

# Malibu **East** Dialogue

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## Cold July brings MECA stimulus picnic indoors



**Hungry customers line up for \$1 all-beef hot dogs with all the trimmings, chips, drinks and dessert.**

### Stimulus party

By Betty Mayian

What a great idea! Let's have a stimulus party for Malibu East that has \$1 hot dogs for all who attend the event.



We all know that the economy has kept quite a few of us puzzled about what kind of celebrations the building should have. Then, at a Social Committee meeting, the idea was sprung: a stimulus party. That's why it is fun to belong to the committees in Malibu East; we get people who come up with great ideas.

On Sunday, July 19, we opened up the Windjammer Room and began getting ready. We bought 80 all-beef Vienna hot dogs and an equivalent number of hot dog buns, relish, mustard, catsup, onions, sodas, chips, ice, and desserts. I

began my job of "cooking" the dogs. Sandy and other committee members set up the rest of the room in anticipation of our fellow residents coming to get their food. The biggest issue we faced, as always, was: Will we have too much food — or will we run out and have to apologize to the late arrivals.

We had all of our members there, ready at their stations. But, we even had another helper; Ilse's granddaughter, Bess, was there to assist us. Not an easy thing to do for a vegetarian. Besides Sandy, Ilse, Bess, and me; Marissa, Barbara, Greg, Jovita, Ara and Aida were on duty. I began to count out the hot dogs to go into the pots. Maybe we would only start with 40. When the people arrived, it soon became apparent that we better add more of the wieners. Most people only bought one hot dog, but all looked happy and were soon talking with each other and enjoying the day. We kept hearing that this was one of the

best events we ever had. Toward the end, Sandy went downstairs and got more soda and another package of hot dogs. Thanks to all who brought more dessert items.

We had 83 customers — so you see that we had a fine turnout. Bravo! We should do this more often. Any ideas?

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## MECA board meeting notes Tuesday, July 28, 2009



By Elaine Winans

Attendance: 8 board members, 2 management representatives and 11 residents  
Not present: Cass Buscher, Avany Penaherrera, Steve Ransone

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Scratch evident on in-house music CDs. *Will be replaced.*
- 2) Update on cable TV? *Meeting Thursday night on multiple proposals.*
- 3) Comments on lack of owner involvement.
- 4) No signs in bulk room regarding in which containers to recycle bottles, cans and plastic. *Either one, as it is all commingled. Recycling saves us money in taxes, so please recycle.*
- 5) Why do we need pool lifeguards – some condo buildings don't? *It has been the choice of this board to provide this service for safety and good order.*
- 6) Plastic flowers in the lobby? *A money-saving decision. Saves \$75 a week.*
- 7) Comments from guests on how clean our garage is.
- 8) Comments on the need for pedestrian walk areas in the garage.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

- 1) *Financial statement*  
Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,620,232.00
- 2) *Delinquencies*  
\$69,917.59

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) *Security*  
Sandy Chaet  
Security meeting Aug. 11.
- 2) *Social and Educational*  
Sandy Chaet  
Very successful picnic.  
(see front page)  
Social Committee meeting Aug 5.
- 3) *Commercial Property*  
Martina Molins  
Question about recovering back taxes.
- 4) *ASCO report*

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.

(See page 6.)

**Sandy Chaet**

Hoping to get Glenlake repaved from the lake to Broadway.

#### 5) *Garage*

**Martina Molins**

The precise number of billed cars in the garage is being checked against previous records.

#### *Standard Parking report*

**Kittrell Hickman, Mgr.**

#### Garage capacity

Total: 534

(Under capacity 70 change from June +4)

#### 6) *Sports and Entertainment*

**Neil Warner**

Water aerobics continuing. Yoga just starting new class.

#### 7) *Building Maintenance & Services*

**Leon LeRoy**

Until the mall carpet is replaced, we need more maintenance and mats covering soiled rear entrance carpet. This area will be replaced with tile.

#### 8) *Life Safety*

**Dean Lerner**

Finishing the due diligence work on contracts.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

**Chris Chiodo**

#### Items requiring immediate board action

- 1) *Fitness Room project proposals*  
**Neil Warner**  
Reviewing proposals for rubber flooring and waiting for another. An additional \$800 authorized for purchase of new fitness equipment.
- 2) *Proposal for lighting in the garage*  
**Richard Strauss**  
The Dunning bid of \$8,005 was approved.

#### Items requiring future board action

- 1) *Leaks into garage from fourth floor showers.*  
**Martina Molins**  
It was suggested that repairs or refurbishing the entire sauna floors be put into the 2010 budget.

(See **BOARD MEETING**, page 5)

## Management report

By Chris Chiodo



**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.

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**Visiting the management office:** Recently, many residents have been coming down to the management office to make complaints or comments, request work orders or address other issues. We are extremely busy, and it's very difficult to stop in the middle of a project to take care of your issue. As a result, we are falling behind in the office. I have to kindly ask that if you have any issues, to please make them by a phone call or e-mail [malibueast@awbworld.com](mailto:malibueast@awbworld.com). If you would like to set up an appointment with me, please contact the office at least 24 hours in advance, and I will confirm a time with you. Thank you for your understanding.

