

Malibu East Dialogue

May 2014

Your Communication and Information Resource

Everyone's a winner at Easter egg hunt

By Betty Mayian



There are some activities at Malibu East that everyone loves. One is the Easter egg hunt – especially for the smallest of our residents. It is all about the kids, after all. Each year the children get cuter and cuter. They are all so very sweet and friendly. In the past, our Social Committee group got together and dyed the hard-boiled eggs for the event. Then we decided to use plastic eggs that can be filled with chocolate candies.

There are always people with food allergies or even diet preferences that would exclude one form of candy – or eggs, for that matter. Next year we may do a little of both – the actual dyed egg and some candy-filled plastic ones. When peanuts are involved, we notify the parents so they can eliminate those items if necessary.

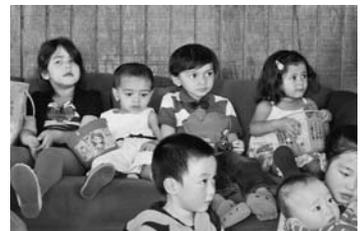
The Friday before the hunt, which was held April 12, eight days before Easter, several of us met to actually put the candies in the eggs. That didn't take long, and we were able to discuss the prizes given to the winners of our hunt. The next day we met at 9:30 a.m. to

watch the Easter Bunny hide all the filled eggs. He then hid in order to watch the 11 children look for them. At 10:15 the smallest children got a head start on finding the eggs and filling their baskets. The slightly older ones soon followed, and in a short time all the hidden eggs were picked up.

I bought five candy bunnies as prizes and we decided to give one to the youngest boy, Teddy (10 months), and one to the youngest girl, Aalya (17 months). The child who found the most eggs would get a bunny. We had one child who collected 21 eggs and two others with 20 eggs each. That took care of the prizes. Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet purchased cookies and “peeps” for snacking. Committee member Aida Calvopina brought some pretty polka-dot eggs, as well.

We did not have a camera with us, so one of the lovely mothers offered to take pictures with her smartphone. She also collected the names of the children, and some of her pictures are featured in this issue.

What a nice day. All the people who came were wonderful. Thank you, parents, especially Ami Khara – for taking the pictures of these children. Thank you children: Ahmad, 7; Keely, 2; Woody, 4; Heidi, 6; Yasmine, 4; Samir 1½; Arjun, 3; Aanya 23 months; Iya, 2; Teddy; and Aalya. Thank you, Social Committee: Sandy Chaet, Marissa Michaels, Aida Calvopina, Ara Mayian and me.



Malibu East events and meetings

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, May 7

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, May 15

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

Board meeting

Tuesday, May 27

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

All photos by Ami Khara



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Attendance: Nine Board members, two management representatives and six residents
Excused: Marcel Molins, Richard Strauss, Martina Molins

Presiding: 2nd Vice President Thomas Vaughan
REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "April 8 minutes" was added under Approval of the Minutes.
- 2) "Association-owned units" was added under Old Business.
- 3) "Carpet cleaning," "Life safety evaluation" and "Sale of unit 5L" were added under New Business.

SALE OF UNIT 23L

Following up on the resolution passed at the special meeting of unit owners immediately preceding this regular Board meeting, the directors voted unanimously to sell Association-owned unit 23L at a price of \$172,000 plus or minus prorations.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

- 1) **Financial statement**
Operating and reserve cash
\$3,474,020
- 2) **Delinquencies**
\$287,960 (90-plus days)

- 3) **Audit**
Awaiting first draft of 2013 audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Aesthetics & Building Services - Carl Chadek**
Committee is investigating artwork and shelving for Laundry Room.
- 2) **Communications & Cable - Thomas Vaughan**
Our engineering firm has approved the concept of coring through balconies to run new TV/Internet cables, if the Board chooses that option. Negotiations on vendor proposals will continue.
- 3) **Social - Sandy Chaet**
Belly dance/fitness class will go on hiatus this summer.
- 4) **Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner**
New yoga class begins May 12.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

Items requiring immediate Board action

- 1) **Elevator cab interior design consultant**
Board approved committee's choice for a consultant.
- 2) **Garage lighting retrofit**
Management affirmed that chosen vendor for garage lighting project will remedy atrium lighting defects at the expense of vendor and/or manufacturer.
- 3) **Caulking and balcony membrane**
Directors hired a vendor to work on two tiers this year. (See management report, page 3.)
- 4) **26L list of work**
Board directed management to seek bids for renovating Association-owned unit 26L.
- 5) **Lobby heaters**
Replacement of five defective heaters was approved last month.
- 6) **22.1 disclosure form**
Approved.

