

Malibu East Dialogue

June 2014

Your Communication and Information Resource

Salon owner achieves success after changing cultures

By Beth Robinson

One spring day I lost my coat. I left home wearing it, hung it up somewhere during the day, and did not notice it was gone when the weather turned warm that afternoon. Weeks later I needed a coat again but had no idea where it was. After several years the coat found me when I went for a haircut at the Sheridan Hair & Body Studio. Anna Ivleva, the owner of the shop, pulled my coat out of the closet. She had waited all that time for someone to claim it and finally did some sleuthing to find the absent-minded person who had left it.



Tucked away in the Captain's Walk, the Sheridan Hair & Body Studio might not be noticed by passersby on the street, but loyal customers, as well as new ones, find their way there each week. And anyone who walks in meets Anna Ivleva. She greets customers at the door, points them to the back room for a shampoo and then colors, cuts and styles their hair. Anna first started at the salon washing hair and then

worked there as a beautician for many years before she bought the business from Donna Karkalis in 2001.

In 1989, Anna had arrived in Chicago with her husband and daughter as refugees from the former Soviet Union. Born in Odessa, Ukraine, she remembers the city by the Black Sea with beautiful historic architecture, dating from the time when Odessa was a vacation spot for the European aristocracy. The city's Opera and Ballet House rivals the best in the world. Today she worries for the safety of her family members who still live there, with the



increasing tensions in Ukraine. But when she was young, life in Odessa was more peaceful. She spent six days a week in school, where teachers were strong authorities whom no one dared to question, and in the evenings she joined other neighborhood children playing freely in the apartment building courtyard. She learned Russian and Ukrainian. Interested in fashion, she thought of going into clothing design but chose hair styling instead because she liked interacting with people. She completed a two-year program of study and began working in her field, building up clientele. She lived 20 minutes away from the Black Sea with her husband and daughter, Victoria.

Although she was successful in her career, Anna agreed to start a new life in the United States with her husband

and his family. The USSR had a history of denying requests for exit visas, so when families were allowed to leave, they often took the opportunity, fearing that permission would not be granted in the future. Anna and her extended family came here as refugees, forced to leave the Soviet Union with little other than two suitcases each and a small amount of cash. In Chicago they had to learn new customs, laws, expectations and – most important – a new language.

Anna spoke no English when she arrived. She looked for jobs in beauty salons and found a position shampooing hair at the Sheridan Hair & Body Studio. At the same time, she studied English at home and completed the process to acquire a cosmetology license here, based on her previous education and experience. However, making the transition from hair washing to stylist was not easy. She had to prove herself to earn the confidence of customers. She went to work at Georgette Klinger in Water Tower Place for a while before returning to the Sheridan Hair & Body Studio. Little by little, she established herself and won over clients. When the previous owner decided to sell the business, Anna considered her options. Not wanting to lose her regular customers or move to a new location, she bought the salon without really knowing what was involved in running a business. But she learned "on the job," and 13 years later – in spite of the long hours, missed

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Malibu East events and meetings

Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, June 4

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, June 19

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

Malibu East brunch

Sunday, June 22

12:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

Board meeting

Tuesday, June 24

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

*Jack Lahey
Sandé Rohde*



Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

Tuesday, May 27, 2014

Attendance: Eleven Board members, three management representatives and 10 residents

Excused: Marcel Molins

Presiding: Vice President Richard Strauss

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Laundry Room completion" was added under Old Business.
- 2) "Fob readers" was added under New Business.

RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL: 4L, 16B, 16L

Following up on the two motions (below) passed at the special meeting of unit owners immediately preceding this regular Board meeting, the directors voted to exercise the Board's right of first refusal on unit 4L at a price of \$96,000 plus or minus prorations, and also exercise on unit 16B at a price of \$217,000 plus or minus prorations. Separately, the Board indicated its intention not to exercise on unit 16L.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash
\$3,299,379

2) Delinquencies

\$289,555 (90-plus days)

3) Audit

We've received first draft of 2013 audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Garage - Martina Molins

Garage is only 10 cars under capacity. Nine residents on single self-park waiting list. Three damage claims in April, all approved.

2) Pet - Sandy Chaet

New gravel will be added to dog runs.

3) Communications & Cable - Thomas Vaughan

Webmaster Larry Rosen distributed handout for prototype of redesigned website, requesting comments from directors.

4) Sports & Entertainment - Neil Warner

Swimming pools and sundeck are now open. Yoga continues; class reopens first Monday of month.

5) Social - Sandy Chaet

A brunch will be held in Windjammer Room at 12:30 p.m. June 22; details to follow. A white elephant sale will be held July 19; a potluck dinner Aug. 24; flu shots Oct. 15. Zumba and Belly Dance for Fitness classes are ongoing; check the bulletin boards for details.

6) ASCO - Sandy Chaet

SB 2664, which would reduce the portion of delinquencies that a condo association can recoup in case of foreclosure, passed the Illinois House and awaits Gov. Quinn's action. Please contact the governor, urging him to veto the bill. Check the bulletin boards for more info.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette

Deschamps

Items requiring immediate Board action

1) Cable TV and Internet wiring

Board approved proposals from USA Wireless and HiPoint Technology Services

to rewire building for advanced TV and bulk Internet services. Management will distribute more details before construction commences. An article about this project will appear in July issue of *Dialogue*.

