

# Malibu East Dialogue

June 2011

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## 48th Ward public safety forum puts emphasis on vigilance

By Tracy Poyser



In line with his stated priorities, then-48<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman-Elect Harry Osterman hosted a comprehensive and genuinely informative safety forum at Senn High School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 30. Although attendance was a bit disappointing given the importance of the topic, those 75 or so Edgewater residents who took the time to participate came away with a wealth of unexpected and important tips and ideas on improving their own safety and that of our Edgewater neighborhood.

In addition to Osterman and his co-moderator, Edgewater's vigilant and passionate safety advocate Lyn Pierce, the program featured Chicago Police Cmdrs. Lucy Moy (20<sup>th</sup> District) and Michael Wick (24<sup>th</sup> District), Senn High School principal Susan Lofton, and Ed McClane, public safety coordinator for the Edgewater Community Council.

Osterman emphasized the need for neighborhood vigilance and activism, especially for known trouble spots along Thorndale between Winthrop and Broadway, and he said he planned to join the city of Chicago's Police and Fire Committee as soon as

he took office. Osterman reaffirmed his commitment to respond to neighborhood concerns and to turn ideas generated from this forum into a blueprint for his office's neighborhood safety strategies. He also confirmed that funds for safety have been allocated in the 2011 state budget.

Lofton is so devoted to safety that she personally appears at the Thorndale Red Line stop at 7:30 every morning and accompanies her students to Senn, but more help is needed in the afternoon. Cmdr. Moy asked for help from business owners along Thorndale/Broadway in supporting school crossing guards, asking them to stay in their doorways between 2 and 3 p.m. when children are most vulnerable as possible targets of gang members or drug dealers.



In my view, the most surprising part of the program was "Keeping it Real," a panel of six former career burglars, moderated by Officer Jinter, ranging in age from the late teens to early 30s. They were candid and honest, and what they had to say was both stunning and valuable. Here's what they told us about how burglars like to operate, so you can better protect your home and belongings:

- Burglars like to work where there are not too many people around, especially dark residential neighborhoods.
- They like side windows or back doors. Fences are no deterrent – they actually protect the burglars from view.
- Burglars will dress to blend in with their target, wearing casual outfits, hats, hoodies, backpacks.
- The typical amount of time a burglar will spend in a home or apartment is 3-7

minutes.

- The best stuff is in master bedrooms and closets. They look for shoe boxes. Worst places to keep valuables are nightstand drawers, jewelry boxes, and under the beds.
- Alarms are no problem – a good burglar can get in and out of a house or apartment in the time it takes to get people to respond – whereas cameras are a problem. But, if you have a burglar alarm on your home or car, remember the code to disable and enable it!
- They love people leaving packages and bags in plain sight in their cars – on top of seats, behind the driver's seat. Always lock stuff in your trunk.
- Don't keep your car registration in the glove compartment – keep it at home. If your car gets stolen, you don't want a thief to have all of your personal info, too.
- Don't keep your GPS device in full view in your car.
- Dogs are no problem for burglars (just bring them a steak!).
- Thieves prefer to work mornings, any time from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thieves know the police patrols' schedules and time limits.
- Deterrents are too many people (remember that when you park your car) and "nosy neighbors."

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### Malibu East events and meetings

#### MECA 40th anniversary party

Saturday, June 11  
7 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Dialogue committee meeting

Wednesday, June 15  
7:30 p.m. - Community Room

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, June 16  
2 p.m. - Community Room  
(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

#### MECA board meeting

Tuesday, June 28  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

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# MECA board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Attendance: 11 board members, 2 management representatives and 8 residents

Not present: Dan Denton

Presiding: President Molins

## OPEN FORUM 1

### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) In-house TV channel needs to be updated.

## REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) Façade ordinance repairs moved to "Items requiring immediate board action."
- 2) Rules and Regulations added to "Items requiring future board action."

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Neil Warner

### 1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,671,183.04

### 2) Delinquencies

\$230,581.66

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1) Floor Representatives - Mark Golden

Ideas presented to board for consideration (see article, page 3)

### 2) Social and Educational - Sandy Chaet

Malibu East's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party (see article, page 6)

### 3) ASCO report - Sandy Chaet

Next spring Malibu East and other Sheridan Road buildings will receive donated tulips for planting as part of beautification plan initiated by ASCO.

