

Malibu East Dialogue

October 2009

Your Communication and Information Resource

Tough times recommends only 3% assessment increase

State of the Association

President Marcel Molins

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Another year! Now, I do not only notice that I am getting old on my birthdays but also at the time of our annual Owners' Meeting when I have to recognize that another year has gone by.

It is very unfortunate that the economic crisis is affecting everybody including, of course, all of us. It is very sad to see that some owners have to give up their units because they can not keep up with the mortgage payments. We have been doing, of course, what many other condominiums have been doing, we have purchased the units from the banks which do not care about price and sell the units at a depressed value. It is essential for the well-being of all of us that we maintain the values of our building, and we have done it. Hopefully, we will not have to do it too many other times. We expect that even if we need to keep the units for a while, we will still come ahead. We have been able to save a lot of money in legal and closing costs due to the fact that the lawyers in the Legal Committee, primarily Arthur Arfa, Fred Stoesser, and Martina Molins, have taken care of the legal documentation and the closings.

What is very discouraging is that we have discovered that previous owners of those units, presumably on a do-it-by-themselves basis, made changes to their units in violation of our Rules and Regulations and the city ordinances. In one case, the unit owner had installed beautiful parquet without any underlayment.

In another unit, the owner had installed electrical wiring in violation of the city ordinances about proper conduits, thus



creating a very serious fire hazard. We obviously have proceeded to correct these defects. As a result of these discoveries, we have concluded that we need to take a more active approach to

inspect units. We will come up with new rules that will give management the right to inspect units under certain circumstances. Unfortunately, too many unit owners continue to have a single-house approach to condominium living and tend to act with complete disregard of the obligations which arise from living in a condominium, as opposed to a single home.

We have continued our mission of improving our building and our Condominium. As all of you can see, if you wish (since the door is open), we will have a much improved Exercise Room. We have increased the space and we will have very shortly, a first-class fitness room with new equipment. The Sports Committee chairman will report more extensively on the matter. The Sports Committee, headed by Neil Warner and Steve Ransone, clearly must be congratulated for a job well done.

We have continued both the façade work and the garage reconstruction. The board clearly appreciates the fact that all the residents of the building have been most cooperative during the construction. No question that Richard Strauss, our Vice President, who will give us a report on the work that still needs to be done, must be congratulated and appreciated for all the time he has spent supervising and reviewing all the work related to the façade and the garage project.

Another huge challenge has been the process of renewing our cable contract. You have been provided with several

updates on the process of trying to make the best decision for the good of all the owners and there have been several meetings of residents which have provided the Cable Committee and the board members with much-needed guidance. Your responses to the questionnaires have been also very helpful and we appreciate your input. The Cable Committee, headed by Cass Buscher, Tom Vaughan, Neil Warner and Arthur Arfa, has been doing an outstanding job of reviewing all this information and negotiating with the different potential suppliers. We all know that for the last five years, we have enjoyed a very good cable contract at a very low cost. There is no way that the Cable Committee can obtain a similar low

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*Our condolences to the
family and friends of
Madeline Camilleri
and
Grace Bergbom*

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Annual Meeting of Voting Members

By Elaine Winans

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Tuesday, Sep. 22, 2009

Attendance: 3 management representatives, 9 of 11 directors and 30 residents/owners.

Not present: Eleida Gomez, Steve Ransone



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.

10. **Election results**
(See box this page.)
11. **Adjournment**
Owners' Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Meeting of MECA Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sep. 22, 2009 at 10:15pm

Attendance: 2 management representatives, 11 of 12 directors and 1 resident.

Not present: Eleida Gomez

1. **Election of officers**
Marcel Molins, President
Richard Strauss, Vice President
Cass Buscher, 2nd Vice President
Neil Warner, Treasurer
Eleida Gomez, Assistant Treasurer
Marcia Fishman, Secretary
Leon LeRoy, Assistant Secretary
2. **Additions and revisions to agenda**
 - A. Extension of TV contract
USA Wireless offered us a 30-day extension of the current contract rates.
The offer was accepted.
3. **Adjournment at 10:35pm**

2009 MECA Board Election results

Martina Molins	42.99%
Richard Strauss	40.75%
Allan Eckardt	34.67%
Daniel Denton	22.56%
Leon LeRoy	22.42%
Mark Golden	20.09%

The above six were elected directors for a two-year term. The below director was elected for a one-year term.

