

# Malibu East Dialogue

December 2009

Your Communication and Information Resource

## Refurbished Swift pool makes a big splash

### Swift pool reopens

By Beth Robinson

Our neighborhood public school, Swift Specialty School, has a swimming pool, a feature found in few elementary schools. However, for almost ten years the pool has been closed, and many people I spoke with were unaware of its existence. After undergoing a complete renovation, the pool reopened this month as the Mary Ann Smith Aquatic Center. Aldermanic discretionary funds and the Chicago Public Schools funded the project.



To honor the occasion, the school invited community members, parents and students to attend a celebration on Nov. 19. Students with trays of finger food and printed programs greeted attendees in the lobby. Overhead a black and gold banner recognized the school's achievement as Citywide Academic Bowl winners in 2009. The festivities included posting of the colors by Rickover Naval Academy students, a choral selection sung by the Swift Singers, the Sullivan High School Steel Band and a short video about the school. Principal Harlee Till announced that a plaque in honor of Alderman Mary Ann Smith's support for the year and a half year project was mounted in the facility. The remodeled area was open for tours of the swimming pool and student locker rooms after the official ribbon cutting ceremony by Ald. Smith and state representative Harry Osterman. The school also showed off their new laundry facility that is needed to wash and dry the towels used each day by student swimmers.

Swimming classes will be offered to Swift students. The facility may be opened to the community during the evening and on weekends, but no plans



yet. To this end, principal Till asked attendees to sign up to indicate their interest in swimming programs — mom and tot, family swim, adult swim, senior citizen swim, water aerobics, and swimming lessons.

*Our condolences to the family and friends of Frank Duran*



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## Owners meeting Nov. 3

By Jack Winans

The MECA Board of Directors held an owners meeting to discuss the policies which MECA should, in view of the economic climate, adopt with respect to units currently owned by MECA and the exercise of right of first refusal to purchase units in the building.

Present: 10 directors, 1 management, 38 owners

Not present: Cass Buscher, Sandy Chaet



### Opening discussion

1. Questions on the number of units currently in foreclosure.
2. Questions and answers on the number, condition and disposition of Malibu owned units.
3. Discussion on the policy of exercising "right of first refusal."
4. Discussion of renting owned units.
5. Cost of carrying units is about \$10,000 a year.

We have three units, so it's costing us about \$30,000 a year or about \$800 a month per unit. This includes taxes, assessments, etc. Rental rates for these units is about \$1,500 per month, so we would be making a profit if we chose to rent them. We are about \$100,000 ahead on previous units that we have exercised our "right of first refusal" and sold.

6. Question on Dialogue newsletter reported figure: \$90,000 in delinquent assessments due to foreclosures?

The figure is correct, but not due to units in foreclosure, but due to the economy, owners paying more slowly and then catching up.

- 7/ Discussion on the economy, the banks' refusal to make home loans and the signs of possible recovery.

8. Will the admission policy regarding buyers attending an admission meeting be more accommodating to prospective out-of-town buyers?

Yes, we will review our current admission procedures to see if we can be more accommodating.

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.

### Board meeting on owners meeting discussion.

Attendance: Same, but only 8 residents remained.

#### Discussion

Should we be exercising our "right of first refusal?" Should we do more? Are we competing against owners who want to sell? Should we be offering these units for rental or rental with option to buy to keep the maintenance (yearly carrying costs) down.

**It is the consensus of the board that we should continue to exercise our "right of first refusal" to protect unit prices.**

Consensus: Yes, keep on exercising to protect prices.

Be open to rental, rental with option to buy and be proactive when no buyers come forward.

Should we set a cut-off point for exercising our right of first refusal? Consensus: No, we are not a casino, we are a business.

Discussion on cut-off dollar amount when we should exercise. Consensus: Each unit must be examined separately.

Need to set a subcommittee to oversee the repair of units for sale.

Need to determine if we will exercise 28E at \$165,000. Unanimous yes.

#### OPEN FORUM

Announcement of a five-year contract with USA Wireless (DirecTV). Residents will pay \$28.65 per month for DirecTV's Digital Choice package of 150 channels basic service beginning January 1 plus analog Lifeline package of 24 basic channels (can be viewed without receiver) and Chicago local channels. No premium channels included in bulk package, but each resident can purchase any additional channels.