**Swimming pools:** Labor Day will be the last day for lifeguards and water aerobics class. Anyone who uses the pools after that day will swim at their own risk. Please take any precautions necessary. Children under 12 must be supervised by a responsible person age 12 or older, who can swim.

**Preliminary notice of 2009 annual meeting of voting members:** Those voting members who wish to become candidates can obtain a board candidate form in the management office. Completed board candidate forms must be returned to the management office no later than 5pm Aug. 28, 2009.

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## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

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Su

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773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

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##### MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

**MECA Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, Aug. 9

2:00pm — Windjammer Room — pool deck

Free until supplies run out.

**Dialogue Committee meeting**

Wednesday, Aug. 19

7:30pm — Community Room

**MECA board meeting**

Tuesday, Aug. 25

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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

### AUGUST HOLIDAYS

#### August 1

*Lughnasadh/Lammas: Celtic*

Fire Festival marking the height of summer and the first of the harvest. Anglo-Saxons called it Lammas, for loaf-mass, after the blessing of bread, made from the first harvest of grain.

#### August 5

*Raksha Bandhan: Hindu*

Hindu festival honoring the loving ties between brothers and sisters; sisters tie strings around the wrists of their brothers, symbolizing a protected bond.

#### August 6

*Feast of the Transfiguration: Christian*

Commemorates the incident in Matthew 17:1-9 when Jesus appeared, transfigured, with Moses and Elijah, and the voice of God identified Jesus as his Son.

#### August 14

*Pakistan's Independence Day*

*Janmashtami: Hindu*

Celebration of the birthday of Krishna; features a day-long fast broken at midnight, the time of Krishna's birth.

#### August 15

*India's Independence Day*

*Liberation Day (Korea, South Korea)*

*Feast of the Dormition: Orthodox Christian*

Commemorates the "dormition" or "falling asleep" of Mary and the assumption of her body into heaven.

#### August 16

*Feast of the Assumption: Catholic*

Commemorates the assumption of Mary's body and soul into heaven upon her death

#### August 21 to September 20

*Ramadan: Islam*

Holy month in which the Qur'an was revealed; a time of worship, Qur'an reading, charitable acts, and individual reflection and purification.

#### August 23

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**BOARD MEETING**

(Continued from page 2)

**Items not requiring board action**

- 1) Façade ordinance repairs**  
**Richard Strauss**  
Mostly done on the north side. Will be moving to the south side. May have to close the tennis court during the actual work.
- 2) Garage construction project**  
**Richard Strauss**  
Trying to match the paint colors. Also, some final items such as wheel stops need to be done.
- 3) Laundry Room project**  
**Richard Strauss**  
A consultant's proposal and an analysis of our need for new electrical switch equipment utilizing an additional 2,000 amps will be reviewed and sent out to electrical contractors for bids.
- 4) Unit sales**  
42H \$267,500  
41K \$164,000 owners voted to exercise right of first refusal  
43M \$153,500 pending

- 39K \$246,000 pending  
12F \$196,500 pending
- 5) 18D, 36E, 41K update**  
18D is ready for sale. Ad will be placed in the Dialogue.  
36E Amateur installed electric connections and tile, which need to be replaced. Window stripping needs to be replaced.
  - 6) Brick pavers in Sheridan Road driveway**  
**Chris Chiodo**  
Discussions with manufacturer about the expense of thicker and L-shaped locking pavers.
  - 7) Distribution of unauthorized advertising**  
**Neil Warner**  
Management will handle transgressors by letter. Dialogue may contact them separately.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTION  
TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION**

- 1) Fined resident \$100 for violating agreement made with Board.**

The meeting ended at 10:07pm and went into closed session.

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**Malibu East TV guide**

*By Jack Winans*  
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We will list it on the back page under our website for your future convenience. Thanks to Tom Vaughan for suggesting this article.

## ASCO and community news

By Sandy Chaet

Thanks to all the residents who e-mailed or wrote Gov. Quinn to veto SB1579 (Community Association Manager Act). This bill would empower the Illinois Dept. of Financial & Professional Regulation to license, regulate and discipline managers. This bill would probably mean higher cost of management and a financial gain to organizations that offer property management courses. Please keep the letters/e-mails coming to Gov. Quinn to veto this bill. His e-mail address is [governor@illinois.gov](mailto:governor@illinois.gov).



The dog beach is now open at the north end of Foster Beach. It has a ramp at the entrance going down to the water.

There will be sidewalk extensions known as bump-outs built on the corners of Bryn Mawr/ Kenmore, and Bryn Mawr/ Winthrop. It will take about six weeks to complete and traffic will be interrupted during that time.