Eleida Gomez	19.73%
(Total)	203.22%

29.03% of our owners voted.

Note: If every unit owner had voted and if there were no spoiled ballots, the total of the candidate percentages would be 600.0000 since each unit was allowed up to seven votes and all votes cast by a unit were multiplied by that unit's percentage of ownership.

Management report

By Chris Chiodo

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Visitors and deliveries:

The staff will not allow any visitor/guest to enter the building without being announced. This means, even if you give permission to enter, the front desk staff will contact your unit before allowing entry. If a visitor/guest who comes to the building between the hours of midnight and 7am, the resident must come down to the lobby and escort the visitor into the building.

Unit keys: Any resident who leaves keys at the front desk to be picked up by a guest or real estate agent can be held for only 24 hours. After 24 hours, all keys will be collected and locked up in the management office. Please make proper arrangements.

Message/information channel: Please check out channel 101 for building information regarding construction, elevator and laundry outages, meetings, etc.

New fitness center: Construction on the new fitness center is almost complete. Anyone who plans to use the fitness center will have to come to the office to fill out a waiver and have their key-fob connected. If you don't fill out a waiver, you will not have access to the room. Also, if you have an athletic trainer assisting you, they must also fill out a waiver before they will be allowed in the fitness center. A letter will go out to everyone informing you when this will begin.

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1. Notice of Quorum

26% by proxy plus 30 present, 20% required.

2. Welcome — President Molins

A. Welcome and thanks for coming.

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

Presentation of and thanks to directors whose terms aren't expiring today.

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

(Greg Christensen resigned earlier for health reasons.)

3. Election of Board of Directors

4. Presentation of candidates

Daniel Denton, Mark Golden, Leon LeRoy, Allan Eckardt, Eleida Gomez, Martina Molins and Richard Strauss.

A. Balloting

No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed.

5. Minutes

Motions to dispense with reading and approvals of minutes. Motions made and passed.

6. State of the association

President Marcel Molins

(See page 1.)

7. Treasurer's report

(See page 6.)

A. Total of reserves and operating accounts — \$2,560,000.00

B. 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.

8. Committee reports

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

9. Informal budget review

(See page 5.)

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ASCO

Sandy Chaet

George Lane playlot should be opened by the end of September. The Park District wants two weeks for the sod to take root. There are no plans for landscaping, but MECA resident Carol Ronen is working to beautify the street end with new bollards and flowers.



The lot at 6151 will be partially done this season, opened, and after community input, will be completed in the spring. The park will have a paved path leading from the Sheridan sidewalk to the lake. The mulberry trees will be removed. ASCO has asked for a water fountain, more benches, and butterfly flower landscaping. There will be an observation point at the shore.

The new beach house at Osterman Beach will be on the same spot as the mobile trailer was. It will be a brick building with restrooms for women, men and families, and will be ADA compliant. Some features include a lifeguard office and an area for them to shower, a public drinking fountain, an area for concessions, bicycle rack, and an outdoor shower. The beach house construction will begin this fall with completion expected in May 2010. ASCO has been working on this project and is now working on completion of the bike path rehab north of Foster.

Resurfacing has begun on 44 blocks in the 48th Ward. The alderman's staff surveyed every street to prioritize the need for this work. Phase one, which is being paid through Ald. Smith's aldermanic fund, will be completed shortly. Phase two will be done either this fall or next spring using state money. Thanks to Illinois Rep. Harry Osterman for getting the funds for this. Phase one does include Glenlake but only from Winthrop to Kenmore.

A new Dominick's will be built on the Foster/Sheridan corner. The store is scheduled to close on Oct. 23. The pharmacy will be located across the street at 5213 N. Sheridan until the new store opens.

The Chicago City Council has passed the Dumpster Permit Fee, which is paid three times during this year. This applies to businesses and all condo and rental buildings with six or more units. These don't receive the city services of garbage pick-up but have to use private scavenger services. Malibu East now pays a tax on every dumpster we use. Recycle containers are not charged. That is why residents are highly encouraged to recycle as much as you can. Please read over the sheets that were passed out to every unit listing what can be recycled. The sheets are also posted in the bulk rooms. You don't have to sort items, just put in either container.

ASCO is also working with Illinois Sen. Heather Steans to try to get stimulus money for energy alternatives. ASCO is the acronym for Association of Sheridan Condo-Coop Owners, which this year represents 35 buildings and 7,064 units.

