

# Malibu East Dialogue

May 2012

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## Easter egg hunt 2012

By Betty Mayian

Once again, the Easter Bunny made a special delivery to 6033 N. Sheridan Road, fourth floor, Windjammer Room.



The Bunny, in the guise of the members of the Social Committee, joyfully filled plastic eggs with jelly beans and foil-wrapped chocolate eggs. Then, early on Saturday morning, they hid the eggs all around the room. Some were hidden high and some low; some were secreted away and some were in plain sight (for the little kids). At 10:15 a.m. the children ages four and

younger were let in. The older children (up to 10 years) were allowed in next.

The Photographer Bunny, Tracy Poyser, took pictures of the children as they hunted. Then (in about two minutes) all the eggs were found, and we asked for a count so prizes could be awarded. The six prizes went to the four youngest children and the boy and the girl with the most eggs in their baskets. The very youngest was Arjun at 22 months. Abby, Yasmin and Woody were each two years old. The girl with the most eggs (27) was Satviki, and the boy was Kabir (18).

Altogether there were 12 children

(with their parent or parents) who came to find eggs. Two more little girls with two adults came after all the eggs were found. Close to 30 people total were there. Regan, was there with her American Girl doll, dressed like her. The other children were Ahmad, Prakul, Anish, Khushi, Woody and Heidi, plus the six children listed as prize-winners. The last two children did not leave their names.

As had happened before, these wonderful children shared their eggs with the late arrivals. What a fun event. Cookies were put out for the attendees to enjoy. The room was empty at 10:45.



### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, May 9  
8:00 p.m. - Community Room

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, May 17  
2:00 p.m. - Community Room  
(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

#### Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, May 22  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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



Photos by Tracy Poyser



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the Malibu East Condominium Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved during the next meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

## Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Attendance: 9 board members, 2 management representatives and 10 residents  
Excused: Richard Strauss, Marcia Fishman, Kim O'Neal  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Sound system" added to Items Requiring Future Board Action.
- 2) "Update on MECA-owned units" added to Items Requiring Future Board Action.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Neil Warner

#### 1) Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,875,350.25

#### 2) Delinquencies

Approx. \$284,000

#### 3) Audit

Management is working to compile information requested by the auditor.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Social - Sandy Chaet

See article, page 3.

#### 2) Public & community affairs - Sandy Chaet

The Granville "L" station will close June 1 for repairs lasting approx. six weeks. The Thorndale "L" station will close in August for similar repairs.

#### 3) Garage - Martina Molins

Painting of the garage continues.

**Standard Parking report as of March 31 - Alex Diakoumis, Mgr.**

#### Claims

Approved:	0
Denied:	0
Pending:	0
Total:	0

#### Waiting lists

Single self-park:	2
Tandem self-park:	0
Second car:	0

#### Monthly parkers

Single:	147
Tandem:	8
Valet:	268
Preferred:	1
Tandem/valet:	0
Engineer:	NC
Total:	424

#### Garage capacity

Single	152
Tandem:	40
Valet stalls:	298
Valet aisles	20
Motorcycles:	3

Total:	513
(Under capacity)	89

#### Changes

New monthlies:	3
Cancellations:	2
Upgrades	1

#### 4) Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner

A new yoga class will begin May 14 for two sessions only.

#### 5) Life Safety - Sandy Chaet

Prospective owners will be given a city-mandated status report on life safety upgrades.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT - Angela Valentine

#### Items requiring immediate board action

##### Old business:

#### 1) 2012 triennial assessment

New contract to represent Malibu East in real-estate tax appeals was awarded to Worsek & Vihon with a substantially reduced contingency fee.

#### 2) Action Court invoice

Board approved payment of final invoice as soon as vendor glues down the portions of the court surface that are loose.

#### 3) One-way, two-way communication system

To satisfy city's life safety ordinance, Board approved Commercial Alarm Systems' contract totaling \$244,500 to install one- and two-way communication system throughout building, a new elevator cable, and smoke detectors in several specified common areas. Loudspeakers for the exclusive use by the Fire Department will be installed in hallways on each floor but not in individual units, as had been discussed.

#### 4) Captain's Walk carpet runner

Board approved AMSAN's quote of \$2,353 for a 13.5-by-35 foot carpet runner for the Captain's Walk entrance area.

