORN PRODUCTIONS

CORNSERVATORY

The Original Improve Gladiators Round 3

A no-holds-barred improv competition. A cross among American Idol, American Gladiators and Who's Line Is It Anyway.

8pm Wed.. \$10
4710 N. Lincoln Ave.
312-409-6435

cornservatory.org

GRIFFIN THEATRE

"Be More Chill"

A teenager who isn't cool laments about the things he can't have now — drunken parties, hot babes. He wishes for something to make him the coolest guy in high school.

7:45pm Thu.-Sat., various times
Sun., \$15

South Theater, Theater Building
Chicago.

1225 W. Belmont

773-327-5252

griffintheatre.com

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"

One of the longest-running shows in Chicago. First performed Dec. 2, 1988, the "menu" changes with an attempt to perform 30 plays in 60 minutes.

11:30pm Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun., \$8-\$13 (\$1 plus the roll of one six-sided die)

5153 N. Ashland Ave.

773-275-5255

neofuturists.org

PEGASUS PLAYERS

"Golda's Balcony"

The history of Israel through the eyes of Golda Meir.

8pm Thurs. – Sat., 3pm Sun., \$17-\$25

O'Rourke Center, Truman College
1145 W. Wilson

773-878-9761

pegasusplayers.org

PROFILES THEATRE

"In a Dark Dark House"

Two siblings, on the grounds of a private psychiatric facility, must struggle to come to grips with their troubled legacy, both inside and outside their dark family home.

8pm Thu./Sat., 7pm Sun., \$25 Thu. & Sun. \$30 Fri. & Sat.

Through May 11

4147 N. Broadway

773-549-1815

profilestheatre.org

RAVEN THEATRE

"Laughter on the 23rd Floor"

This hilarious play shows the writing room's outrageous antics and increasing stress levels under the pressures of rising McCarthyism and television executives resistant to sophisticated humor.

8pm Thu.-Sat., 3pm Sun., \$25

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

REDTWIN THEATRE

"Doubt"

Sister Aloysius has a seemingly airtight case against a parish priest, or does she?

8pm Thu.-Sat., 3pm Sun., \$22-\$30

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

THEATRE BUILDING CHICAGO

"Nine"

This play is based on film director Fellini's classic film "8½." It is the story of a famous film director and his attempts to come up with a plot for his next film. He is pursued by beautiful women who all want him to themselves.

1225 W. Belmont

8pm Fri./Sat., 2:30pm Sun., \$34

773-327-5252

theatrebuildingchicago.org

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

EDGEWATER

BRANCH LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #2433

Come meet our beat police.

Wed., May 7, 7pm

(1st Wed. of every month)

Saturday Book Club

11am 1st Sat. month

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

tinyurl.com/32obm5

EDGEWATER

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Meeting and Elections

Luncheon

Tues., May 20, 11:30am-1:30pm

The Breakers at Edgewater Beach
5333 N. Sheridan Rd.

For more information, contact the
Edgewater Chamber of Commerce
1210 West Rosedale Ave.

(773) 561-6000

edgewater.org

EDGEWATER

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Young Artists of Edgewater create and display art

Sat., May 17, 9am – noon

Senn campus front yard

Call the Council for more
information

6044 N. Broadway

773-334-5609

edgewatercc.org

EDGEWATER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Chairs"

A co-exhibit with the North

Lakeside Cultural Center

Fri., May 1, 6-9pm

Annual Fundraiser

Edgewater Beach Apartments

5555 N. Sheridan Rd., \$40 (\$45 at
door)

Parking available for 25 cars in
garage, \$5

Send advance registration with
number of attendees to:

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

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2201 W. Howard St. at Ridge

3200 W. Touhy Ave. at Kedzie

6033 N. Sheridan Rd. at Glenlake

7050 N. Western Ave., south of Touhy

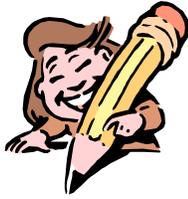
(773) 761-4300 thefirstcommercialbank.com

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Dear Etta Kitt,

I am really thankful that our building provides both shopping and luggage carts. Rather than struggling with two armfuls of grocery bags, it is pleasant to know that carts are available to take my groceries from my car to my unit. When I use them, I always return them immediately for use by other residents.