ASCO provides community information in an e-mail newsletter. Anyone who wants to be on the e-mail mailing list can register by letting me know. This is a free service because MECA is an ASCO member.

Life Safety

Sandy Chaet

The City of Chicago passed an ordinance that requires all high-rise buildings to submit to the city a Life Safety Evaluation. There are other parts of the evaluation that our building was checked for, but the major part of the evaluation is to have a Voice Communication System in place by December 2011. The major parts are a command center in the lobby, speakers on each floor and two-way voice telephones for the fire department in our stairwells. We are in the process of hiring Hughes Associates Inc.

Security

Sandy Chaet

There will be a key-fob on the door to the new exercise room. Residents will have to go to the management office to sign a waiver for use of room. After that your key-fob will be activated to be used for the exercise room door.

Cameras will be repositioned as well as another added in our atrium.

In the near future, the board will review the suggestion by the Security Committee for our security staff to ask you to show your keyfob at the doorman station. In this way, the office can reconfirm our records and identify anyone who is living here but not registered. As our rules state, all persons living in a unit must be registered.

Please be aware keys left at the doorman station will not be allowed to be left for more than one day. Keys will be returned to the owner or the management office. Also be aware, you must fill out a 'permission to enter' in order to leave any key at the doorman station.

Social

Sandy Chaet

First, I wish to thank the Social Committee members: Grace Bergbom (who, unfortunately, has passed away), Greg Christiansen, Aida Calvopina, Jovita Duran, Ara and Betty Mayian, Marissa Michaels, Barbara Murphy, Ilse Siegler and Ruth Betty Spilky. Thanks to Larry Rosen for designing and printing our fliers. And thanks to the residents of Malibu East for supporting and contributing to our activities.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, from 5:30pm-8pm, the Respiratory Health Association will be here to administer flu shots for \$28. It will be in the Windjammer Room as well as the Community Room. Only cash or checks will be accepted. If you are on Medicare, please bring your card. There is no charge for Medicare B participants, and Medicare will be billed only if you are a Part B participant. Participants with an HMO are self-pay.

Save the date for our annual holiday party in the lobby on Wednesday, Dec. 16 and the lighting of the first candle of Hanukkah on Friday, Dec. 11. More details will follow.

If you have any ideas for activities, parties, please contact me. Even better, join the committee! Leave me your name and unit number and you will be contacted.

Budget

Richard Strauss

The Budget Committee is making these recommendations to the board of directors:



- **Assessments — a 3% increase**
- **Monthly Parking — up 3%**
(Note: These figures are rounded down where possible.)

Valet	from \$113 up to \$116
Tandem	from \$124 up to \$128
Single	from \$137 up to \$141
Motorcycle	from \$69 up to \$71

 (No changes in surcharges; 2nd vehicles, etc.)
- **Daily Parking**
Contemplating increases on the 1–4 hour parking only.
No changes on longer hours.

Due to the economy, parking is down in our and all neighborhood garages — this impacts our budget negatively, but has lessened the stress on our residents during garage construction.

We divide our funds into operating and reserve categories. Our operating funds cover our daily, monthly and yearly expenses. We try to slightly over-budget this fund so that we can additionally take a chunk out at the end of the year to put into and build up our reserves.

Although this will not allow for an increase in our reserves, we are not recommending more than a 3% increase in assessments this year as we have in the past. These are tough times and there will be an increase in cable fees. We want to stress owners as little as possible.

We think of the reserve fund in two parts. The first part is “emergency reserves.” We try to keep this at \$1,250,000. That represents only one percent of the real value of our building, \$125 million. It compares with an owner with a \$250,000 home having \$2,500 in savings for emergencies.

We have appropriately invested a small percent of this reserve in buying units under our “right of first refusal” when units might have been sold for a sum seriously under market value. This has been to maintain market value for all our owners. Past experience has shown us that with repairs and cosmetics, our in-

vestment has always been returned, usually with a substantial profit.

The second part of the reserve is for major projects, maintenance and building improvements. We contemplate putting in \$1 million in 2010, but we have these impending expenses:

- **\$765,000 for garage construction.**
- **\$500,000 for a city ordinance-mandated one-way announcement system to residents and a two-way phone system for firemen**
- **\$200,000 for façade work.**

And there are many other projects on top of that \$1,465,000 — elevator and laundry work, improving and maintaining building facilities. This year’s budget is a compromise; we just aren’t willing to recommend more than a three percent increase.