## Management report

Chris Chiodo

malibueast@awbworld.com



**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.

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8401 Innovation Way

Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The management office will not accept assessment checks.

**Holiday fund:** It is a holiday tradition for the owners and residents to join together in expressing appreciation to those who serve us in so many ways throughout the year.

The annual Malibu East holiday fund provides gifts to the approximately 40 men and women, seen and unseen, who work hard to keep the operations of the building running in good order, as well as comfortably and safely for us all year long.

Contributions should be deposited into the box at the doorman's station no later than 1pm on Friday, Dec. 18 to be included in the 2009 fund. Please make your check payable to the Malibu East Holiday Fund, include your name and unit number as you want it to appear on the contributors' list.

Just before the holiday, the balance of the fund will be distributed to all persons who work for us, based on years of service, salary and history.

On behalf of the entire staff at Malibu East, we thank you for your generosity!

**Management office holiday hours:** The management office will be closed the following days: Dec. 24 (half day), Dec. 25, Dec. 31 (half day), and Jan. 1.

**Parking garage repairs 2010:** Everyone will receive a letter informing you of the next phase of the repairs to the garage that will commence Jan. 4. We expect this work will continue into May. The board of directors has concluded that

All cars will be valet parked starting Jan 4. Take keys to garage.

during construction, all cars in the garage will have to be valet-parked. Self-parking will be suspended during this phase. Your car will be retrieved by a hiker in numerical order using the ticket numbering system. No ticket, no car. No exceptions.

If you need to retrieve something from your car, you must go to the garage lobby and take a ticket. When your number is called, a hiker will bring your car down to you. To ensure safety, any resident entering any area of the garage (other than the garage lobby) will be fined \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense. In case of a third offense, the resident will forfeit parking privileges for one year and be fined \$300.

It is imperative that single and tandem self-parkers bring down their keys to the hikers or leave your keys in your vehicle before Jan. 4, even if they do not need to use their cars. This will allow staff to move vehicles to safe, non-construction areas. If there are no keys available, the garage staff will still have to move vehicles as needed.

As of Jan. 4, you will not have access to any part of the garage. Your security access key (fob keys) will no longer work on floors 2 & 3 during the entire construction project.

Please pardon our dust during construction. Workers and staff will do what they can to eliminate dust in the garage and in the storage room. You may want to cover your personal belongings in your storage locker during construction. Management will have protective tarps available at a cost for your convenience.

**15-minute parking:** The entire staff has been instructed to strictly enforce the 15-minute parking during the garage construction project. Once your 15 minutes are up, failure to remove your car from this area will result in your car being towed at your expense. No exceptions. Lincoln Towing is on 24-hour call and will be making more visits to the building.

## Owners meeting Nov. 24

Meeting called to vote on exercising right of first refusal on unit 28E.

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 20 residents  
Not present: Marcel & Martina Molins  
Presiding: V.P. Richard Strauss

### Discussion

1. Motion made to exercise right of first refusal for 28E, which has an offer of \$155,000.

Owners' vote near-unanimous in favor, with one opposed, and 9 of 10 directors in favor.

2. Comments favorable to the board's position and praising its aggressiveness in exercising right of first refusal for units egregiously underpriced.

3. Complaint of not receiving material requested concerning costs of previous units bought under right of first refusal. *A very thorough record is kept and could be made available in the office.*

4. Do we have a loss of operating funds from units we own? *No, it is just a book-keeping entry.*

The meeting ended at 8:30pm.

## Board meeting notes Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009

By Elaine Winans

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Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 15 residents.  
Not present: Marcel & Martina Molins  
Presiding: V.P. Richard Strauss

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions

- 1) Comment on unsafe felt covering hallway during unit construction.
- 2) Suggestion for bench by lower level elevators.
- 3) Residents **must** double-wrap garbage to prevent leakage onto our hallway carpets.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

- 1) **Financial statement**  
Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,612,120.68
- 2) **Delinquencies** \$110,848.48

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Garage**  
*Standard Parking report*  
Syed Haider, Mgr.