#### 5) Kitchen drain line

Board approved tentative payment to repair 10-foot section of kitchen waste line in third-floor locker room.

#### 6) Board of Directors disclosure statement

Management has prepared a statement that will fulfill the requirements of the Illinois Condominium Property Act.

##### New business:

#### 1) Golf Construction disbursement

Board authorized Executive Committee to pay Golf outstanding balance pending

verification of amount owed.

#### 2) Office copier

Management is authorized to acquire a new copier after using it on trial basis.

#### 3) Landscaping/flowers

Board approved expenditure of \$7,162 for planting of annual flowers at street level and on fourth-floor deck.

#### 4) Fee for refinancing

Board adopted a \$75 charge to provide documents/processing to owners who want to refinance their units, with the charge increasing to \$125 if an expedited fulfillment of the request (48 hours or less) is required. Board also adopted a \$50 charge to prospective owners who require a disclosure statement or other documents on an expedited basis (48 hours or less).

#### 5) Rules and Regulations revised charges and fees

Tabled for further study.

#### Items requiring future board action

#### 1) Laundry equipment

HVAC upgrade will be needed to accommodate higher-capacity dryers. Special committee will meet to consider proposals.

#### 2) Atrium lighting

Special committee is working on developing a new lighting scheme.

#### 3) Main entrance revolving door

Management is gathering proposals.

#### 4) Roof inspection

Nothing new to report.

#### 5) Sauna and showers renovation/repair

Board approved repair of leak in floor of men's shower room on fourth floor.

#### 6) Captain's Walk HVAC

Board commissioned an engineering study to address the HVAC problems in Captain's Walk.

#### 7) Façade inspection

Nothing new to report.

#### 8) Collection attorney

Nothing new to report.

#### 9) Sound system

Nothing new to report.

#### 10) Association-owned units

Nothing new to report.

### RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

#### 1) None

Meeting ended at 10:45 p.m. and went into closed session.



## What's happening around the building

*By Angela Valentine, Malibu East Manager*

**Assessments** are due the first of the month. The Management Office cannot accept assessment payments.

**Storage lockers:** Thank you to all the residents who have filled out their registration forms. This will help to determine which lockers are available for other residents. If you haven't filled out your registration form, you can pick up a copy at the office or call us so we can email or arrange for delivery of the form to your unit. There are still numerous lockers being used by people other than the units they were initially assigned to. It is vital that the records be accurately updated. **Starting on May 15, we will start cleaning out unregistered lockers.** Please don't let yours be one of them, simply because you didn't verify its registration! Call, email or come to the Management Office and fill out your updated registration form.

**Bicycle storage room - power-wash and paint:** We are planning to start the power washing and painting of the bike room toward the end of May. The project may last approximately two weeks. Owners should temporarily remove their bikes by May 23. The bikes can be temporarily placed inside your unit or in the empty commercial space on the northeast corner of the Captain's Walk. Access to the commercial space will be facilitated through the loading dock until May 23 from 9-10 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, or on any Saturday by notifying the doorman between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please watch the bulletins for any updates and/or further information. If you haven't already registered your bike, please arrange to have this done soon at the Management Office. Bikes that are not removed by their owners will have the locks cut and relocated. If you have an old bike in the room and would like to dispose of it, please contact us, and we will arrange for it to be donated to charity.

**In-unit repairs:** Malibu East Condominium requires that any contractor working in your unit be properly insured. This requirement is in place to protect Malibu East (all the owners) against

lawsuits as a result of a contractor being injured while working in a unit or damage to the building and/or the common areas. Please contact the Management Office immediately after making arrangements for a contractor to work in your unit. Let us know what the scope of work is and the date and time the contractor will arrive. Contractors that have not submitted their insurance certificates prior to their arrival may be delayed or denied access. Below are Malibu East's requirements.

### **Certificate of Insurance:**

All residents are required to provide the Management Office with a certificate of insurance from any contractor, vendor, construction company, moving company, etc., that will enter the property on behalf of the resident.

All contactors, vendors, delivery personnel, movers, etc., are responsible for hauling away any debris/garbage, empty packing boxes etc. Debris, garbage or boxes may not be placed in the building trash chutes or in any of the common areas of the property.

The certificate of insurance must be received prior to the commencement of the work/move and must conform to the requirements listed below.

