

# Malibu East Dialogue

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## Edgewater arts scene livelier than ever

By Tracy Poyser



Just 2½ years ago, suggesting that Edgewater would be a thriving destination for the arts surely would have been met with “say what?” and derisive chuckles. But, never underestimate the determination and initiative of a bunch of enterprising local artists supported by local business leaders and art mavens, backed by community institutions like the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, Special Service Area #26, Edgewater Community Council and Edgewater Development Corporation.

It started in spring 2009 with art displayed in empty storefronts and just kept on growing. By now, everyone knows that the colorful blue and orange Edgewater Artists in Motion logo gracing art displays along Broadway and arterial streets means that Edgewater art is here to stay!

This year’s undisputed EAIM highlight so far was the Edgewater Arts Festival on July 16, co-sponsored by the Edgewater Chamber and Ald. Harry Osterman’s office, and entirely organized and staffed by EAIM and neighborhood volunteers. It turned Thorndale, from Broadway to Winthrop, into a thriving showcase for more than 50 local artists and artisans, including a fine arts showcase tent, ongoing musical entertain-



ment, a kiddie’s corner, local food concessions and – best of all – great summer weather. I staffed the Broadway entrance for a couple of hours, and it was a blast to see so many happy, smiling neighbors enjoying themselves and – to the delight of the artists – actually buying art!

Because the festival was such a great success and an incredibly fun-filled day, plans for more art events in the future are already under way, including a the possibility for a two-day Edgewater Arts Festival in 2012.

But, if you don’t want to wait that long, just stop over at yet another new EAIM arts attraction within blocks from MECA which opened July 2: Le Gallery Thorndale. Housed in the former Thorndale Deli at 1106 W. Thorndale, this wonderful “pop-up” storefront gallery features original and very affordable art created by a collective of neighborhood artists, including paintings and canvas prints, jewelry, sculpture, a photography room, and unique handcrafted items. It’s a great deal for the artists: The participation fee is only \$30 plus 10% of sales. Opening hours are Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gallery art director Jessica Lucas reports steady traffic and quite a few sales already, so make sure to stop in during August weekends on your way to the Thorndale Red

Line, the Edgewater Farmer’s Market, or just to look – nobody’s going to pressure you to buy, and the air conditioning works in there!

Last but not least, don’t miss the 2011 Gethsemane Gardens Art Fair at 5739 North Clark. It’s scheduled for Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, August 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entire Gethsemane Gardens Center’s outdoor grounds, including the parking lots, will become a magical arts village facing away from the Clark Street traffic, with plenty of sun umbrellas, seating and shady spots lining “streets” of spacious 10x10 tents showcasing the works of almost 70 juried artists. Categories include painting/drawing, photography/etching/prints, sculpture/textile/collage and glass/mosaic/ceramics. If last year’s experience from visitors and participating artists (including yours truly) is any indication, this is bound to be a winner again.

### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Dialogue committee meeting

Wednesday, August 17

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

#### MECA pizza party

Saturday, August 20

7-11 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### MECA board meeting

Tuesday, August 23

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

*Our condolences to the family and friends of*  
*Ifti Nasim*



# MECA board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Attendance: 12 board members, 1 management representative and 12 residents  
Not present: Property manager Janet Hope  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

## OPEN FORUM

- 1) Extended discussion of façade repairs of F-tier and appropriate notification of residents affected.
- 2) Faucet left running in Laundry Room.
- 3) Can anything be done to cool hallways during hot weather?

## REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) Approval of rule regarding religious displays.
- 2) Proposal by Klein and Hoffman regarding feasibility study for boat dock.
- 3) Garage parking.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - Neil Warner

### 1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,682,233.82

### 2) Delinquencies

\$219,242.84

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1) Floor Representatives - Carl Stahlheber

A Weight Watchers group will be organized for Malibu East residents. A safety meeting with the police and/or fire department was suggested, as was a more regular quarterly schedule of activities involving residents. Concerns about swimmers using the passenger elevators rather than the service elevator and swimmers not showering before using the pool. Desire to update and expand the Malibu East website.

### 2) Social and Educational - Sandy Chaet

A pizza party to celebrate the end of the garage project will be held Aug. 20. (See article on page 6 for this and other news.)

### 3) Garage - Martina Molins

Parkers can return to normal parking spaces as of Aug. 1, and normal garage billing will resume as of Aug. 1.