#### Claims

Denied: 2

#### Monthly parkers

Total: 440

#### Garage capacity

Total: 534

(Under capacity) 94

#### 2) Sports and Entertainment

Neil Warner

Delivery of new fitness equipment expected in December.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chris Chiodo

#### Items requiring board action

- 1) **Discussion of 2010 budget**  
Discussion and unanimous approval of 2010 budget as submitted to the owners.
- 2) **Holiday fund discussion**  
The board reviewed and approved the holiday fund letter for a three-time distribution to the residents and owners. Money will be passed out to the staff at the Dec. 23 employee holiday party.
- 3) **Garage construction project**  
Richard Strauss
  - a) **Payment of final invoice for 2009 work** Approved.
  - b) **Conditions for 2010 work**  
Valet parking only, at valet rates during construction, January through May. (See management report, page 2, for details.)

#### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Satellite TV status**  
Richard Strauss  
The lowest bid was accepted. Due to the economy, a premium package was not included in bulk package. Unit owners may acquire premium channels and HD at extra cost.
- 2) **Facade ordinance repairs**  
Richard Strauss  
Finished, but more work was needed than had been anticipated.
- 3) **Unit sales**

8B	\$250,000 Pending
24K	\$240,000
10D	\$206,500
18C	\$215,000
28E	\$155,000 Pending
35L	\$172,000 Pending
40B	\$250,000 Pending
15E	\$167,000 Pending

### RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

- 1) **Thanks to those who contributed to the cable TV contract process.**
- 2) **Ratification of action taken on the cable contract.**

The meeting ended at 10:30pm and went into closed session.

## Community Calendar

By Jack Winans

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### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

#### **CHICAGO TRANSIT**

##### **AUTHORITY**

##### **Vision planning meeting**

Elected officials and CTA President Rodriguez discuss future renovations to Red Line stations.

6–8:30pm Tuesday, Dec. 1

Emanuel Congregation  
5959 N. Sheridan Rd.

#### **EDGEWATER**

##### **BRANCH LIBRARY**

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Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7pm

(1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month)

##### **Saturday Book Club**

11am 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. month

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tinyurl.com/5155t1

#### **EDGEWATER**

##### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

1210 West Rosedale Ave.

773 561-6000

edgewater.org

##### **Roaring '20s Gatsby party**

Dec. 3, 5:30-9pm

Breakers at Edgewater Beach

5333 N. Sheridan

\$40–\$50, era attire encouraged

##### **Holidays Around the World**

Dec. 12, noon–4pm

Free trolleys, carolers, storefront decorating contest, holiday promotions.

##### **Edgewater Artists in Motion Holiday Art Fair**

11am-6pm, 5501/6056 N. Broadway

Enjoy an art fair and purchase work from local artists for the holidays!

#### **WARREN PARK**

##### **Ice skating rink hours:**

Wed–Fri 3–5pm & 5:30–7:30pm

Sat & Sun 12:30–2:30pm, 3–5pm &

5:30–7:30pm

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6601 N. Western

312-742-7888

tinyurl.com/7tlo7

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whitecranewellness.org

### THEATER/SHOWINGS

#### **AMERICAN THEATER CO.**

*“It’s a Wonderful Life:”*

*The Radio Play*

Thru Dec. 27, \$35–\$40

Th/Fr&Su 8pm, Sa 3&8pm

1909 W. Byron

773-929-1031

atcweb.org

#### **BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER**

*“The Message Is in the Music”*

*(God Is a Black Man Named Ricky)*

Thru Dec. 27, \$40–\$45

Fr–Sa 8pm, Su 3pm

4520 N. Beacon

773-769-4451

blackensembletheater.org

#### **CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY**

*“The Wind in the Willows”*

A musical of the exploits of an amphibian obsessed with motor cars, and a class struggle in the Wildwood. An eclectic score of rock, reggae, tin-pan alley, spirituals and Gilbert and Sullivan.

Thru Jan 3, \$25 (no show Dec 25)

8pm Fr/Sa, 3pm Su

8pm Th Dec 10, 17 & 31

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org



## Notice to snowbirds

If you are going to be out of town for the winter season, keep up with MECA events by having the Dialogue mailed to your winter home. Provide your name, unit number, winter address, MECA phone number, dates of departure and return for the Dialogue at the doorman’s station.