### 4) Garage - Martina Molins

Self-parkers will be able to return to regular spots upon completion of garage project, and normal monthly rates will resume.

**Standard Parking report - Alex Diakoumis, Mgr.**

#### Claims

Approved:	2
Denied:	3
Pending:	0
Total:	5

#### Waiting lists

Single self-park:	6
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

#### Monthly parkers

Single:	0
Tandem:	0
Valet:	419
Preferred:	0
Motorcycle:	0
Engineer:	NC
Total:	419

#### Garage capacity

Single	144
Tandem:	72
Valet stalls:	295
Valet aisles:	20
Motorcycles:	3
Total:	534
(Under capacity)	115

#### Changes

New monthlies:	3
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Cancellations:	4
Upgrades	0

### 5) Public & Community Affairs - Sandy Chaet

The Edgewater farmers market opens Saturday, June 18, at Norwood and Broadway.

### 6) Pets - Marcia Fishman

Committee will discuss more efficient ways to keep dog run clean.

### 7) Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner

Relocated Billiard Room is open (see article, page 8). New yoga class begins June 6 (see article, page 4). Swimming pools opened May 27 (see management report, page 3).

### 8) Finance & Insurance - Neil Warner

Committee seeking ways in which it, along with management, can be more proactive in addressing delinquencies.

### 9) Communications - Neil Warner

Survey regarding Dialogue content was distributed to residents.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT - Janet Hope

### Items requiring immediate board action

#### 1) MaxSafe program

Management will work with treasurer to streamline MECA's bank accounts and maximize interest earned.

#### 2) Summer landscaping

Bid by Clarence Davids & Co. approved for landscaping building at street level and on fourth-floor deck.

#### 3) Carpet extractor

Board approved purchase of high-efficiency carpet cleaner that will significantly reduce the time required to clean our hallway carpeting.

#### 4) 16M bathroom repairs

Approved.

#### 5) Summer staff

Tabled.

#### 6) Lobby rug cleaning

Instead of cleaning the rug, management will buy a new one for roughly the same cost.

#### 7) Office equipment purchase

Approved expenditure for new computer equipment.

#### 8) Elevator phone

Authorized repair of emergency telephone in elevator servicing Malibu and Captain's Walk.

#### 9) Façade ordinance repairs

Approved negotiation of a five-year contract to maintain building façade.

### Items requiring future board action

#### 1) Building main drain clean-out program

Management is gathering info on how best to accomplish this complex task.

#### 2) Garage fire system

Item didn't belong on agenda.

#### 3) Repairs to heating elements in Laundry Room, Captain's Walk and hallways

Claims have been submitted to insurance company as a result of winter storm and

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power outage.

#### 4) Air conditioning repairs HD TV control room

Management is assessing whether current A/C unit is sufficient.

#### 5) Rules and Regulations

Tabled.

### Items not requiring board action

#### 1) Laundry Room

Management is working with vendor and ComEd to increase electrical capacity in room.

#### 2) Garage construction project

As soon as garage project is completed (end of June), board must address the issue of new lighting in atrium.

#### 3) Unit sales and leases

11C	\$232,000 sale
12E	\$124,000 sale
18D	\$1,550 lease
20C	\$1,550 lease
20F	\$1,575 lease
32K	\$1,600 lease

#### 4) Update on MECA-owned units

Of seven units on which the board exercised its right of first refusal, one has been sold at a profit, and four are being rented, more than covering MECA's annual expenses. The board recently voted to exercise on an eighth unit (see "Special board meeting" below).

## RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

### 1) None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1) None.

## OPEN FORUM 2

### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Resident suggested that board investigate a type of lighting used in Willis Tower.
- 2) Resident suggested that Malibu East's website be expanded to include blogs that residents could read and where they could post their own comments.

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

## Special owners meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Owners asked questions and made comments regarding the board's consideration of exercising its right of first refusal on unit 15H, for which a contract had been signed at a price of \$114,000. After discussion, the owners voted overwhelmingly to recommend that the board exercise its right of first refusal.