Old business

- 1) **Balconies and inspection**
Board instructed management to inspect balconies that owners ask to be repainted to determine whether any concrete deterioration is visible. See management report, page 3.
- 2) **Penthouse repair project**
Directors voted to hire a vendor to make the

repairs as specified by our consultant.

- 3) **Elevator project**
Our elevator modernization consultant has submitted a report for Board's review.
- 4) **Cable TV and Internet wiring**
See Communications & Cable Committee report above.
- 5) **Voice communication system, life safety evaluation**
City inspection of voice communication system on April 23 (it passed). Board authorized management to use staff from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sundays for unit-by-unit inspection of smoke detectors and door closures (spring hinges) in advance of City's life safety evaluation.
- 6) **Garage drain repairs**
Waiting for revised proposals.
- 7) **Drain clean-out project, C and D tiers**
Waiting for proposals.
- 8) **Garage membrane repairs**
Will be undertaken after floors are cleaned.
- 9) **Garage maintenance/sweeper and electrical**
Management will hire a vendor to clean, but not power-wash, garage floors.
- 10) **Captain's Walk plumbing lining**
Waiting for vendor to schedule work.
- 11) **2014 facade work**
Work on E tier was on schedule. A diagram showing progress of project is in Lobby.
- 12) **Sheridan Road retaining wall**
Repairs will begin this year.
- 13) **Boat dock treatment**
Board approved an expenditure for architectural plans for boat dock renovation.
- 14) **Captain's Walk doors, windows**
Project moved to 2015.
- 15) **Captain's Walk and garage ventilation**
Pending final report from consultant.
- 16) **Balcony painting, pre-inspection**
See 1) under Old Business above and management report, page 3.
- 17) **Association-owned units**
Two units that the Association purchased in 2013 are being sold at substantial profits, and three one-bedroom units that were bought this year are undergoing renovations.

New business

- 1) **Atrium lighting**
See 2) under Items Requiring Immediate Board Action.
- 2) **Weather camera**
Board approved installation of small camera on unit balcony.
- 3) **Sundeck sunshade canopies**
Nothing new.
- 4) **Seasonal landscaping**
Board approved proposal to plant flowers, etc., at street level and on fourth-floor deck.
- 5) **Garage ingress/ underground sensor**
A faulty sensor will be replaced.
- 6) **Patio door vendor**
Seeking more proposals. See management report, page 3.
- 7) **Registered agent**
Referred to Legal Committee.
- 8) **Carpet cleaning**
Management will investigate options to keep hallway carpeting cleaner.
- 9) **Life safety evaluation**
See 5) under Old Business.
- 10) **Sale of unit 5L**
Board elected not to pursue its right of first refusal on this unit.

RATIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN DURING

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.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) None.

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

Special meeting of unit owners

April 22, 2014

Presiding: 2nd Vice President Thomas Vaughan

This special meeting was held immediately before Board meeting. After open forum to discuss the proposed sale, owners approved a resolution authorizing Board to sell Association-owned unit 23L at a price of \$172,000, plus or minus prorations. 2nd Vice President Vaughan voted the proxies in favor of the sale.

Special meeting of unit owners

April 8, 2014

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

This special meeting was called to discuss the proposed sale of Association-owned unit 23K at a price of \$240,000, plus or minus prorations. After open forum to discuss the sale, owners approved a resolution authorizing Board to complete the sale.

Special Board meeting

April 8, 2014

Attendance: Nine Board members, one management representative and seven residents
Excused: Richard Strauss, Carl Chadek, Martina Molins

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

"Sprinkler update," "Presentation by Sunnyside Design Group re Captain's Walk HVAC," "TV/Internet proposals" and "Sale of unit 23L" were added to agenda.