#### **REDTWIST THEATRE**

*“The Pillowman”*

White-hot terror and pitch-black humor. A writer accused of perpetrating the very acts depicted in his murderous stories, a vicious whirlpool of dazzling storytelling at the hysterical edge of creepy despair and doom.

Thru Dec 27, \$22–\$30

9pm Th–Sat, 3pm Su

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

#### **VICTORY GARDENS THEATER**

*“The Snow Queen”*

Based on Hans Christian Anderson’s tale about a boy lost in the cold, and the girl who finds him, a rare family musical.

Mainstage at the Biograph

Thru Dec 27, \$30–\$48

7:30 pm We–Fr, 3&7:30pm Sa, 3pm

Su

2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

773-871-3000

victorygardens.org

### MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

#### **Hanukkah lighting**

Friday, Dec 11

5:00pm — lobby

#### **Floor Representatives**

Monday, Dec. 14

7:30pm — Community Room

#### **MECA board meeting**

Tuesday, Dec. 15

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

#### **Holiday party**

Wednesday, Dec 16

6:00pm — lobby

#### **Thursday afternoon**

**discussion group**

Thursday, Dec. 17

(every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month)

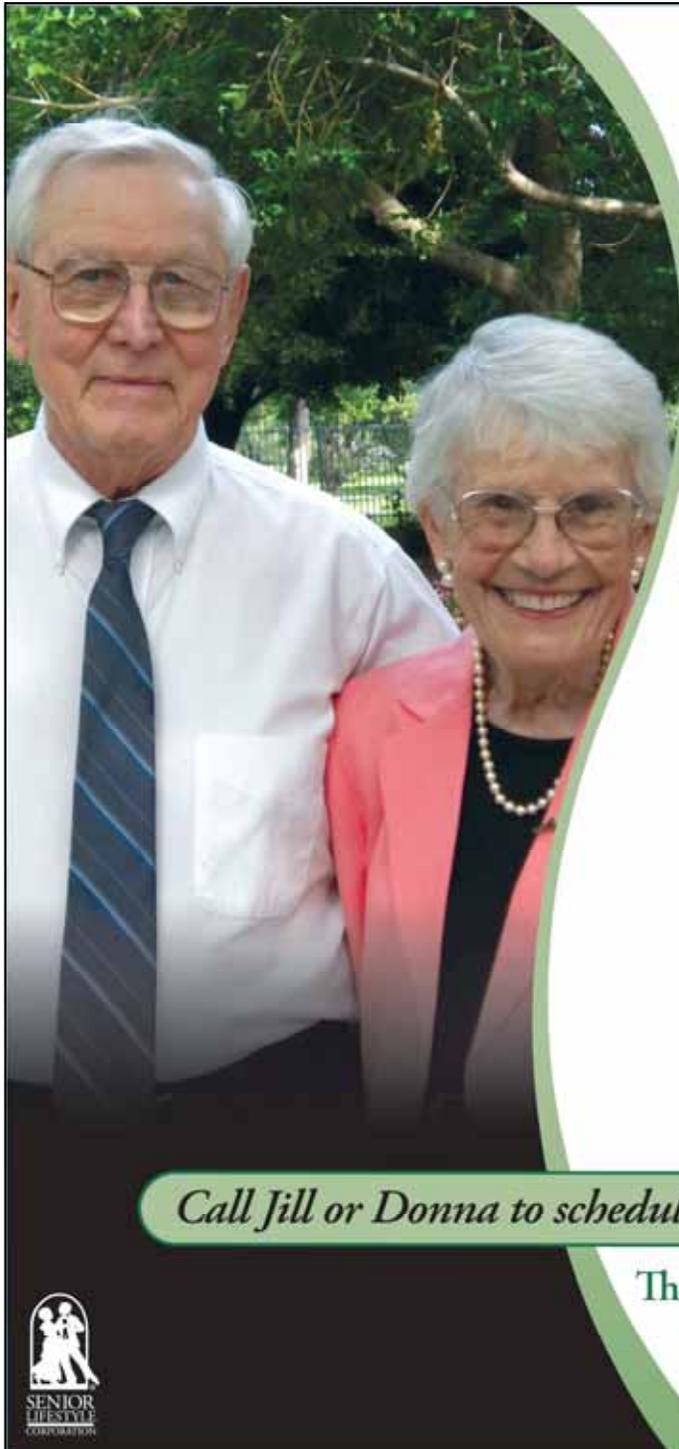
2:00pm — Community Room

#### **Dialogue Committee meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. 23

7:30pm — Community Room

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

**December HOLIDAYS****December 8***Buddhist: Bodhi Day / Rohatsu**Catholic: Feast of the Immaculate Conception***December 12***Jewish: Hanukkah***December 13***Christian: St. Lucy's Day***December 18***Muslim: Al-Hijira***December 20***Pagan: Mother Night Eve of Winter Solstice***December 21***Hindu: Pancha Ganapati**Pagan: Winter Solstice / Saturnalia / Yule***December 24***Christian: Christmas Eve***December 25***Christian: Christmas**Orthodox Christian: Feast of the Nativity (Christmas)***December 26***Roman Catholic: St. Stephens Day**African-American: Kwanzaa*

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Dear Etta Kitt,

The lobby sometimes seems to be an extension of certain residents' living quarters. I sometimes see people sitting and eating a sandwich, drinking a soda or just reading a book or newspaper. With the influx of many new residents, lobby activity that seems inappropriate seems to be on the increase. I often see the area used as a playroom, and a few of our residents just seem to "hang out" there, often standing by the lobby doorman's desk distracting the doorman from his duties. I also see real estate agents setting up shop at the lobby table. Just what is our rule about the use of the lobby? I'm perplexed as to what is proper.



Dear perplexed,