### **Certificate Requirements:**

The certificate must show:

- The resident's name and unit number.
- The certificate holder as: Malibu East Condominium.
- List the following as additional insureds:
- "The Malibu East Condominium, Sudler Property Management and their respective managers, officers, principals and employees."
- Show general liability with coverage limits of at least \$500,000, automobile liability, excess/umbrella liability (if applicable) and worker's compensation.

**Garage parking:** Thank you for your patience during the garage project. If you are leaving town for a period of time, please notify the garage manager. As the garage project continues, it may be necessary to move your vehicle.

## Social Committee

*By Sandy Chaet*

The committee is working on plans for the summer months. We hope there will be an evening with entertainment provided by Artie Fitzgerald, an ice cream social, a karaoke night and a white elephant sale, among the activities being planned. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please leave a note for the Social Committee (including your name and unit number) in the Management Office or with the doorman.



Flu shots provided by the Respiratory Health Association will be Thursday, Oct. 4, in the Windjammer Room. There will be more information to follow.

Thanks to all who participated in our exercise/belly dance class. Taught by instructor Dianne Hodges, the class has been enjoyed as we learned to exercise using dance. The last class for this session will be Thursday, May 24. We will not have classes during the summer, but will resume in the fall.

The Thursday afternoon discussion group continues to meet the third Thursday of each month under Chairperson Aida Calvopina. Watch for information on the bulletin boards by the mailboxes.

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## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

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#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**"Crime and Community in Edgewater"** (thru July 8th)

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

**Memorial Day parade on Clark, into Rosehill Cemetery**

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Thru May 13  
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**"Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen**

In this 19th century comedy of manners, a mother tries to secure husbands for her daughters.

Thru June 10  
6912 N. Glenwood  
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#### RAVEN THEATRE

**"Bang the Drum Slowly" by Mark Harris**

A humorous look at friendship, loyalty, and America's pastime.  
May 15 thru June 30

6157 N. Clark  
773-338-2177  
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We follow 14-year-old Laney, in this sensitive story of sexual and spiritual awakening, who writes to reinvent herself.

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Thru May 19  
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### St. Andrew's Inn

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family and friends. While waiting for his insurance payment as reimbursement for the burglary loss, he defaulted on his sales-tax payment plan, resulting in the revocation of his liquor license just before Easter – and that killed much-needed revenue from Easter brunch and Passover meals.

What to do? Would appealing to neighbors fall on deaf ears? Not so in Edgewater! Lynn Pierce of the Thornedale Action Task Force and EPIC Block Club and Julius' good friends Marsha Holland and Gail Hoover kicked into gear with promotional and event plans, while Ethiopian Diamond's owner, Almaz Yigizaw, offered her restaurant's hospitality for a rousing fundraiser on April 11. There was no charge for the buffet, beer, wine and entertainment. The only cost of admission: a contribution to St. Andrew's Inn. What a party it was! More than 200 people turned up for an evening of true Edgewater camaraderie. It felt more like a family reunion than a fundraiser, and the results were amazing. Collectively, close to \$5,000 was raised, and that total continues to climb.

As Julius Lamar wrote in his thank-you email to supporters, he is enormously grateful to each and every one of his friends and neighbors, humbled by their generosity, and optimistic about the future. Although not all complications are behind him, he has opened St. Andrew's for dinner daily and for brunch and dinner on weekends, and he expects his liquor license to be reinstated any day now. But, even without alcohol, stop by for some good food, conversation and plenty of camaraderie. Make sure you say hello to Julius next time you're there! And don't worry – the mysterious ghost of St. Andrew's has promised to bring you nothing but luck!

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**Editor's Note:** Because Miss Etta Kitt can't take issue with the basic points made in the following two letters, she will let the letters speak for themselves, without comment. Residents are encouraged to send letters with constructive comments to the Dialogue editor for possible publication.



**'Town Crier' announcements**  
by Robin McGee

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:

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

**Dear Etta Kitt,**

It is not only rude behavior to hold a handheld cellular telephone in the garage area while driving, but it is very dangerous to all of our residents and it is against Illinois law to drive and hold such a device.

Also, I have been on our elevators when someone didn't just quietly talk on their cellular but actually yelled into it. Is any call so important that the person cannot wait to get off the crowded elevator before having his discussion?

**Leo Harkins**

**Dear Etta Kitt,**

Just read this great column item (March Dialogue), but in my opinion, it did not go far enough. It needed to go one step further.