SALE OF UNIT 23K

Following up on resolution passed at special meeting of unit owners immediately preceding this Board meeting, directors voted unanimously to sell Association-owned unit 23K at a price of \$240,000 plus or minus prorations.

SPRINKLER UPDATE

Director Sandy Chaet explained the implications of Illinois House Bill 4609, which, if approved, would prohibit the state fire marshal from requiring fire sprinklers in pre-1975 high-rises without approval of General Assembly. (See article, page ??)

CAPTAIN'S WALK HVAC

Joe Wolf of Sunnyside Design Group explained implications of firm's survey and assessment report relating to relocation and/or replacement of air-cooled condensing unit located on boat dock and serving west side of Captain's Walk. Various options were discussed.

GARAGE LIGHTING PROJECT

Board conditionally approved a vendor's proposal to install new light fixtures in garage.

TV/INTERNET PROPOSALS

Board's TV/Internet consultant said a study has shown that having fast Internet connections as part of a bulk package in a multiple dwelling unit raises the value of a home by 10%. Board indicated that several issues need to be clarified.

SALE OF UNIT 23L

Directors indicated they favored holding a special meeting of unit owners to discuss the sale of Association-owned unit 23L.

The meeting ended at 10 p.m. (no closed session).



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

Spring: Winter has been so long and cold this year! Please make sure that your loved ones on four legs keep their good habits to take care of their "business" either in the dog runs, in the parks where dogs are allowed, and other suitable locations. This will help considerably in the preservation of our lawn, the fences around the planters, and the planters themselves.

Balconies: Please take note that the Board of Directors adopted at its February Board meeting a new cost schedule for the optional painting of the balconies and handrails done by the in-house crew. Starting this spring, the new prices will account for the size of the balconies and will be charged as follows:

- Small balconies (116 square feet, at the east end of A & B units - \$280 time and material.
- Medium balconies (140-160 square feet, L & M units) - \$365 time and material.
- Large balconies (180 square feet, all other balconies) - \$450 time and material.

When an owner requests that our staff paint their balcony - self-painting is prohibited - a visual inspection of the balcony will precede the painting work, which may be put on hold if it is determined that the concrete has deteriorated and is in need of repair. Signs of deterioration consist of bare concrete (top and base coats are gone), spalling, cracking, friability and so forth. In these cases, our engineering firm, Klein and Hoffman, will be scheduled to inspect the damaged balcony and to advise the Board on the scope of work needed to be performed.

Penthouse repair project: The building is equipped with two penthouses (west and east) built on the roof and housing mechanical equipment and elevator equipment and controls. These penthouses have suffered from water infiltration over the years. The Board of Directors hired Golf Construction to repair the concrete and install proper protection against water infiltration.

These repairs will generate noise and vibrations in the building. The work is estimated to last about two months; a starting date hasn't been set.

Sealant and balcony coating: The Board of Directors hired Reliable Building Systems to replace the sealant around patio doors and recoat the floors of selected balconies on one to two tiers this year. These repairs will generate noise and vibrations in the building. The work, which is separate from the annual facade/balcony repairs being handled by Golf Construction (see below), is estimated to last about two months. The tiers to be addressed this year and a starting date haven't been set.

Patio doors: The Board is gathering proposals from patio door installers for the bulk installation of sliding glass doors, at the cost of unit owners who wish to have this done. This means that once a contractor is designated, management will enlist unit owners who want their doors replaced and sign a commitment note to this effect. The contractor will be notified once the required minimum number of doors to be replaced has been reached. Each owner will sign a contract directly with the vendor and will be responsible for the coordination and approval of the work and the payment to contractor.

Facade repair work: As announced earlier in March, Golf Construction started the balcony repair of the E tier in April. The repair work on this tier is anticipated to last 6-8 weeks. These repairs generate noise and vibrations in the building. Golf Construction will post a panel in the Lobby to inform you of the progress of the work.

Life safety evaluation: The voice communication system passed the City inspection. This communication system is part of the overall life safety evaluation that the Association must undergo this year. There are many other components to this program, such as closing the gaps around penetrations in firewalls; fire-rated doors for mechanical rooms; self-closing devices on all

doors opening into common corridors; chute room latching panels; smoke detectors in units; etc.