The rule about lobby use is pretty straightforward. This statement in the Rules says it all:

**II. Common Areas**

**B. Atrium, Lobby, Corridors and Hallways**

1. Neither the atrium nor the lobby, nor any of the entrances to the building, the corridors, the hallways or the staircases can be used for storage of any kind. No meetings, loitering, running, roller-blading, roller-skating, or playing are permitted in the atrium, the entrances, the lobby, the corridors, or the hallways. Beverages in open containers may not be brought into or carried through the lobby.
2. No distribution of literature nor any solicitation of any type is permitted in the atrium entrances, lobby, corridors, hallways or other common elements of the building, except:
  - a. For official business of MECA; or
  - b. If prior approval has been given by the Board of Directors.

It goes on to say that meetings or events sanctioned by management or the board of directors are allowed, events like our upcoming annual holiday party. The area is designed for "in and out" traffic, the waiting for and/or welcoming of guests and the delivery of food, flowers, and small packages. But definitely, this is not a play area, an extension of your living room or a business office. Please keep in mind that the lobby is everyone's "front door" and use it with common sense and consideration for your neighbors.

**'Town Crier' announcements  
by Rodica Ilc**



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## Go for a warm taste of Summer!

### Summer Noodle & Rice

By Tracy Poyser

Tracy@MalibuEast.org

Winter's lurking just around the corner, but cheer up — so is a wonderful neighborhood eatery that'll make you forget those frigid Sheridan Road winds in a hurry! Summer Noodle & Rice, tucked beneath the Granville El station just a few steps west of the entrance, is an oasis of delicious taste and surprising peace. Owner Sue Sumittra, who grew up in Bangkok, told the Chicago Tribune's "Cheap Eats" editor Christopher Corelli that she picked the name because the rattling grunge of those nearby CTA cars begged for something inviting and psychologically soothing. I've been a fan ever since they've opened in late 2007, no matter what time of year.

Like its sister restaurant Indie Cafe on Broadway (also one of my local favorites), Summer is a far cry from your standard Thai noodle and rice dive. The interior alone sets it apart — a simple, soothing space with clean lines and warm orange and white walls featuring wonderful art and an open kitchen tucked behind a sleek geometric counter. With seating for about 36, it's amazingly quiet and conversation-friendly. You can opt for take-out or delivery, but once you've set foot inside, I'm sure you'll be tempted to stay awhile.