Construction

Richard Strauss Facade

In order to comply with a Chicago building ordinance requiring inspections and repairs of our building façades, we incur approximately \$150,000 in expenses in the odd-numbered years (2009) when no inspections are due. In even-numbered years (2010) we have critical inspections (literally testing almost every square foot of façade surface) on two facades and ongoing inspections on the other two.

We do this because of legal requirements and also to make sure that our building is in first-class shape by assuring that our façade, our balconies and any leaks are taken care of on a timely basis.

Garage

We have two years to go on repairs to our garage.

2010

Starting in January 2010, we will do work on the second and third floors under the tennis court — the SW portion of the garage. We have budgeted \$765,000 for this work. We hope that there will be minimal disturbance to our residents who park in our garage. All residents who want to stay can leave their cars in the garage, and we believe that we can leave

most people in their current spaces (except where work is actually being done).

2011

The work in 2011 will cost about \$1,100,000 and will require resident cooperation and will cause some disturbances. The work will be predominately over the atrium and will cause some closed driveways and changes in traffic patterns in our atrium.

Future

When we finish in 2011, the entire building will have been brought up to an excellent condition and we contemplate that preventive maintenance will not only keep it that way, but forestall future major restoration work projects of the type that we have needed recently.

Garage

Martina Molins

Normal garage capacity is 534 vehicles, though as many as 556 vehicles have been parked in the garage in the past.



As of August 31, 2009, 453 vehicles were parked on a monthly basis. That means that we have currently about 80 vehicles less in the garage, give or take a few due to cancellations or new monthlies. In other words, the garage is under-occupied by 17 to 18 percent. Probably due to the economic crisis, cancellations have outnumbered new monthly parkers for the past one and a half years and the trend seems to continue. That, in turn, does noticeably affect garage revenue. On the practical side, the vacancies will permit us to relocate all cars that would have to be moved because of the upcoming garage repairs within the garage during the construction period.

Kittrell Hickman, our garage manager took a leave for personal reasons. He will be replaced by a new manager within a few days. The new managers will re-decal all vehicles. That will give him the chance to introduce himself to all parkers and to familiarize himself with the garage so that he can plan the relocation of those vehicles that have to be moved during the garage repair/construction period.

Sports

Neil Warner

The yoga class has been running regularly on Monday nights for nearly four years. At 17 persons, we now have the largest class we've ever had. The class opens to new members every couple of months, and we encourage interested residents to join at that time. Water aerobics classes were conducted regularly during the summer.



We are nearing completion of the Fitness Room reconfiguration. The room has been painted, the flooring installed – now, all we're waiting for is delivery of the new equipment, which we expect to occur sometime in October. We'll have three new treadmills, two elliptical machines, an upright bike, a recumbent bike and three pieces of strength equipment. When the room opens, we anticipate having a representative from Life Fitness who'll demonstrate proper use of the equipment.

You'll no longer have to sign out a key to the room at the doorman's station. However, you will have to go to the office initially to sign a waiver and then have your fob programmed for entrance to the room. Your fob won't open the door unless you've gone to the office and signed the waiver.

We will also be opening the room directly across the hall as an auxiliary room for exercise. It will contain a ballet bar for stretching, a recumbent bike, our current stepper machine and possibly another piece of equipment. Although this will still be the outer entrance to the men's sauna, there will be another door between this room and the actual men's sauna which will require a key from the doorman. We'll also be installing a new door from the corridor into the auxiliary room with a window. This door will also work with a fob.

Our next project, which we'll begin soon, is remodeling the old Fitness Room into the new Billiard Room. The committee is still soliciting suggestions as to what we might place in the south end of the room that would interest our residents, particularly our teens – perhaps something like a foosball table.

I'd like to thank my fellow committee

members for all of the help they've provided throughout the year, especially with the new Fitness Room. The committee encourages residents to provide us with any ideas they might have as to sports-related activities that might interest a number of residents.

Treasurer

Neil Warner

Nearly half of our budgeted operating expenses are for payroll and fringe benefits for our employees as determined by union contracts over which we have no control, and these increase virtually every year. Major capital projects such as garage repairs and the Fitness Room upgrade are gradually eroding our reserves, although we're still at a respectable level. Our reserves totaled approximately \$2.3 million as of July 31, nearly \$200,000 less than a year ago. Together with operating funds, we had nearly \$2.56 million in our combined accounts, about \$300,000 below the year-ago level.