*Standard Parking report as of June 30 - Alex Diakoumis, Mgr.*

#### Claims

Approved:	1
Denied:	4
<u>Pending:</u>	<u>0</u>
Total:	5

#### Waiting lists

Single self-park:	9
Tandem self-park:	0

Second car: 0

#### Monthly parkers

Single:	0
Tandem:	0
Valet:	423
Preferred:	0
Motorcycle:	0
<u>Engineer:</u>	<u>NC</u>
Total:	423

#### Garage capacity

Single	144
Tandem:	72
Valet stalls:	295
Valet aisles	20
<u>Motorcycles:</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	534
(Under capacity)	111

#### Changes

New monthlies:	5
Cancellations:	2
Upgrades	0

### 4) Finance & Insurance - Neil Warner

Waiting for first draft of 2010 audit, which the committee will review. Our real estate attorneys have achieved another reduction in taxes for unit owners for the current triennium, on top of a reduction they achieved a year ago. Their fee for the savings will be billed to applicable unit owners during the first three months of 2012.

### 5) Communications - Neil Warner

Nearly 100 Dialogue surveys were received from residents. (See article on page 3.)

### 6) Building Maintenance & Services - Eleida Gomez

Committee is reviewing a list of 10 action items with management.

### 7) Cable - Neil Warner

We're investigating why the in-house TV channels have not been operational lately.

### 8) Life Safety - Sandy Chaet

Bids are being finalized, and a vendor to install the emergency communications system in the building will be chosen soon.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT - Dean Lerner

### Items requiring immediate board action

#### 1) Air conditioning for HD/TV control room

A new AC system not to exceed \$4,000 was approved.

#### 2) Rule regarding religious displays

Tabled.

#### 3) Proposal by Klein and Hoffman regarding feasibility study for boat dock

A feasibility study was approved at a cost

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 during the next meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

of \$2,400.

### Items requiring future board action

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

Repairs of damage resulting from winter storm and power outage will be completed before cold weather arrives.

#### 2) Garage parking

Changes to the configuration of parking spaces and the rules regarding self-parking and tandem parking are being considered, in the hope of increasing revenue for the association.

### Items not requiring board action

#### 1) Life safety upgrades

#### 2) Captain's Walk air conditioning

A new compressor for north side of Captain's Walk was installed after previous unit failed during a hot spell. Our insurance is expected to cover all but the \$5,000 deductible.

#### 3) Façade ordinance repairs

After completion of work on the F-tier façade, work will begin on the L and M tier façades.

#### 4) Unit sales, leases

29K	\$140,000 sale
10K	\$1,550 lease
26K	\$1,500 lease

#### 5) Garage construction project

Although the multiyear garage project is coming to a close this summer, a new lighting scheme for the atrium must be chosen and installed.

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

MECA exercised its right of first refusal on unit 15H at a cost of \$114,000. Of the eight units purchased by MECA, one was sold at a substantial profit and four have been rented. Two other units are nearly ready to go on the market.

#### 7) Laundry Room contract expires 3/25/12

The board will investigate its options under a new contract for laundry equipment.

## RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Board approved a resident's claim for \$118 in damage to car, which resulted from negligence by a hiker, and insisted that Standard Parking pay for the damage.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1) None.

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



## 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 on the close of business on the 15th of each month. The Management Office does not accept assessment payments.

**Parking garage construction update:** The garage concrete repair project is very close to completion. All parking is scheduled to return to normal in August. There will be one short period of approximately three days when many parkers will need to return to valet parking while a waterproof membrane is installed. This will be the last major task of the construction phase. There is still some minor work to complete, such as the installation of new lighting and the painting of the exterior atrium, but none of these items will require any changing of parking status.

**Exterior façade and balcony repairs:** The annual inspection and repair of the exterior is under way. Some portions of the F, L and M tiers will be inspected and repaired as necessary in 2011. The balcony portion of the F tier is currently being worked on and is close to completion (according to Klein and Hoffman, our engineers, the wall portions east and west of the F-tier balconies were done in 2009), so residents of the L tier should anticipate a notice shortly advising them of the anticipated start date of their tier.

Several residents have recently asked questions about this ongoing maintenance schedule and why it is necessary. So, I would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone why this work is undertaken annually, what it entails, and what is expected of the residents of the affected tiers.