The food's just as unusual as the decor and location. It can pack a nice punch of "Summer heat" without giving you heartburn. For starters, I always go with the seaweed salad — a crunchy, green, healthy treat served in a margarita glass on a bed of sliced cucumber with sesame dressing. It's yummy and in no way "fishy" tasting. You could make a meal just from a combination of appetizers and soup — chive dumplings, honey crispy tofu tossed with chili sauce, refreshing summer rolls wrapped in rice paper, ginger wonton soup, and much more, but then you'd miss the main event. If you like a bit of heat, do try the house specials, most notably the complex and tasty curries that don't sacrifice flavor in exchange for pure heat. But, do take the menu's asterisk for "spicy" seriously if your taste buds are a bit meek.



What really sets Summer apart is how well everything is cooked. The seafood dishes, shrimp sticks, Bangkok street calamari, any of the noodle dishes with shrimp — all arrive moist and tender. That goes for the meat dishes too, such as tender beef that pulls apart with your chop sticks and chicken chunks that haven't lost their taste or texture.

My all-time favorite is Summer's red duck — perfectly seared duck breast, tomato, pineapple and bok choy immersed in a fragrant red curry sauce splashed with chili and basil oil. My vegetarian buddies often go for the spicy basil stir-fry with fresh basil, green beans, onions and bell pepper in a chili garlic sauce. You'll also find the usual curry and stir-fried noodle dishes on the menu, but I'd opt for the more unique recipes like the spicy mango shrimp. Ask for their specials — a lunchtime treat for me last spring was a spicy lemon tilapia that was out of this world.

To counteract all that heat, I'd suggest bringing a bottle of a fairly full-bodied wine that'll balance the spices. Summer is BYOB, no corkage fee. A great non-alcoholic option is Thai iced tea. Dessert options are limited, but you can't go wrong with lychee or mango sorbet.

So, stop by Summer for a treat after work next time you get off at the Granville stop, and I can guarantee those winter blah feelings will be banished in no time. And, if you don't believe just me, check out their extensive fan mail at [www.yelp.com/biz/summer-chicago](http://www.yelp.com/biz/summer-chicago).

Summer Noodle & Rice  
1123 W. Granville  
773-761-8500  
[www.summerchicago.com](http://www.summerchicago.com)  
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Range: \$9-\$15. Cash, MC, Visa  
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## Holiday news

By Sandy Chaet



Our Hanukkah lighting will be in the lobby at 5pm on Friday, Dec. 11. Come light the first candle of the Hanukkah holiday. Refreshments will be served. This is hosted by Ilse Siegler and Ruth-Betty Spilky.

Our annual Malibu East Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6pm in the lobby. Come and mingle with your neighbors. Refreshments are provided, but the success of this party relies on the finger foods, appetizers, desserts that the residents bring to share. When you bring your food, if you want the dish returned, please put your name and unit number on the bottom.

If you have any suggestions for activities, parties, please leave a note with your name, unit number and phone number for the Social Committee in the management office. We welcome anyone who would like to join.

## Christmas tree disposal

Any resident who needs to dispose of a Christmas tree can do so by calling the management office at 773-271-1732. The office will schedule an appointment to have the building staff come



to your unit and take your tree down to the loading dock so that it can be removed from the property. If you are unable to call the management office, you may leave a note with the front desk, and the office staff will contact you to schedule the removal of your tree.

Please do not remove your Christmas tree by yourself because you may cause unnecessary work for the building staff by leaving pine needles and tree branches in the hallways and elevators.

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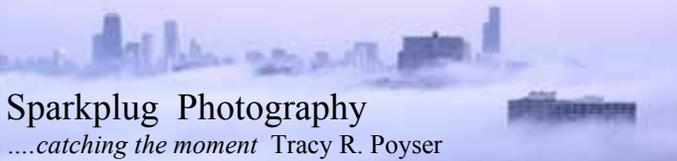
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**Holiday Art Fest**  
Saturday, December 12th, 2009 – 11am-6pm  
2 locations: 6056 N. Broadway & 5501 N. Broadway  
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## Condo noise

### Part 3: Neighbor noise By Jack Winans

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One similarity of condos to apartment living is the sharing of walls and unfortunately sharing of noise. The most common complaint is TV and music penetrating the common wall of living room and bedroom in most arrangements. This can be easily solved by politely asking the neighbor to come next door and actually experience the noise and ask if the TV or speakers can be moved further from the wall.