Our reserve funds are invested primarily in CDs and money market funds at both banks and brokerages. With two more years of garage repairs and work that needs to be done to satisfy the city's life safety ordinance, we expect level of reserves to continue to decline. Although we'd like to keep assessments at a level that would prevent this erosion from occurring, we know that a number of residents are facing financial hardships because of the poor economy, so we have to walk a fine line between ideal funding of our projects and trying to avoid burdening owners with high assessments. We'll also have a substantial increase in satellite/cable TV costs beginning later this year, which will compound any assessment increase.

One trend that we'd prefer to avoid, but can't without larger increases in assessments, is that scheduled transfers from operating to reserves that we build into the budget are increasing by only about 0.5% in 2009 and again in 2010. These small increases are not keeping up with the inflation rate – part of reason why reserves are declining.

Delinquencies have grown substantially during the past year, related to an increase in foreclosures and the overall weakness in economy. We assess late

charges according to our rules, and we have a series of legal steps we take when a unit falls in arrears by two months. Nevertheless, when foreclosures occur, we have to allow the legal process to run its course, and this often translates to unavoidable losses for the association.

The Finance Committee is working to finalize the 2008 audit within the next few weeks. When we do, all owners will receive a copy.

Early projections indicate that as of year-end 2008, we will have had approximately \$642,000 in excess operating revenue over expenses, which will be transferred to the reserves as authorized at last year's annual meeting.

Satellite/cable TV

Neil Warner

The committee is negotiating with three vendors to get the best possible contract for our residents. No matter which vendor we contract with, residents will have addressability – the ability to buy additional services beyond the bulk offerings directly from the vendor. The resident would be billed directly by the vendor for any extra services.

Residents will be able to obtain high-definition and/or a DVR even if neither is included in the bulk contract, as well as a wide variety of channels, including international channels. In effect, each resident can customize his own TV package from the offerings provided by the vendor.

The biggest issue facing the committee and, ultimately, the board is how many channels and other features to include in the bulk package. Anything the board includes in the bulk package will increase the fixed monthly cost to each resident, but the cost for any package of channels will be much cheaper if included in the bulk contract than it would cost for a resident to buy it separately. The board must weigh the savings of such a bulk purchase against the financial hardship it might create for a number of residents, knowing that the next contract will be much more costly than our current one.

Although our current contract was scheduled to expire Oct. 31, the board has received a one-month extension so that it will have more time to weigh the alternatives.

Floor Representatives

Eleida M. Gomez

The committee is chaired by Sande Rhode, whose notes are forwarded to the board for consideration.

This committee functions as a forum for residents' concerns. If answers are on hand, they are shared; if not, they are brought to the attention of the board or management. Some of the issues have been resolved, some cannot be, and others are ongoing.

- **Heavy doors:** Lower level and the door leading to the mail room from the freight elevator. *Resolved.*
- **Access to a wheelchair:** Due to liability concerns, we cannot have a wheelchair available in the lobby.
- **Elevators:** Irregularities in the functioning of passenger and freight elevators. *Ongoing; some problems can be eliminated only with the purchase of new elevators.*
- **Laundry room camera:** *Resolved; continuous recording and a monitor*

at doorman station.

- **Lack of observance of the rules:** *Ongoing; rules booklet distributed. Now enforceable by fines.*
- **Residents not signing out keys and carts.** *Resolved; doorman now has that responsibility.*
- **Hallway carpets:** *Ongoing; frequent cleaning of the carpets is scheduled.*
- **Captain's Walk carpet:** *Budgeted for replacement.*
- **Driveway pavers:** *Budgeted for replacement.*

Also discussed has been the inappropriate use of the elevators and TV reception. It is anticipated that service will improve under a new contract.

This committee continues to provide a valuable service to us all.

Candidates night

By Betty Mayian

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Four of the 2009 slate of seven MECA board director candidates running for six two-year terms and one one-year term

as mandated by the City of Chicago Building Code. We will continue also to improve the building. The painting of the two fire escape stairways will continue. We can afford to do it because the work is done in-house by the building painter. We have noted that many residents use the staircases, and by painting them, we make them much more accessible and diminish the dust factor.

We continue to have a very active Social Committee headed by Sandy Chaet, which continues to look for activities which may be of interest to all of us. They are always very interested in ideas about events or programs which could be of interest to the residents. If you have any ideas, please mention them to Sandy or the other members of the committee.