Unfortunately, I notice that others are not quite so considerate and I often see carts standing abandoned in hallways and occasionally taking a vacation trip in the elevators traveling up and down until someone ejects them.

Is there some way that we can make our residents more liable for the return of these carts?

I've also noticed that a few residents are using the carts for dirty laundry or construction debris. I certainly don't want to load my groceries into a cart that has been used for these offensive purposes.

A concerned resident

Dear Concerned,

Yes, it would be great if all of our carts had license plates and we could treat them like rental cars.

Unfortunately, the paperwork involved, and the extra responsibility placed on our already busy doormen, would change a unique amenity into an irritating annoyance.

Some things can be regulated to the point of absurdity and then become more trouble than they are worth. This is one of those many things where we have to depend on the character and trustworthiness of our neighbors.



We hope and are optimistic that, under these circumstances, our selection of MECA for our home was the correct choice.

'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



Reach 500 units here plus 50 condominium offices!



HEAT COOL Service Co.



Bryantman

We Cool the Heat And Heat the Cool
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 6033 N. SHERIDAN RD.
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Sheridan Hair & Body Studio
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HOURS:

Tuesday	9:30-5:00	6033 N SHERIDAN RD
Wednesday	9:00-7:00	CAPTAIN'S WALK
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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Community & ASCO news

By Sandy Chaet



A number of bills have been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly, which will have significant impact on condominium and homeowner associations. The actual status of the bills may vary: Some are in committee hearings while others will have moved out of their assigned committee and onto the legislature for action. ASCO (Association of Sheridan Condo and Co-op Owners) opposes the following four bills and it suggests that people voice their opposition and write to their State Representative, State Senator, and to the person who introduced the bill. The address of State Senator Heather Steans is 5539 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL, 60640 and of State Representative Harry Osterman is 5535 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640.

I have listed below the bills that need your attention:

House Bill 4168 (introduced by Rep. Robert Molaro) is an attempt to amend

the Code of Civil Procedure and the Condominium Property Act to eliminate the right of condominium associations to use the eviction remedy to collect delinquent assessments, fines and attorney's fees.

House Bill 4516 (introduced by Rep. Elaine Nekritz) proposes to amend the Condominium Property Act to require the licensing of condominium, homeowner and cooperative association property managers, with a regulatory commission, license fees and an annual \$1 per unit charge (with a \$50 minimum) on all associations that are not-for-profit corporations. This is about the third time this bill has been introduced and each time defeated. Most management companies provide their own education sessions, and managers are responsible for their own licensing.

House Bill 2064 (introduced by Sen. Maggie Crotty & Jacqueline Collins) would require that a Cook County condominium association would have to "state the name & date of birth of each known occupant" and "the name of each known occupant who has a disability" in order to proceed with an eviction (Forcible Entry & Detainer) case for unpaid assessment and other monetary obligations due from

a unit owner or an eviction of a tenant due to a violation of condominium governing documents. Similar requirements would be imposed on an association doing a lien foreclosure. This would be very difficult for associations to comply with.

House Bill 5189 (introduced by Rep. Sandra Pihos & Deborah Graham) would amend the Condominium Property Act and the General Not for profit Corporation Act so that condominium and homeowner associations that currently allow leasing, or which are incorporated after the effective date of this proposed law, must allow rental of up to 20% of their units. The association couldn't amend its documents or adopt rules that would prohibit unit owners from leasing up to 20% of the total number of units. This bill is an infringement on an association's right to decide if and how to deal with leasing.

Lastly, there will be a Friends of the Parks meeting on their proposal of landfills between Hollywood and Juneway Terrace, on Wed. Jun. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Armory, 5917 N. Broadway. I am giving you this information for your personal use. ASCO is not endorsing this meeting or any outcome.

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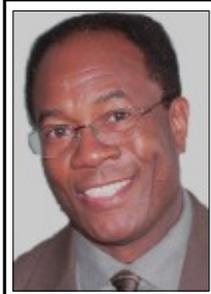
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Tuesday, May 6

7pm — Malibu meeting room

6007 N. Sheridan Rd.

Social Committee meeting

Monday, May 12,

7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday Afternoon**Discussion Group**

Thursday, May 15

(Every 3rd Thurs. of the month)

2pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 21

7:30pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tues., May 27

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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