The building will be inspected by the City this year for all these other components of the life safety evaluation. Our deadline to pass the overall life safety evaluation is Dec. 31. We are anticipating our life safety inspection by the City sometime during the summer. This is different from the voice communication inspection and will be conducted by different inspectors from the Fire and Building departments.

Dean Lerner, our Sudler property supervisor, recently met with Department of Buildings Commissioner Felicia Davis, Department of Buildings Chief of Staff Ken Meyer, Building Inspector Jose Aparicio, and a few other individuals from the Department of Buildings in relation to the life safety inspections of high-rises in Chicago.

Here is what you need to remember:

- 1) The City made strong comments that high-rises that are NOT in compliance with the life safety requirements and have not passed their final City inspection by Dec. 31 will be fined \$1,000 per day starting Jan. 1 and hauled into court the next day.
- 2) The City inspectors stated that they will be verifying working smoke detectors in each unit and testing all unit doors for self-closing and latching.
- 3) Smoke detectors and self-closing devices are NOT new City requirements; they were required at the time of the construction of our building. It is the responsibility of each unit owner to make sure that they are installed and in working condition before the life safety inspection.
- 4) We must make compliance with these life safety issues a top priority. This includes internal inspection of all units for working smoke detectors and all unit doors to ensure they self-close and latch.
- 5) The lack of a working smoke detector in a unit and/or the lack of functioning self-closing devices on a unit door will cause us to FAIL our

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Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BROADWAY ARMORY

Indoor park, six gym floors, trapeze classes, senior activities, athletic equipment, meeting room, computer center, dancing floor, shuffleboard, weights, arts and crafts, aerobics, ping pong, after-school activities and more.
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Current exhibit: "Gems from Our Collection" (thru June).
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5358 N. Ashland Ave.
773-506-4849
www. EdgewaterHistory.org

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1355 W. Foster Ave.
773-271-9001
www. whitecranewellness.org

THEATER / SHOWINGS

JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Exit Strategy" by Ike Holter
May 9 thru June 14
Broadway Armory Park
5917 N. Broadway
jackalopetheatre.org

RAVEN THEATRE

"Vieux Carre" by Tennessee Williams
Story of an aspiring writer struggling with his literary career, poverty and homosexuality.
May 6 thru June 28
6157 N. Clark
773-338-2177
raventheatre.com

RIVENDELL THEATRE

"Eat Your Heart Out" by Courtney

Baron

This comedy delves into the complexities of family, body image, and hearts and minds consumed by longing.
May 23 thru June 28
5779 N. Ridge
773-334-7728
rivendelltheatre.org

STEEP THEATRE

"If There Is I Haven't Found It Yet" by Nick Payne
Anna tries to survive the indignities of high school with a family that's falling apart.
Thru May 24
1115 W. Berwyn
866-811-4111
steeptheatre.com

Computer security

Eight Malibu East residents eager to learn more about protecting their computers and their personal information attended a class about computer security taught by Malibu East resident Bob Whaley on April 19 in the Community Room.

Whaley talked about the various types of threats to computer users, including viruses, worms, malware, ransomware and the recently much-publicized "Heartbleed" vulnerability.

Whaley covered "The Big Three of Safe Computing" - threats, defenses and recovery.

In recognizing potential threats, Whaley said you shouldn't click on any link or open any attachment unless you know where it came from and you trust the source. Look for misspelled words or improper use of English as signs the email is bogus. If in doubt, delete it.

Security software companies and some Internet service providers try to protect users from these threats. The best advice in terms of defenses that a user can employ, says Whaley, is to buy anti-malware software from a respected company that automatically updates the virus definitions on the user's computer.

If your computer gets hijacked, the protection you had previously put in place will be key. You need to install systems that automatically back up ALL of the files on your computer regularly so that, in case of an attack, you can restore your computer to its pre-attack state. The only really safe way to back up the files is to external media.

Management report

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inspection.

6) If the Association hasn't passed an inspection by Dec. 31, the Association will be fined, and fines will be applied to the unit owners responsible for failing the inspection.

For those of you who do not have self-closing/latching devices on your door (s) or do not have a smoke detector in working condition in your unit or do have a smoke detector that is more than 10 years old, please be advised that maintenance will work on each floor with all the tools, equipment and parts needed to help you.