We all should also be very proud of our Dialogue. There is no question that our editor, Jack Winans, and his staff, are doing an outstanding job of keeping our residents informed and creating the best condominium newsletter of the Chicago area.

I am, and hopefully all of you are too, very pleased with the work that all of our staff, whether they are janitors, doormen,

came to the Sep. 9 Candidates Night in the Windjammer Room. There was no crow; blame it on great weather or blame it on the Obama speech. While mingling with coffee and cookies, the two new candidates, Mark and Dan, got the most questions — mainly about their background and about security. The seven candidates are Dan Denton, Mark Golden, Leon LeRoy, Allan Eckardt, Eleida Gomez, Richard Strauss, and Martina Molins.

Thursday afternoon group

Ilse Siegler

Ruth Betty Spilky

With summer gone and fall in the air, we are starting once again our monthly discussion group. We meet every third Thursday from 2–4pm in the fourth floor Community Room. Subjects of discussion reflect the news of the day. We welcome back our old friends and hope some new ones will join us. Coffee and cookies will be served. Won't you give us a try?

security guards or hikers and other personnel are doing for us. Overall, we should be very happy with the building we have. All of us should strive to take care of the building so that we maintain the Malibu East Condominium as a first-class building and a good place to live.

I have mentioned the names of several owners and residents who have volunteered their time and professional capabilities, at absolutely no cost to the building. There are many others, including of course all the members of the board and the members of the Floor Representatives Committee. While we could still use more volunteers, we are very fortunate to have so many people who care enough for the building to give up lots of hours of their time for the good of all of us. I invite all of you to volunteer, if you are not a member of a committee, and show your appreciation to all of them.

I think that we should show our appreciation also to Dean Lerner, the Property Supervisor from Sudler, our management company, Chris Chiodo; our Property Manager; Rodica Ilc, our administrative assistant; and Bill Anderson, the head of our security personnel.

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price. Unfortunately the cost of the cable will increase, although we may have a few more channels and more choices. Cass Buscher will give you a more thorough report on the available choices, which the board will review and thereafter make the final decision.

In spite of the economic crisis, the cost of the services which are provided to the building will continue to increase and we still face substantial investments in terms of the reconstruction of the garage. For this reason, we will be forced to increase the assessments, as will be reported by the chairman of the Budget Committee. The decision of the committee has been to limit the increase to three percent (3%). This means that this year we will have to tighten even more our belts and make sure we control our costs to the maximum. Therefore, we will not be able to invest in new projects and will have to keep our costs down.

One cost which we will not be able to avoid is the installation of the one-and-two-way voice communication system to provide fire protection to all the residents

Condo noise

Part 1: Street noise

By Jack Winans

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One of the drawbacks of urban living is the ever-present noise, especially prevalent in a high-rise as noise travels up as there are fewer obstructions.

A neighbor is single-handedly campaigning against loud motorcycles. She says,



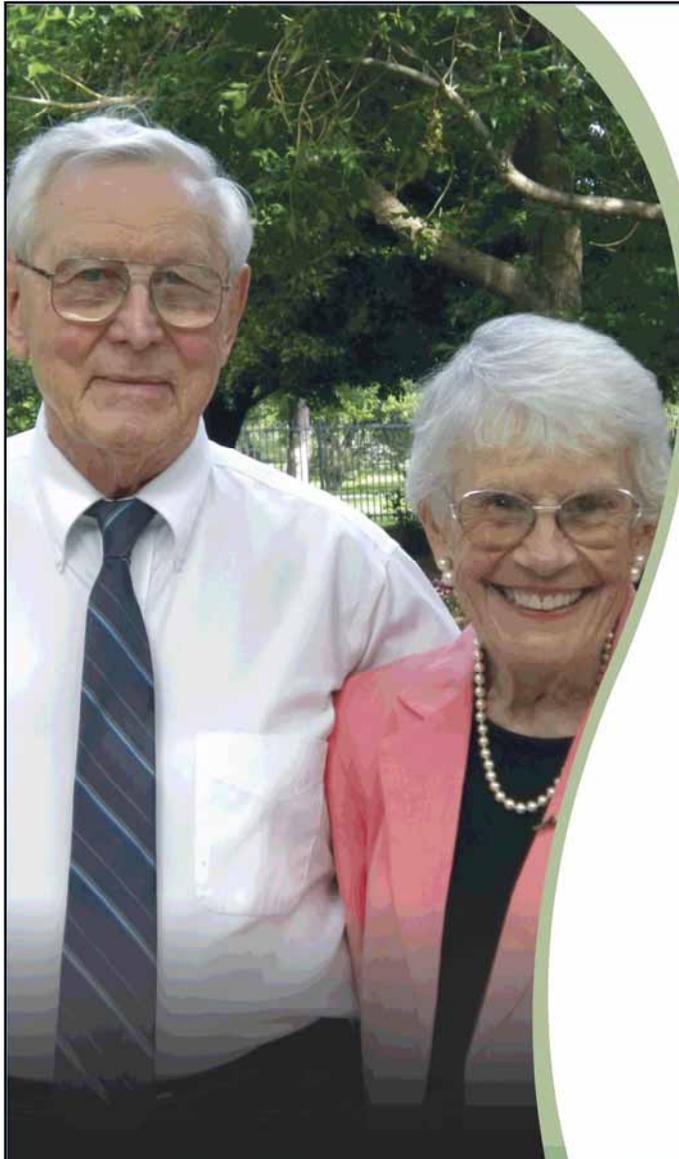
“Why aren’t the police doing more about it?” Her entreaties to the police at a CAPS meeting led only to a suggestion to call 911.