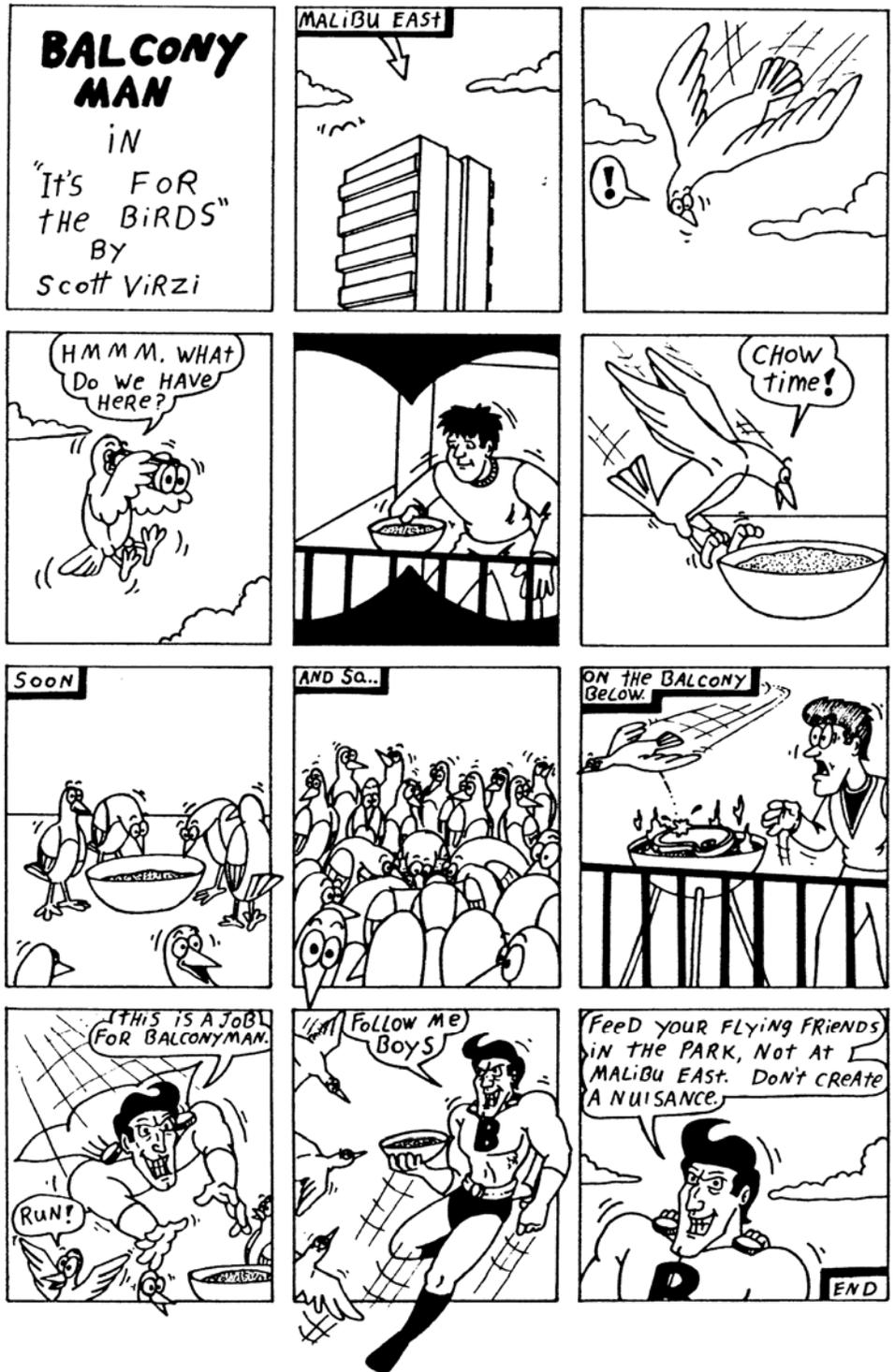
Residents need to be reminded to push their bags through the flap, allowing their wrapped garbage to fall. Routinely, I find individual bags, bottles, shoes placed on the garbage chute flap. The people that do this, in my opinion, are simply lazy and ignorant as to the rules and regulations stipulated by this building.