This work is performed because it is a building code requirement. The City of Chicago façade ordinance requires the regular inspection by a licensed architect of all high-rise buildings and has very stringent reporting requirements. Any building that fails to perform the required inspection or submit the engineer's report can be subject to very significant fines. If MECA were to complete the inspection of the entire building

at one time, this could cost several million dollars every time the façade inspection was undertaken. So, in order to make this very significant cost fit within the budget and be less of a burden on unit owners, the Board of Directors, in conjunction with their architects, have developed a program to inspect and make repairs where necessary to both the balconies and the vertical face of the building on approximately three to six drops per year, resulting in every tier being inspected and maintained approximately every five or six years.

The work is always performed during the summer months, mostly because all of the work is performed from a swing stage (scaffold), which carries both the architects and repair personnel up and down the exterior of the building. Poor weather and especially wind and rain prevent the use of the swing stage; therefore, performing the work in spring and fall is not recommended as the weather is far less predictable. It is also important that when concrete repairs are being performed, appropriate temperatures must be maintained to ensure the integrity of the new concrete.

The schedule for repairs always follows this order:

The first step is the initial inspection of the exterior by the architect to determine which areas need repair. This generally includes "sounding" the concrete, which basically is tapping it with a special hammer to determine if the resulting sound is indicative of areas needing repair. It is not unusual for small pieces of damaged concrete to fall during this testing; therefore, residents are asked to refrain from using their balconies during this period. Any obvious loose concrete is also removed during this time for safety.

After the architect has documented the areas needing repair, the next step is the demolition, or removal of concrete in areas needing work. This is generally the noisiest portion of the work, and residents will be instructed to remove any items from the balcony both to ensure

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## The results are in

By Neil Warner

Nearly 100 Malibu East residents filled out surveys recently, expressing their likes and dislikes about this newsletter, the *Dialogue*.

Residents were asked to check up to seven items from a list of content elements from a typical issue, indicating that these were the ones they valued most. Ranking at the top of the list, not surprisingly, were the board meeting notes, which review the issues discussed and decisions made at the monthly board meetings. The second-most valued content was articles about Malibu East activities and events, followed in third place by the management report.

Ranking fourth in importance were articles from/about the neighborhood, followed by articles about Malibu East residents, employees or businesses, and, in sixth place, restaurant reviews.

Tied for last in the rankings were the religious holidays calendar and cartoons. We have already eliminated the religious holidays calendar.

Survey respondents also provided a number of good suggestions, such as asking for more information about the association's plans for improvements, when projects will begin and end, condoling tips, articles on fitness and health, suggestions for improving the appearance of balconies, reminders about the Rules and Regulations, more financial information and more photos of residents. Other suggestions included a list of sources of replacement parts for hardware used in units, maintenance tips, exploration of different cultures living at Malibu East, before-and-after photos of remodeled units, recipes, and reviews of plays, movies and books.

Please realize that some of the suggestions, while good, can't be implemented for a variety of reasons - legal factors, time constraints and sometimes a lack of manpower.

For those of you who offered to help with the *Dialogue*, we will contact you soon.

The *Dialogue* staff is still looking for a full-time editor who is willing to devote the time and energy to keeping the newsletter a vital part of our community. Contact us if you are interested.



## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

#### BROADWAY ARMORY

Currently under renovation.  
Closed until after Labor Day.

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

#### EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Library building is closed during construction. A bookmobile is now available in the Broadway Armory parking lot:

Tue-Thu: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-6 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-noon, 1-5 p.m.  
(closed Sundays and Mondays)  
tinyurl.com/5L55TL

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Edgewater PRIDE: Oppression to Expression" until Sept. 25.

New regular museum hours:  
Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.  
5358 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-506-4849

www.EdgewaterHistory.org

#### GETHSEMANE GARDEN CENTER

##### 2011 Art Fair

The works of nearly 75 artists will be displayed.

Saturday, Aug 13: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug 14: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Gethsemane Garden Center  
5739 N. Clark St.  
773-878-5915

gethsemanegardens.com

#### GRANVILLE SUMMER MARKET DAYS

Unique items available for purchase.

Saturdays and Sundays  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. thru August 21.  
Granville and Broadway  
312-744-0718  
edgewaterdev.org

#### WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Adult day wellness programs for persons 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai chi, music, exercise, lunch and snacks. Transportation provided within boundary area.