Lou, Mike or Armando, starting in the last week of April, will have a cart equipped with tools, spring hinges, smoke detectors, batteries, etc., and will knock on all doors of a given floor, starting from the top of the building. They will request access for inspecting your smoke detector(s) and unit door (s). To the unit owner: Do not wait to fix a problem. Allow our staff the access to your unit to check and, if needed, to proceed with what needs to be installed and/or replaced.

A schedule will be distributed to the residents of designated floors to indicate when the work will be performed on a specific floor. This schedule will be revised as the work progresses.

Should you know that you will be absent at the time we are anticipating to be on your floor, you can contact management to make arrangements for accessing your unit during your absence. We do not have the luxury to go up and down to satisfy individual appointments or needs.

Note: Spring hinges for two doors cost \$90, or \$55 for one door. Smoke detectors and/or batteries will be installed at the cost of the parts only (no labor cost) as long as the work is done during that initial inspection.

The Board of Directors, management and our maintenance staff greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Positive loitering and other safety initiatives

By Tracy Poyser

Concerns about safety are the rule rather than the exception in big cities like Chicago, even though living in a high-rise with a doorman and secured access gives us additional peace of mind. Yet, according to the Area Vibes website, Edgewater is rated safer than 83.1% of the neighborhoods in Chicago and the 18th-most livable neighborhood in the city. We enjoy lots of local amenities, a stable housing market, great public transportation and highly rated public schools. But, we're certainly not immune from gang-related crime and other types of crime, and it serves all of us and our neighborhood well to know what we can do to assist our police force and community leaders to make Edgewater safer for all to enjoy.

Our 48th Ward office, led by Ald. Harry Osterman, is working diligently to make sure the neighborhoods within its borders are safe. It works closely with police commanders to increase patrols in pertinent areas, as well as working with officers from the gang crimes unit. At a recent safety meeting, Ald. Osterman encouraged neighbors to report suspicious activity and to call 911 to give detailed information to the police that will be critical in leading to an arrest of the offender(s). If you notice or have information regarding suspicious activity in our neighborhood, please contact Marko Zaric, the 48th Ward's public safety liaison, at Marko@48thward.org or 773-784-5277, or send an email to Ald. Osterman at harry@48thward.org, or text the word "CPD" followed by your anonymous tip to CRIMES (274637).

One great way to help keep bad guys off the streets is to fill it with good guys. The more we walk the streets with our neighbors, the more it deters gang members and drug dealers from being there. So, if you're able, please walk our neighborhood as much as you can! With warmer weather on the way, April 9 launched this year's first "Positive Loitering" walk. A couple of Malibu East residents and I participated, together with some 30 neighbors and walk organizers, a couple of dogs and even a

baby (in a stroller pushed by its mom, of course).

Everyone in our neighborhood can be a positive loiterer – no special qualifications needed! The group normally gathers in the early evening at the corner of Thorndale and Broadway, from now until mid-November, and ideally once a week unless it's pouring rain. The time and day of the week may change so as not to be predictable, so if you're interested in joining, check in with Marko Zaric and sign up for email alerts.

The idea for this innovative neighborhood safety initiative came from the Thorndale Action Task Force and Harry Osterman, with the intention of disrupting potential gang member gatherings in known "hot spots," which are street corners or areas where previous gang activity had been reported. The group works with the support of police districts 24 and 20.

The walk is at a very easy pace, with participants spreading out a bit and paying particular attention to gang graffiti, open gates, derelict front yards where drug dealers may hide stuff, and other hot-button items that walk leaders have mentioned. "Our walks have had success pushing people in gangs off certain streets such as Thorndale. We will continue to move toward hot spots to make our presence known," says task force organizer Rachel Sibio-Sanchez.

The nice thing is that the walks are truly "passive," i.e., no walker confronts or engages people in the street. I learned a lot more than I had imagined about what gang graffiti means, and what to look out for and report. Do come join us – it's a great way to spend a balmy early evening, make new friends, and stop in at one of our great local eateries afterward. You'll find information about the walk in our alderman's newsletter, as well as at the Every Block and Edgeville Buzz websites.