## Special board meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Following the special owners meeting, the board voted unanimously to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 15H at a price of \$114,000. (Board member Dan Denton was not present)



## What's happening around the building

By Janet E. Hope, MECA Manager

**Assessments:** Assessments are due by the first of each month. A late charge will be assessed for any delinquent account at the close of business on the 15th of each month. The Management Office does not accept assessment payments.

**Elevator reminder:** Please remember to verify the availability of the freight elevator in a timely manner when scheduling large deliveries, etc. This is especially important during the summer months, when more people tend to move. I cannot guarantee the freight elevator will be available if you fail to contact the office when scheduling your delivery or wait until the very last minute.

**Windjammer Room reminder:** The Management Office receives numerous requests for reserving the Windjammer Room during the summer months. It is available on a first-come basis, but be aware that your reservation is not complete until the Management Office receives your signed contract and all related fees. When reserving the room for parties, etc., please take a moment to read the contract you sign. Do you know that you are required to provide a guest list in advance to the Management Office, so the door and garage staff can be given instructions, and security staff hired, if applicable? Failure to provide this list may result in cancellation of your reservation.

**Office hours:** Are you aware the Management Office is open late every Tuesday to accommodate those residents who wish to have direct contact with us but typically do not arrive home until after we close for the day? Our office hours are: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. If a resident wishes to see me beyond those hours, I will be happy to make an appointment to do so. However, I must ask that if you see me in my office working late, with the office sign stating we are closed and the outer office lights are turned off, please realize I am

working late to finish a specific task or project, and allow me to finish my task without interruptions.

**Hallway carpets:** As you may be aware, the building engineering staff works very hard to maintain the cleanliness of the hallways, especially the carpets. However, the staff needs your assistance. Please report all accidental spills and pet "accidents" promptly so they can be quickly addressed.

**Swimming pools, tennis court:** After what feels like a never-ending winter, it is almost summer, and I am pleased to inform you that the swimming pools and tennis court will reopen for the season on Friday May 27. Please remember to always carry your pool tag when going to the pool; the lifeguards have been instructed to deny access to anyone not in possession of one. Replacement pool tags are available in the Management Office (\$10 each). The tennis courts may be reserved up to 48 hours in advance at the doorman's desk.

**Construction reminders:** Please remember to always contact the Management Office before starting any type of remodeling or construction project, to familiarize yourself and your contractors with all of the MECA requirements.

If you have any contractor working in your unit, hallway floor protection is always required, but please remember to be courteous to your neighbors and remove it at the end of every day.

**Email:** I encourage you to contact me via email with any comments, suggestions, request or complaints. My email address is: [MECAmgr@sud1er.net](mailto:MECAmgr@sud1er.net)

Rodica Ilc can also be contacted via email, with all routine matters such as work orders, document requests, etc. She can be contacted at: [MECAoffice@sud1er.net](mailto:MECAoffice@sud1er.net)

## Floor reps offer ideas

By Carl Stahlheber and Lori Ziesmer

The Floor Representatives Committee met on May 18 in the Windjammer Room, with 16 floor representatives present. The committee had several agenda items to discuss, many of which were social in nature, including the proposal of a quarterly movie night, a monthly social hour and a walking club.

One idea that seemed overwhelmingly supported was establishing a Weight Watchers group for MECA residents. The social hour idea was also very popular, and it was suggested that it be a mix of wine tasting, snacks, monthly birthday acknowledgments, and a general getting to know your fellow residents. Other suggestions to improve life at Malibu East included fire and police safety seminars and re-establishing volunteers to help with planting flowers and landscaping (garden club).

The floor representatives are going to take these ideas and discuss them further with their neighbors for their input and recommendations on what other activities, clubs or seminars they would like to see being available for residents at Malibu East.

The Floor Representative Committee is committed to finding ideas from fellow residents and presenting them to the board of directors for consideration by the various committees of the board. If you have a suggestion that could benefit the residents at Malibu East, whether it be a social event, an idea to enhance the lobby or floors, landscaping, safety, etc., please contact your floor representative. If you are unaware of who your floor representative is, you may send an email to either chair Carl Stahlheber at [crs062@hotmail.com](mailto:crs062@hotmail.com) or to Lori Ziesmer at [Lori.ziesmer@comcast.net](mailto:Lori.ziesmer@comcast.net)

**Reminder:** The Edgewater Farmers Market opens on June 18th and takes place every Saturday through October 15th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will again be on Norwood just west of Broadway (near True Nature Foods).



## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

#### BROADWAY ARMORY

Indoor park, six gym floors, trapeze classes, senior activities, athletic equipment, meeting room, computer center, batting cage, fencing equipment, dancing floor, shuffleboard, weights, arts and crafts, aerobics, ping pong, after-school activities and more.

5917 N. Broadway  
312-742-7502  
tinyurl.com/27YYYN

#### EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

##### Saturday Book Club

11 a.m. - First Saturday of the month  
New regular hours:

Mon/Wed: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tue/Thu: 12 noon - 8 p.m.

Fri/Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1210 W. Elmdale  
312-744-0718

tinyurl.com/5L55TL

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**"Edgewater PRIDE: Oppression to Expression"** June 3 - Sept. 25

Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

Grand opening of the exhibit, food and drink - Friday, June 3, 7-10 p.m.  
773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

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### Library closing delayed

The anticipated May 28th closing of the Edgewater branch library, as reported in the May issue of the *Dialogue*, has been postponed. As of press time, a new date had not been announced.

### THEATER / SHOWINGS

#### CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

##### "The Sign of Four"

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
One of Sherlock Holmes' greatest stories.

Thru July 3

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

773-293-3682

citylit.org

#### GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

##### "No More Dead Dogs"

By Gordon Korman, adapted by William Massolia

A comedy in which schoolboy Wallace Wallace's report gets him detention for telling the truth instead of lying.

Thru June 19

Theatre Wit

1229 W. Belmont St.

773-769-2228 or 773-975-8150

griffintheatre.com

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

##### "Watership Down"

When their birthplace is destroyed, two brothers lead a misfit band on a quest for a new home.

Thru June 19

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

#### RAVEN THEATRE

##### "The Cherry Orchard"

By Anton Chekhov

A Chekhov "comedy" in which a 1904 family faces financial ruin unless strong measures are taken.

Thru July 23

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

#### REDTWIST THEATRE

##### "Bug"

By Tracy Letts

A gritty, darkly funny drama about love, alienation, paranoia and government conspiracy.

Thru June 26

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwist.org

## Senior property tax exemption alert

By Thomas C. Vaughan



There has been a recent change in the reduction allowed for senior citizens on their property tax bills.

In the past, once a senior filed the appropriate application, this exemption remained in effect until they sold the property.

Starting this tax year, any senior wishing to receive the exemption must file the application each and every year.

**This year's deadline for filing is June 16.** The application form can be downloaded at:

[cookcountyassessor.com/forms/HoHs.pdf](http://cookcountyassessor.com/forms/HoHs.pdf)

It is also available at any assessor's office, each of which is listed in the telephone book. For further online information, you can go to:

[cookcountyassessor.com/](http://cookcountyassessor.com/)

## Yoga class opens to new members

The Monday night yoga class invites new members to join when it begins a new class June 6. The class will be held each Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Windjammer Room through June 27 - a total of four sessions. Beginners are welcome.

Each Monday night, trained yoga instructor Raquel Maldonado guides the class through a series of poses that focus on a participant's flexibility and balance. Each class member is encouraged to participate at their own level, and they can practice these poses at home if they choose.

If you would like to join the class, come to the June 6 session. Otherwise, the class will close, reopening to new members July 11.

The cost of the class will be determined at the first session, depending on the number of participants, but should be no more than \$40 for the four sessions. Bring your checkbook and a yoga mat.

Dear Etta Kitt,

Many times this past winter, I have found myself stuck on the 2nd or 3rd floor because the elevator door will not close due to a strong draft from the garage through open hallway doors. This occasionally even affects the closing of the elevator door in the lobby.



Signed, Stuck and going nowhere

Dear Stuck,

Many others have complained about being "stuck." We do have a great deal of "negative air pressure" in this building, which makes it sometimes very difficult to close those garage hallway doors. A little extra effort by everyone in closing doors is the correct "Etta Kitt." Also, please report to the management office any doors that do not properly "latch" closed.

Dear Etta Kitt,

Quite often, the elevator stops at a floor and there is no one present to get on. I realize that this is very often the result of someone pressing both the "Up" and "Down" buttons in a misguided attempt to grab the closest elevator. These "Mystery Passengers" frustrate me. Is there a solution?