1355 W. Foster Ave.  
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### Management Report

(Continued from page 3)

easy access by the workers and to protect personal property from accidental damage. Management will also recommend other steps that residents may wish to take, such as the removal of pictures or delicate ornaments from exterior walls in case vibration dislodges them, the closing of drapes/blinds for privacy and the covering of air conditioners to prevent dust or concrete particles from damaging them. Air conditioners should not be used when covered; however, as this work is performed during summer months, common sense should prevail. It is entirely your choice whether or not you use the A/C; you simply should be aware that small pieces of falling concrete could damage it when running.

The next step is for the engineer to review whether the demolition work has been properly completed so that the repair of the concrete can be done. The repair work is then undertaken and inspected when finished, followed by the newly repaired areas being recoated.

The final step is re-inspection by the architect to ensure all necessary repairs have been made, after which time the swing stage is disassembled and removed.

Unfortunately, all residents of the tier

being worked on are asked to refrain from using their balconies during the workday as a safety measure. If workers are above you, there is a risk of concrete or other items falling, but even when they are below you, there is always the risk that the movement of the stage and its ropes could dislodge something. Residents will also be asked to remove all furniture and other items from the balconies, and assistance is offered to accomplish this for anyone needing it. The removal is requested firstly to expose all areas to ensure nothing needing repair is overlooked, to prevent damage to your property and to allow access to the workers, who may not only need to repair your balcony but also may need to access the balcony to reach the wall(s) directly above or adjacent to it.

In order to shorten the period when owners are inconvenienced by refraining from using the balconies, the inspection and repair procedures are done in phases, which sometimes involve the balconies and sometimes the wall façade. In part, this is mandated by the different nature of the façade and the balconies in terms of their construction.

Prior to the start of the demolition and repair phase, residents of each tier will be advised of the anticipated duration of the work on their tier, but this time frame is only an approximation. Weather and unpredictable factors may cause delays.

Residents should also realize that it is very difficult to give an accurate schedule for any particular floor, as the extent of the work cannot be determined until the demolition is actually done. Changes are also made due to weather conditions, or specialized skills, tools or materials being needed to perform specific tasks.

I hope this brief summary has answered the majority of questions regarding this project and why it is undertaken every year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding it that I have not addressed here, please contact me directly. I will be happy to address any concerns you may have.

The board and the construction committee will be considering whether, in spite of all the variables mentioned above, there is a more effective way to notify the residents about the progress of a construction project.

### THEATER/SHOWINGS

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

##### 15th annual *Fillet of Solo* festival

New works by various artists.

Thru August 7  
6912 N. Glenwood Ave.  
773-761-4477

lifelinetheatre.com

#### STEEP THEATRE

##### "Pornography"

London is the center of the world, when on July 7, 2005, three bombs go off in London's underground.

Thru September 3  
1115 W. Berwyn  
866-811-4111  
steeptheatre.com

Dear Etta Kitt,



Lately I've witnessed showers of cigarette butts, some still on fire and some not, raining down on my plants. My balcony is becoming someone's ashtray. My apartment is on the south side of the building, and I am wondering where the butts land when it's not on my balcony. Would anyone like to step on one on the way to the pool or on the tennis court?

If I knew the culprit, I would knock on his/her door and complain, but I don't. What can be done to stop it?

Signed, Burned up

Dear Burned up,

Since we don't know the culprit or which floor above yours it's coming from, all we can do is hope that the person reads this letter and is ashamed of himself/herself. I'm certain you weren't personally selected as the ashtray, but I hope the smoker understands that lit cigarette butts can travel through the air and could land anywhere and cause a fire.

### Wanted: Editor

The Dialogue is looking for an editor to succeed our former leader, the late Jack Winans.

Journalistic experience is preferred but not required. The primary criterion is having an interest in Malibu East and a desire to promote the building and its residents, as well as having the time to devote to planning and overseeing the monthly issues. The editor position is unpaid and voluntary.

If you wish to apply, you should leave a note with the management office or doorman, to the attention of the Dialogue, very briefly describing your background and why you're interested in the position.

### 'Town Crier' announcements

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

by Rodica Ilc



If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the Dialogue.

## Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



## Social Committee news

By Sandy Chaet



On Saturday, August 20, there will be a party to celebrate the end of the seven-year garage project, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Windjammer Room. The Social Committee will provide pizza and soft drinks, with music provided by Rock Daddy Chicago. Fliers will be distributed around the first of August. Please respond by the RSVP date so the committee knows how to plan.