48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith is thinking of allowing parking on Ridge from Clark to Broadway. That would reduce the lanes to one each way from Hollywood to Clark except during rush hours. There would be 24/7 parking from Broadway to Hollywood. ASCO leaders are asking for a traffic study to determine the impact on Sheridan Road. The alderman's chief of staff objected to a traffic study.

The next free trolley date for Third Saturday on Broadway is Aug. 15 from 10am to 6pm. The trolley runs north on Sheridan from Berwyn to Granville, Granville to Broadway, Broadway to Berwyn and back to Sheridan. There will be street signs on the route indicating trolley stops. It's a great way to be able to see all that Edgewater offers us. There will be sidewalk sales and entertainment. The focus in August will be the businesses on Bryn Mawr.

State Rep. Harry Osterman has informed ASCO a new beach house will be built on the grass at Osterman Beach similar to the one at Foster Beach with facilities for a lifeguard office, lifeguard shower, new

public bathrooms and a concession stand. The work should be completed by opening day of the beach season, Memorial Day 2010. Rep. Osterman and Ald. Smith will be partnering with ASCO on the project. The surveyors have already been out to the site.

There will be an ASCO general meeting on Tues. Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. The topic will be life safety. The speaker will be Richard Pawlish from Schirmer Engineering. All buildings must be in compliance with the Life Safety Ordinance by Jan. 1, 2012.

## Captain's Walk news

By Jack Winans

For "safety reasons," and at the suggestion of the Illinois Bankers Association, our First Commercial Bank has a new dress code for customers:

**No Hats, No Hoods, No Sunglasses.**

Our bank wants to see more of its customers — pun intended. All of these items can hide features.

This is not an unusual step; bankers associations nationwide are encouraging banks to adopt this policy. "We realize and recognize that there are circumstances, such as religious traditions, that might make this offensive to some of our customers," Wachovia spokeswoman Kathy Harrison said.

The Florida Bankers Association (FBA) says some 40 percent of all bank robberies involve some kind of facial disguise: masks, helmets or other head coverings.

"While it may take some time for customers to become accustomed to it, once they understand it is for the safety of bank employees and for customers like themselves, they will be more willing to participate," said FBA spokeswoman Renee Thompson.

It has worked in other states. Missouri, for example, reportedly saw a 47 percent drop in bank heists after adopting it in 2002.

Banks acknowledge that they will wait on customers not following the policy, but they will be watched more closely.

Sources: <http://tiny.cc/QEgqZ> and <http://tiny.cc/AkxwB> and <http://tiny.cc/YJ77g>



## Electric grills

By Jack Winans

Propane grills are illegal and I hate the hassle of messing with slow to heat charcoal and the resultant mess, so I've been suffering with the use of a small older model Sunbeam table-top electric grill for years.

After surfing the web and checking reviews, I selected a Meco Electric BBQ Grill, model 9329W with a cart, rotisserie and fold down wood side tables. It comes with a 1670-watt heating element plugs into our patio outlets and has 200 sq. inches of cooking surface on a easy-clean porcelain cooking grill. The thermostat control has low, medium and cooking element adjusts for positions, including vertical for indirect rotisserie cooking.

A weekend trial of cooking steaks and hamburgers and a chicken on the rotisserie convinced me that this unit has plenty of "sizzle." An optional cover allows me to store the unit year-round on the balcony. Viewing by appointment.

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## Sheridan Road, Part 6

*Compiled by Jack Winans*

Q: I drive down Sheridan Road in Chicago every day. Who exactly was Sheridan?

Sheridan Road is named for Lt. Gen. Phillip Henry Sheridan, who was born in 1831, the son of Irish immigrants. Sometimes known as "Little Phil" because of his short stature (5'5"), Sheridan first came to fame during the Civil War. As the Chief of Cavalry of the Army of the Potomac, Sheridan secured his place in the history books on October 19, 1864, when he successfully transformed a surprise attack on his army by Confederate troops, led by Lt. Gen. Jubal Early, into a Union victory at Cedar Creek, Virginia. Sheridan's actions that day are immortalized in the poem "Sheridan's Ride" by Thomas Buchanan Read.

After the war, Sheridan was given command of the Army's Division of the Missouri in 1867, where he was charged with the controversial task of "subduing the



Indians" and placing them on reservations. He moved the division's headquarters to Chicago and was in the city during the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871.

Chicago's mayor, Roswell B. Mason, entrusted Sheridan with keeping the peace in the city in the aftermath of the conflagration.

A statue of the general sitting astride his horse dominates the intersection at Belmont Ave. and Sheridan Road. The statue, installed in 1923, was created by Gutzon Borglum, the same egomaniacal sculptor responsible for the carving of Mount Rushmore. An identical Sheridan equestrian statue, cast from the same mold, stands on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Source: [http://www.gapersblock.com/airbags/archives/cruisin\\_down\\_sheridan\\_road/](http://www.gapersblock.com/airbags/archives/cruisin_down_sheridan_road/)

*Cruisin' down Sheridan Road and Ask the Librarian by Alice Maggio Sep. 04 2003*

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