The second-most common complaint is late-night parties — especially those summer parties that extend out onto the balcony. These parties too many times include alcohol-induced loud conversation and laughter. A call to the desk and a request that security be sent to the offenders' door will most often solve this situation.

The third, and the most irritating to me, is construction noise from neighbors' remodeling efforts. This 1971 building has outlived its '70s color schemes and appliances, and many are into a second and third remodeling. Construction hours are liberal but must be enforced to allow peace and quiet during the evening and weekend. (See bold text in excerpt from Rules below.) Fines may be imposed for repeated infractions of this rule — but it is your duty to report a violation, preferably in writing, to the office before action can be taken.

### C. Construction Activity within the Units

1. "Construction Activity" is defined as any sort of improvements, alterations or repairs within a unit, which shall include but not be limited to work related to electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, remodeling, carpentry, plastering, painting and flooring.

**2. Construction Activity can be conducted on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

3. All Construction Activity must comply with Chicago building codes, and the unit owner must obtain any and all permits required to perform the construction activity. All such work, whether electrical, plumbing or otherwise, must be per-

formed by licensed, bonded and insured contractors.

4. The unit owner shall notify the Management Office at least ten (10) days in advance of any construction activity other than minor construction activity, and submit in writing the proposed scope of the work to be conducted and any other pertinent documents, including a proposed time frame that is reasonable and customary for such a project.

5. The unit owner is personally responsible for any damage to the common elements, to the building or to any other unit that occurs because of any Construction Activity.

6. In case of major construction or upon request, the unit owner shall provide to the Management Office at least two working days prior to the inception of the work certificates of insurance, including worker's compensation coverage, covering the contractor or service provider. Such certificates must name MECA, its Board of Directors and its managing agent as additional insureds.

### Coming: Part 4 — your comments



## Free poinsettias

Each year our lobby is decorated with large, beautiful poinsettias. They are given away free each year on a first-come, first-served basis when lobby decorations are removed. If you would like to give a poinsettia a post-season home, please sign up in the management office to receive a free poinsettia. You will be notified when they will be available.



## Please bring food

The two success stories of our annual holiday party are:

1. We get a chance to share the holiday spirit with our neighbors.
2. We get to share our neighbors' culinary skills.

## Reminder

With the coming of winter weather, remember that it is against MECA rules to store anything on the hallway floors, including rugs, boots, shoes, wet clothing, and seasonal statues.



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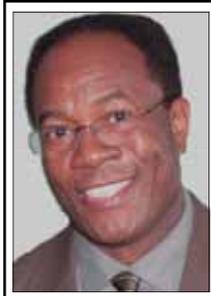
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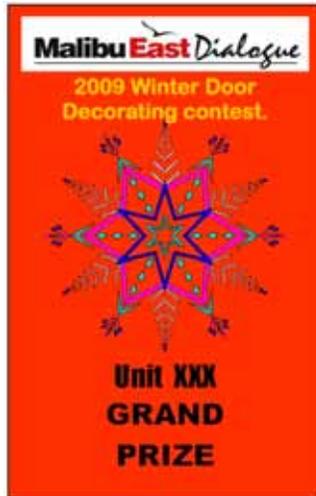
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## Annual winter holiday door decorating contest

By Jack Winans

Decorations for the seventh annual unit door and residential hallway winter holiday decorating contest must be displayed by noon Sunday, Dec. 20, to be eligible for judging. Floor decorations are not acceptable.

Please hang decorations from the door knocker, the doorknob or from a strap over the top of the door. Management requests that all decorations be hung with no damage to the unit doors. The cost of repairing nail holes will be passed on to unit owners.



If you would like to be a judge (anonymous), please contact the Dialogue 773-334-0680 or Dialogue@MalibuEast.org with your name and unit number by Dec. 15. Judges must be willing to inspect all 42 residential floors.

### Award categories:

Grand prize for the best-decorated unit  
 Spirit of Christmas  
 Most colorful  
 Best calendars  
 Best homemade  
 Best crèche  
 Best Hanukkah decoration  
 Best Kwanzaa decoration  
 Best Santa  
 Best stocking  
 Best traditional wreath  
 Best non-traditional wreath  
 Best use of bells  
 Honorable mention (up to five)

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**NOTICE: Floor decorations are against the rules and not acceptable.**

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