The White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, September 17, giving residents an opportunity to sell their used or unwanted items. It will be in the Captain's Walk mall, and only Malibu East residents can reserve a table for this sale. There is a \$5 fee, and participants must supply their own table and chairs. Fliers will be distributed in mid-August with more details.

The Respiratory Health Association is scheduled to offer flu shots on Wednesday, October 12. This group has come here for the last several years, providing residents an opportunity to receive a flu shot in their own building.

Save the date of Saturday, November 5! We have scheduled a performance by Artie Fitzgerald, a performer who sings the best of Frank Sinatra and others. Artie will be accompanied by a DJ, for listening and dance music. Watch for more details as the date gets closer.

## Start living on the Edge

On July 16, the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce came out with its new EDGE CARD, a community discount card that provides terrific specials, discounts and values through June 30, 2012.

At a cost of only \$15 for the card, you'll get great deals at more than 75 Edgewater businesses, from restaurants to car washes, theaters, retail stores and service providers. Local favorites include Moody's Pub, Ethiopian Diamond, Lickity Split, Uncommon Ground, Sherwin Williams, Bark Bark Club, Holzkopf's Meat Market and MECA's own Jack Horbal DDS and Tracy Poyser PhotoART. Discounts are divided into one-time only and ongoing offers.

For a current listing of all the offers, check

[www.edgewater.org/edgecard](http://www.edgewater.org/edgecard).

To purchase your very own EDGE CARD, stop in at the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, 1210 W. Rosedale, Monday through Friday during business hours, or call 773-561-6000.

You can also sign up via an email to [info@edgewater.org](mailto:info@edgewater.org) to receive updates on the EDGE CARD as new discounts are added. And if you don't have time during the day to go to the Chamber office, just give them your credit card info over the phone and they'll mail one to you.

It's a sure bet that using the card just a few times will save you much more than the \$15 nominal charge – and it'll feel good to buy local and help our neighborhood businesses thrive.

Source: [www.Edgewater.org](http://www.Edgewater.org)

## See sand castles in Edgewater

You'll have a chance to build a sand castle or watch the pros do it when the Edgewater Community Council holds its first Chicago SandCastle Open on Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Osterman Beach, 5800 N. Sheridan Road.

The event will feature competitive and amateur sand castle building and sand sculpting, a "fun zone" for children, and various activities that will enable participants and spectators to enjoy the beach.

Among the professional participants will be "Big Wave Dave," who has been building sand castles for 19 years. He and his stepdaughter, Sara Sunshine, will build one of their creations and then coach the competitors.

Those who wish to participate at the professional or amateur level must pre-register by October 10 at [www.ChicagoSandCastleOpen.com](http://www.ChicagoSandCastleOpen.com).

Organizations can register a team for \$150, which includes all necessary equipment and professional instruction from Big Wave Dave. Families or individuals can register for the amateur competition for \$20, which includes all necessary equipment.

The event is free for those who just wish to observe.