If these people offending that rule can be identified, I suggest fining them. Maybe when there's a cost to them, they will reconsider their behavior and actions. (Same applies to those using the freight elevator when the passenger elevator is appropriate.)

Common sense should dictate in situations such as this and it's really too bad that signs need to be posted in those rooms for something so simple. Garbage gets wrapped and dumped through the flap to the chute; cans, bottles and papers go to the bulk room.

**Name withheld**

# Balcony Man by Scott Virzi



# 'Crime and Community' exhibit

By Betty Mayian

What do you know or remember about crime in your own community of Edgewater? Were you aware of the work of the community groups to help bring down crime in the neighborhood? What about the police and the CAPS program? A movie has been made about one of the crimes at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Do you remember it? Corruption and scandal and sex, oh my!



The major high and low points over the decades have been chosen to go into the latest exhibit at the Edgewater Historical Society at the southwest corner of Ashland and Balmoral. This old firehouse is now a museum of interest to our community. The restoration of the building into a museum is going to celebrate its 10-year anniversary in October.

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. School groups and other interested people can call and get special tours at other times. It is also

open to local not-for-profit groups to hold meetings, free of charge. I was told that the museum plans to have special summer hours on a weekday/night.

The "Crime and Community in Edgewater" exhibit will continue until July 8. There is an area for videos of oral histories relating to each exhibit. A Children's Corner is new. A quiz, video and cartoon displays will help hold the interest of the children. It is important to keep updating the information, so forms are available to enable attendees to share their memories with EHS. The oral history committee also will interview and videotape people so that their history will be shared with future generations.



Ara Mayian and Morry Matson (photo by Tracy Poyser)

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## Helping St. Andrew's Inn survive

### Edgewater's neighborhood spirit brings new hope

By Tracy Poyser

Restaurants come and go, and we just take that as a given in these tough economic times where so many seem to care only for themselves. But, when St. Andrew's Inn, on Broadway near Thorndale, started to hit rocky times recently, something heartwarming happened: Friends and neighbors joined forces to try to keep this friendly neighborhood pub/restaurant alive. And it wasn't just individuals. Other restaurants, our Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, the 48th Ward office and the community all pitched in, in response to owner Julius Lamar's plight and an invitation to a fundraiser generously hosted by the Ethiopian Diamond restaurant down the street from St. Andrew's on April 11.

A bit of background: St. Andrew's Inn first opened in 1955, operating under the name Edinburgh Castle until 1970 when new owners changed the name to St. Andrew's Inn. When Julius Lamar started as its manager in 2004, the place was just another dive and greasy spoon, with a reputation to match. So, he first suggested running the kitchen and expanding, and he ended up taking over as owner in 2005, using his knowledge from 30 years in Chicago's hospitality and restaurant business to create a more upscale restaurant and pub.

In the past eight years, Julius has turned St. Andrew's into a popular watering hole and a great family restaurant, featuring weekend jazz ensembles, twice-weekly trivia competitions and numerous special events. He's noted for great fresh fish and chips, prize-winning calamari, original



shepherd's pie, blackened chicken salad and, of course, the mysterious Ghost Burger (yes, there is a Ghost!) – and much more. The brunch menu is amazing, and kids are welcome anytime!

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Julius loves Chicago and moved to Edgewater around 1989, attracted by its unique, multi-ethnic spirit. He tells me that most of his cooking knowledge came from his mom, whose dream it was to make sure that all of her nine children could cook and clean before she passed away. Not able to afford college, Julius learned on the job, performing every job from dishwasher to director of training to owner. He started at the Belmont Hotel, first as an assistant chef, then as operations manager, before moving on to the Ambassador East Hotel, the Palmer House, Don's Fishmarket and Coco Pazzo.

Wanting to give back to the community that welcomed him, Julius soon demonstrated incredible generosity and commitment to our neighborhood: He sits on the



Julius Lamar



Edgewater Chamber of Commerce board of directors, is an influential member of the Thorndale Action Task Force and has contributed delicious grub and/or redeemable coupons to countless raffles, block club meetings and street festivals.

Unfortunately, his hard-earned success and luck seemed to come to an abrupt halt when St. Andrew's was burglarized just before Christmas, 2011. The thugs took or contaminated the entire beverage and food stock that Julius had stocked up for the holidays and the New Year – a costly replacement at a time when his cash flow was already affected by our tough economy. Adding to the resulting financial woes were unexpected support needs for

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