To find more information and safety tips, get regular updates, and to sign up for newsletters and alerts, check and save the following web links:

<http://48thward.org/public-safety>

<http://edgevillebuzz.com/>

<http://chicago.everyblock.com/>

Support House bill to limit fire marshal's power

By Sandy Chaet

About a year ago state Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis tried to impose new life safety requirements for older high-rises, including the installation of sprinklers, through the Illinois General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

Many organizations – including the Association of Sheridan Road Condo/Co-op Owners (ASCO), Sudler Property Management and our Board of Directors – asked for your help in opposing the measures by sending emails and letters and making phone calls to state legislators. The public outcry stopped the fire marshal's efforts before they could be implemented.

To prevent a similar sprinkler rule from being adopted in this manner, 12th District state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (Chicago) is sponsoring House Bill 4609. This bill would stipulate that the Office of the State Fire Marshall could not adopt rules imposing new statewide mandates or changes to existing or future statewide mandates requiring the installation of fire systems in specific types of buildings or other structures.

HB 4609 would establish a 21-person task force representing fire fighters, homeowners' associations, building trades and community members to study any proposed fire regulations and prevent rule-making by committee. The task force would research and consider the effects of any legislation requiring fire sprinklers in homes, businesses and high-rise buildings and examine all questions related to it. It would be the responsibility of the elected General Assembly, not the state fire marshal (who is appointed by the governor) and a small committee such as JCAR, to adopt any new rules requiring the installation of fire sprinklers in any structure.

Chief co-sponsors of the bill with Feigenholtz are Greg Harris of Chicago, David Leitch of Peoria, Rich Brauer of Springfield and Mike Zalewski of River-

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Bedbug 101: Know the enemy

By Neil Warner

“The Bedbug Express” is a colorful expression used by some pest-control professionals to describe the route of Chicago’s 147 bus, according to William Kay of Aegis Bed Bug Detection Services. In other words, the high-rises bordering this particular bus route are believed to be harboring many of these undesirable pests.

Approximately 30 Malibu East residents attended a Social Committee-sponsored presentation by Kay in the Windjammer Room on April 8, hoping to learn more about bedbugs. More specifically, how does a homeowner prevent an infestation or, if not so lucky, eradicate bedbugs from one’s unit?

With Chicago holding the dubious distinction of being ranked first in the nation in bedbug infestations in 2013 for the second year in a row, as documented by pest-control firm Orkin, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance last summer requiring condominium associations to adopt formal plans for the detection, inspection and treatment of bedbugs. Malibu East recently complied with that ordinance, mailing the plan to all owners and renters.

For any bedbug prevention program to be successful, it’s essential that residents report any suspected infestation to management immediately. In order to report it, though, a resident must first recognize the signs of a bedbug infestation. Since bedbugs are most often found near a bed, you should look for “black pepper” spots on your

mattress or box springs, indicating bedbug fecal stains. Because they like to hide in cracks and crevices, you should also inspect the seams of your mattress, box springs and headboard for exoskeletons (external coverings) and bedbug eggs and eggshells. “To become an adult, a bedbug must shed its skin five times and must feed each time (on you?) to make this change,” according to Aegis’ website, www.aegisbdds.com.

Also, if you notice bites on your skin, it could be from bedbugs, which tend to feed in a concentrated area of a person’s skin. Some people may hardly notice the bites, however, since people react differently to these bites.

Since you probably have never seen a bedbug up close, you should know that it’s a flat and oval-shaped insect that can be from light brown to mahogany red in color. An adult resembles an apple seed and is about 5 millimeters long. It feeds every 2½ days on average, and it prefers human blood to pet blood, Kay said. After it feeds on its host, it becomes bloated with blood. Bedbugs have been known to survive months without feeding. A bedbug can produce 200 to 500 eggs in a two-month period, Kay said, which is why you can’t afford to leave an infestation untreated for any length of time.

In explaining why bedbugs have become such a big problem, Kay said that they reproduce in large numbers, adapt quickly to different environments and hide well. (Besides residing in and near beds, bedbugs may also hide in bookcases, including in the bindings of hard-cover books, and in picture frames.) “Also, people won’t tell you they have bedbugs,” Kay said. “Either they don’t know, don’t care or don’t

want you to know.”