Signed, Nowhere fast

Dear Frustrated,

The only real solution is forbearance. Remember the old adage, "God give me..." This is a lose-lose situation. It's almost impossible to identify the guilty party, and even if you did, would you really want to confront the type of person who commits such selfish acts?

'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



## 48th Ward safety forum (Continued from page 1)

I asked the panelists how easy it was for burglars to get into doorman-protected high-rise buildings. It's scarily simple:

- Thieves find ways to look at sign-in log books and may pose as deliverymen or other workers.
- They like to follow someone with a fob or pass key into a building – so don't let people you don't know follow you into our lower level entrances or past the doorman station.
- Thieves will just knock at unit doors and pretend they have the wrong apartment if someone answers. Use your door's peephole first. DO NOT open your unit door to someone you don't know.
- Most important: KEEP YOUR UNIT DOOR LOCKED AT ALL TIMES. I thought it was fine to keep it unlocked while I'm at home, but I no longer will.

So, let's look out for each other and be nosy if we spot something or someone suspicious – our MECA corridors are our streets. Call or notify the doorman or management office – DO NOT confront people, for your own safety. Call 911 directly to report any attack you see or hear.

Following the panel, Dr. Ron Rufo, a highly energetic and entertaining crime prevention speaker in the preventative programs section of the Chicago Police Department for over nine years and a 14-year veteran of the CPD, provided tips on how to stay safe while walking our streets. Here are a few suggestions on how to be a "not-so-easy target" for criminals and be a good eyewitness for police officers:

- If someone follows you too closely, look at him/her intently, then cross the street or move away.
- If you can't do that, look sour, talk loudly to yourself, start talking about religion, act weirdly.
- If someone gets too close or asks for advice (a common trick of pickpockets), don't be "too nice."
- Pickpockets work in pairs – one uses a sob story and touches or distracts you to alert their partner.
- Set speed dial on your cell phone to 911.
- Ladies, look where you put your purses in restaurants – don't hang them from backs of chairs or leave them on the hooks or floors of public toilet stalls.

They can be grabbed and gone in an instant. This is also a favorite technique used by thieves to grab men's topcoats.

- When you use an ATM machine, protect the keypad from view and take your receipt with you.
- When calling 911, be clear about what the suspicious person is doing, exactly where they are and what they look like. Remember what people wear from the waist down. They may change jackets, hats or shirts, but are unlikely to change pants or shoes while on the run.
- Don't guess about descriptions in police reports. It's OK if you don't know an answer.

A definite highlight was a surprise appearance by now-retired Chicago Police Superintendent Terry Hillard. The 35 years that Hillard spent protecting and serving the citizens of Chicago were marked by a compassion for individuals and a commitment to offer creative programs that made the community safer. Today, he draws on his leadership abilities, remarkable expertise and concern for each person he meets in his role as a security adviser. His advice:

- Get to know your beat officer. Community policing will be an important facet of police protection in Rahm Emanuel's administration.
- Grip your cell phone or iPad with two fingers over the top – it's more difficult to snatch that way.
- Always walk with purpose. Look behind you every once in a while. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Please continue to pray for our cops and support them. Remember our fallen officers.

The forum ended with break-out groups for different police beats, in which the participants brainstormed suggestions for improving safety in their part of the ward, with a focus on specific problem areas. My group (Neighbors North of Hollywood) was facilitated by McClane. As public safety initiative chair under the newly organized ECC, he will work with both block clubs and beat coordinators to target problem building managers and locations. New ECC initiatives include extensive use of social media to encourage people to identify who the "bad guys" are, seminars on renter screening, more positive loitering initiatives along Thorndale and other trouble spots, and close attention to gang tagging.

## 40th anniversary party

By Sandy Chaet



Malibu East's 40th anniversary party will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 in the Windjammer Room. Let's all get together and celebrate! Finger food, hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and desserts will be served. If you would like to bring something to share, that is welcomed.

Fliers have been distributed to residents, so **please RSVP** by Friday, June 3 so the Social Committee will know how many guests to plan for.

Music will be provided by Steven Solomon, who performed here previously. He plays many types of music, including dance music and sing-alongs. Steve is a senior at the School of Music at Western Illinois University. A year ago, on May 30, he made his debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

If you have any photos, brochures, newspaper clippings, newsletters or any other interesting materials about our building, please bring them to the party. Please put your name on anything you bring.