Another neighbor wanted to know if the decibels of sirens of emergency vehicles could be reduced. It does seem that the drivers are sometimes playing with their noise makers. The modern siren has so many ‘whistles and bells’ with whoops, burps, blasts and shrill tones. Unfortu-

nately, the worst of them are needed to make comatose drivers move out of the way.

Then there’s the noise that filters through your patio window — a soft voice, a running motor, something you can’t quite distinguish, but calls to you to investigate — and then it disappears.

Street noise — a universal complaint, a constant reminder that you’re not in Kansas anymore.



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“We live on the top floor of The Breakers and we couldn’t be happier.”

“The views of the city, Wrigley Field and Lake Michigan are spectacular. Our two bedroom apartment is spacious with plenty of closet space and a great floor-plan. The new elevators make getting to our home and around The Breakers so easy.”

— Joe and Jean Anne Feiler

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MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Flu shots

Thursday, Oct. 8

5pm — Windjammer Room

Thursday afternoon

discussion group

Thursday, Oct 15

(every 3rd Thurs. of month)

2:00pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 21

7:30pm — Community Room

MECA Board meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 27

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

September 7

Labor Day: federal holiday

First Monday in September; holiday honoring working people

October 3

Sukkot: Jewish

Seven-day Feast of Booths; harvest festival commemorating the divine protection of Israelites during their 40-year wandering in the desert (begins at sundown Oct. 2).

October 10

Shemini Atzeret: Jewish

Completion of the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah (begins at sundown the previous day).

October 11

Simchat Torah: Jewish

"Rejoicing in the Torah"; celebrates the completion of the yearly Torah reading cycle and the beginning of the new cycle (begins at sundown the night before).

October 17

Diwali: Hindu

Five-day festival of lights; heralds joy, mirth, and happiness for the new year.

October 20

Birthday of the Bab: Baha'i

Commemorates the birth of the prophet-herald of the faith (begins sundown the previous day).

October 25

Hajj: Muslim

Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca that must be performed by every Muslim man and woman at least once in their lifetime.

October 31

Halloween

Non-religious holiday recognizing the dead, celebrated in much of North America and parts of Western Europe.

Reformation Day: Protestant Christian

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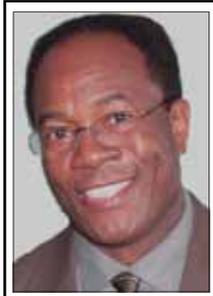


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by Rodica Ilc

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Edgewater activist promoted

The Breakers at Edgewater Beach retirement community announced that Jennifer Avila was promoted to executive director. Jennifer has over 17 year's experience and has served seniors in a variety of setting including: independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care.

Jennifer is very active in the Edgewater Community. She is on the board of directors for the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce and has worked with government and public officials to serve Edgewater.



Jennifer has been a member of the Senior Lifestyle Corporation since 2006 — excelling as director of sales and marketing and associate executive director for The Breakers at Edgewater Beach. Jennifer is a graduate of Purdue University.

Source: Nancy Arnold, Breakers

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