Kay advised the attendees to change their bed linens often and wash them in hot water and dry them on high, because heat usually kills bedbugs.

Travel puts a resident at a much greater risk for introducing bedbugs to his home, since hotels are more likely to be infested. If you travel, Kay recommends that you ask the hotel how it deals with bedbugs – does it have regular inspections? Upon arrival, you should inspect the room, particularly the mattress and box springs, for signs of bedbugs. And you should store your luggage in the bathtub, Kay says, because bedbugs can’t climb up a slippery tub. When you get ready to return home, you may want to enclose each piece of luggage in an airtight enclosure. Kay suggests that, before unpacking at home, you take your suitcase directly to the Laundry Room and wash your clothes before storing them in your unit.

Kay also recommends buying encasements for your mattress and box springs, which are available from several companies, such as Wheeling-based Protect-A-Bed.

The bottom line: Each resident needs to be vigilant, know the signs of a bedbug infestation and report a suspected infestation to management without delay. Malibu East has a plan in place to deal with the problem. As an owner or tenant, you won’t be charged or penalized in any way if you report it promptly. However, if you don’t report it, you will be charged for the cost of the inspection and treatment, not only for your unit but for those surrounding you.

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“Town Crier” announcements

by Caitlin Gilman

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Community news

By Sandy Chaet

The city clerk's office will be bringing city sticker sales to the 48th Ward office on May 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office is located at 5533 N. Broadway. You must bring the renewal form mailed to you by the City or your vehicle's state registration ID card, which includes your VIN and license plate information. Check, money order or credit card is accepted. Make your check/money order payable to: City Clerk.

Loyola has started the conversion of Kenmore, from Rosemont to West Sheridan, to a pedestrian- and bicycle-only area. Construction should take about three months.

On the weekend of Sept. 27-28, there will be an art fair from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Granville between Broadway and Sheridan. There will be many artists, two stages and a beer garden. More information will be coming.

Also on Sept. 28 the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Ald. Harry Osterman, Star Events and 11 local schools to produce the first annual Edgewater 5K Run/Walk. A portion of each registration fee (\$40) will go to benefit the school of the runner's choice. The race will begin at 8 a.m., with various starting times for runners, walkers, and walkers/runners accompanied by dogs. The race will begin in front of the Sovereign Hotel at Granville and Kenmore, proceed to Sheridan Road and then to Ardmore, where participants will go east to the lakefront path past Osterman Beach to Foster and back north. Only the west side of Sheridan Road will be used for the event, with the southbound lanes being closed. People living on the east side of Sheridan will be able to exit their buildings but will have to drive north. During the race, no traffic will be allowed to exit Lake Shore Drive onto Sheridan. All northbound traffic will be forced to go west on Hollywood. Sheridan Road buses will be rerouted to Broadway.

According to what ASCO was told, Sheridan Road will be completely open after 9 a.m., yet the details are still being worked on. Runners/walkers who have not completed their return by 9 a.m. will be directed to use the west sidewalks of Sheridan Road. Stay tuned for more details.

Support House bill

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side. On April 11 the bill was re-referred to the Rules Committee. The spring session of the General Assembly meets through May 31.

How can you help? Go to website www.staterepsara.com/get-involved/fire-safety-petition/ and sign the petition to support HB 4609. Then tell your friends in other high-rises, single-family homes, business, churches, etc., to sign, too. Respondents may share their comments on why mandated fire sprinklers are the wrong approach to fire safety in Illinois.

You can also email our representatives in the General Assembly, Rep. Kelly Cassidy (repkassidy@gmail.com) and Sen. Heather Steans (illinoisdistrict7@gmail.com), asking them to support HB 4609.

Thanks for your help and support!

Wanted: Gardening tips

Condo gardeners: We are looking for people who garden on their balconies.

There are many who live here who would like some advice from those who may know a little bit about what it takes to successfully garden at Malibu East. Whether you live on the north or south side of our building, there are challenges to high-rise gardening with the strong winds. A little bit of wisdom from someone who has gone through these challenges would be very helpful.

Please leave a note for Social Committee chair Sandy Chaet with your name, unit number and either a phone number or email address. Leave the information for her at the doorman's station.

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