Malibu East's first residents moved in during the spring of 1971 and many are still living here. If you are one of the residents who moved in during 1971, please leave your name and unit number for the Social Committee at the doorman's station.

The groups came up with a number of good suggestions, such as encouraging neighbors to come to CAPS meetings, and taking photos of any gang tagging on mail boxes and buildings and emailing them to Jared Desecki (jared@48thward.org), who heads Harry Osterman's public safety initiatives.

This is a lot of information to absorb, but I believe we as Malibu East residents need to remember that we're all part of a vibrant, exciting neighborhood with good neighbors who want to look after each other. We'll make sure to alert you to future safety-oriented meetings through our laundry room bulletin board, and we hope you will join us.

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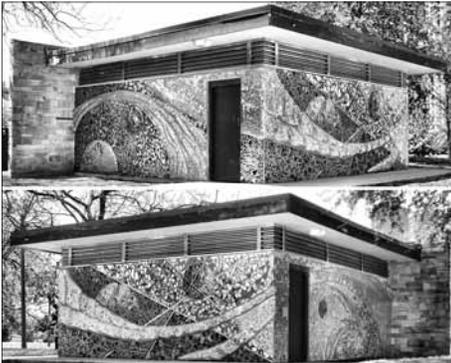
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Saturday	8:00-5:00	TELEPHONE: (773) 561-6595
Sunday	by appointment only	(773) 561-6596

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## Was Osterman Beach invaded by aliens?

(From the ASCO newsletter)



It was noticed early one morning by dog walkers. The outhouse was gone and there were gigantic mosaic murals of a galaxy far, far away. Residents scratched their heads and wondered, till someone spotted a little sign. It said:

Come To Light  
2011

**Lead Artist:** Andy Bellomo  
**Assistant Artist:** William C. Nicholson  
**Assistant Artist:** Brett Whitacre

**Artist Mentors:**

Tracy Van Duinen  
Todd Osborne

**Youth Artists:**

Vivian Lastick  
Claudia Quintero  
Brandon B-nad Mclean  
Katarina Otero  
Brenda Vallejo  
Keyonta Thomas  
Jonovan Grajales  
Francisco Alferez  
Elizabeth Martinez

**Community Artists Volunteers:**

Colleen Hodgetts  
Hamish Thain

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We checked with our new alderman, Harry Osterman, who told us that this was not the work of refugees from Roswell. It was a little add-on by the Park District to the Osterman Beach House project. When the new beach house was built, Park District Superintendent Tim Mitchell did not want to tear down the old bathrooms ("outhouse" to local residents). He thought there might a use for a solid, concrete building. It was gutted and cleaned. The Chicago Public Art Group was commissioned to cover it with a mosaic.

Local resident Anne Vopat came forward to commend the students for working in lousy weather to finish the project on time. She got soaked watching them.

## Billiard Room reopens in new location

By Neil Warner

Grab your pool cue; it's time for billiards.

After having closed to make way for a new Fitness Room, the Billiard Room has been relocated to the smaller space that formerly housed the Fitness Room. It is now a cozy environment for residents who want to play a friendly game of billiards.

Beautiful, detailed wood paneling, which once graced a Chicago courtroom, was expertly hung in the new room by V & R Construction using an innovative system. The remodeled room also features new carpeting, new



Malibu East resident Leon Yi enjoys our newly refurbished Billiard Room while Neil Warner looks on.

wall and ceiling light fixtures, and a new paint job. One light switch operates the billiard table lamp and the wall sconces, and the other switch operates the ceiling lights.

The key to the Billiard Room must be signed out at the doorman's station. The doorman will provide the billiard balls, but each resident must bring his/her own pool cue. At the conclusion of play, the room key and the billiard balls must be returned to the doorman.

The Rules and Regulations require that any children using the room must be accompanied by either a parent or a person who is at least 18 years old and is responsible for their behavior. No more than three children can use the room at any given time if their parent is not present. Players should be prepared to vacate the room after two hours if others wish to play.

Anyone who notices damage in the room should notify the Management Office or the doorman immediately.

The Billiard Room is open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight.

The Sports & Entertainment Committee appreciates the patience shown by our residents while this project was under way.

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