Source: *Edgewater Community Council*

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**CLOSED MONDAY**

### DirecTV (USA Wireless) Choice™ Lineup - by Channel Name (7/26/2011)

1	Information Channel	237	Bravo	339	Fuse	279	Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN)
2	WBBM (CBS)	327	CMT	365	GOD TV	608	Pursuit Channel
13	WCHU	355	CNBC	233	GSN, the network for games	275	QVC
26	WCIU	357	CNBC World	404	Galavision	345	RFD TV
38	WCPX (PAX)	202	CNN	338	Gospel Music Channel	238	ReelzChannel
32	WFLD (FOX)	350	CSPAN 1	312	Hallmark Channel	262	SOAPnet
66	WGBO (Univ)	351	CSPAN 2	204	Headline News	284	Science Channel
9	WGN (CW)	296	Cartoon Network (East)	269	History Channel	316	ShopNBC
62	WJYS	297	Cartoon Network (West)	229	Home & Garden Television	241	Spike
7	WLS (ABC)	376	Christian Television Network	240	Home Shopping Network	244	Syfy Channel
5	WMAQ (NBC)	371	Church Channel	364	INSP	247	TBS
50	WPWR (MNT)	665	Comcast SportsNet Chicago	305	ION Television	377	TCT Network
44	WSNS (Telemundo)	249	Comedy Central	347	ION Television West	245	TNT
11	WTTW (PBS)	232	Cooking Channel	559	Independent Film Channel	273	TV Guide Network
23	WWME	358	Current TV	285	Investigation Discovery	304	TV Land
60	WXFT	369	Daystar	313	Jewelry Television	328	TV One
20	WYCC (PBS)	278	Discovery Channel	252	Lifetime	303	TeenNick
56	WYIN2 (PBS)	290	Disney Channel (East)	253	Lifetime Movie Network	280	The Learning Channel
		291	Disney Channel (West)	375	LinkTV	373	The Word Network
265	A&E	292	Disney XD	213	MLB Network	277	Travel Channel
311	ABC Family	236	E! Entertainment	356	MSNBC	372	Trinity Broadcasting Network
254	American Movie Classics	206	ESPN	331	MTV	246	TruTV
282	Animal Planet	209	ESPN2	333	MTV2	256	Turner Classic Movies
239	Audience Network (was 101)	207	ESPNEWS	289	NASA TV	242	USA Network
264	BBC America	208	ESPNU	212	NFL Network	402	Univision
374	BYU TV	370	EWTN	378	NRB	335	VH1
610	Big Ten Network	248	FX	301	Nick Jr.	260	WE: Women's Entertainment
329	Black Entertainment Television	231	Food Network	299	Nickelodeon (East)	362	Weather Channel
353	Bloomberg Television	360	Fox News Channel	300	Nickelodeon (West)	367	World Harvest Television

## Election time approaches

By Neil Warner

Before you know it, the annual election of directors for the Malibu East board will be here. Candidate application forms are being distributed and are also available in the Management Office for those interested in running, with a deadline for submission to the Management Office of 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12.



A "Meet the Candidates" night is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, when residents will have a chance to talk with those running for the board. The Social Committee is organizing the event.

Sudler Property Management, our management company, will send copies of the candidate forms for all those who are running, and election ballots and instructions to all owners, along with stamped, addressed envelopes that are returned to Sudler. Although owners can vote in person at the annual owners meeting, management suggests that they mail their ballots. Owners can always submit a new ballot at the annual meeting, negating the previous ballot.

Typically, six directors are elected each year for a two-year term. The owner of each unit is entitled to six votes, which can be given to as many as six candidates or as few as one. The votes submitted by the unit owner are multiplied by the unit's percentage ownership interest in the common elements, as listed in the Malibu East Declaration.

The six directors whose terms expire this year are Daniel Denton, Allan Eckardt, Mark Golden, Leon LeRoy, Martina Molins and Richard Strauss.

The annual owners meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Windjammer Room, with voting permitted between 7 and 8 p.m. The meeting features reports by the president, vice president, treasurer and various committee chairs, followed by questions from the residents. The results of the election are announced toward the end of the meeting.

The owners meeting is followed by a short meeting of the new board of directors at which they elect officers for the

## Groundbreaking poet dies

Longtime Malibu East resident Ifti Nasim passed away July 22 at the age of 64 after suffering a heart attack, according to his sister, Ajaz Nasreen.

Nasim was a poet, the host of a local radio show, "Sargam Radio," and a columnist for the Weekly Pakistan News, as well as a Mercedes-Benz car salesman for a time. He emigrated from his native Pakistan in 1971 after deciding that living as an openly gay man there would likely lead to his persecution. He became a U.S. citizen – and an unapologetic gay Muslim man.

"In Islamic society, gays have no place," he told WBEZ-FM in Chicago. "America sold the gay culture to me back home.

upcoming year.

The more than 500 owners and spouses living at Malibu East possess a wide range of knowledge and abilities that could prove extremely useful to the operation of the condominium. As a result, the board of directors encourages these owners to offer their time and skills as board members. It's one way of giving back to the community in which you live, and it may even prove rewarding on a personal level.



They're living happily ever after in America. That's my place; I've got to go to America. I was sold. Completely sold."

In 1996 Nasim was inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a result of founding an organization that aided South Asian gays and for writing "Narman," which is believed to have been the first book of gay-themed poetry published in the Urdu language. According to the citation he received upon his induction, his book was "the first direct statement of 'gay' longings and desires to ever appear in that language. Its courageous publication met with revilement but critical acclaim and inspired other Pakistan poets."

Malibu East residents who knew Ifti casually will likely remember his fur coat and other flamboyant attire but also his soft-spoken personality. He wasn't a self-promoter despite his high visibility among certain minority groups.

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