2) Plat of survey update

Directors hired a vendor to complete a boundary survey.

3) Smoke tower sensors repair

Board approved a vendor's bid.

4) Garage cleaning

Directors hired a vendor for this task.

5) Voice communication

Board approved payment of final invoice.

6) Trench project change order

Payment approved.

7) Elevator maintenance

Board approved six-month extension of current contract.

8) Polling site

Directors approved use of Lobby as election polling place.

9) Garage accessory rooms

Board approved bid to install lighting fixtures in rooms related to garage.

10) 22.1 disclosure form

Approved.

Old business

1) 26L repair work

Directors approved work.

2) 9L remodeling

Board approved work.

3) Atrium lighting replacement

Additional proposed fixtures will be installed for Board's review.

4) Pool deck sunshade canopies

Board approved purchase and installation of three umbrellas, with bases and wood deck, for pool area.

5) Penthouse repairs

Ongoing.

6) Patio door vendors

More investigation needed.

7) Elevator modernization

Waiting for design proposals from consultant.

8) Life safety evaluation

Unit-by-unit inspection by staff is under way. (See management report, page 3.)

9) Garage drain repairs

Nothing new.

10) Clean-out project, C & D tiers

Nothing new.

11) Garage membrane repairs

Work will be done after garage is cleaned.

12) Garage maintenance program

Options will be discussed in June.

13) Captain's Walk plumbing lining

Board approved additional work for ongoing project.

14) Transformer status

On hold.

15) 2014 facade work

E tier will done in June, followed by H tier.

16) Balcony membranes, sealant

See management report, page 3.

17) Sheridan Road retaining wall

Golf will work on this when winds preclude

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.

work on facade/balconies.

18) Boat dock treatment

Nothing new.

19) Captain's Walk stairwell

Nothing new.

20) Generator relocation

Nothing new.

21) Captain's Walk & garage ventilation

Awaiting proposals.

22) Balcony painting

Nothing new.

23) Association-owned units

Repairs and upgrades are under way in various units to get them ready for sale or lease.

24) Laundry Room completion

Board approved new bookcase and artwork for Laundry Room.

New business

1) Water heater closets

See management report, page 3.

2) Emergency lighting

Management is investigating.

3) Captain's Walk stairwell electrical work

Awaiting a proposal.

4) Distributed antenna system

Board authorized Executive Committee to approve contract to improve cellular reception in our building, provided there's no cost to Association.

5) Water heater relief valves

Management is investigating.

6) Generator coolant O-ring replacement

Awaiting bids.

7) Carpet & upholstery cleaning

Seeking bids.

8) Website

See Communications & Cable Committee report above.

9) Fob readers

Power surges have caused fob readers on second and third floors to become inoperative for long periods recently. Management is seeking a possible solution.

The meeting ended at 11:38 p.m. and went into closed session.

Special meeting of unit owners

May 27, 2014

Presiding: Vice President Richard Strauss

This special meeting was held immediately before the regularly scheduled Board meeting. After an open forum to discuss the pros and cons of exercise, the owners overwhelmingly approved a motion authorizing the Board of Directors to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 4L at a purchase price of \$96,000, plus or minus prorations. V.P. Strauss voted the proxies in favor of the motion. After another open forum, the owners approved a motion authorizing the Board to exercise its right of first refusal on unit 16B at a purchase price of \$217,000, plus or minus prorations. V.P. Strauss voted the proxies in favor of the motion.



What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

Life safety evaluation: The three walls surrounding your water heater are fire-protected. However, if you have an opening in the drywall, it likely violates the City of Chicago's building/fire codes. Such a violation can cause the City's life safety inspection of our building to fail. Some of these openings are large enough to necessitate re-drywalling; smaller openings can be closed with fire-resistant sealant. We encourage you to be proactive and to check the status of your water heater closet and contact management should you observe irregularities. Please remember, if the inspection fails, the Association may be fined for noncompliance beginning Jan. 1, 2015, and such fines will be passed on to the unit owners responsible for causing the Association to fail the inspection.

Spring hinges and smoke detectors: Lou, Mike and Armando are progressing well with this project. We install hinges on an average of seven doors per day. For those of you who were not home during the first round of visits, remember that a second cart round will be organized once the first round is completed. This will be your second and last chance to have this done before the City inspection. You must contact management on time to make arrangements to enter your unit should you anticipate being absent during the second round. 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 may be revised as the work progresses. Several owners contacted management to schedule appointments. Please remember that we do not have the luxury to go up and down to satisfy individual appointments or needs.

Water heaters: Water heaters can be the cause of many headaches, particularly when they leak. The life expectancy of a water heater is about 10 years. Please regularly check the pipes, tank, floor and floor pan for signs of water dripping/leaks or signs of rust. Please be aware that any unit for sale will be the

subject of an inspection of the water heater and closet. Please have your water heater checked by a licensed plumber for its replacement or repair.

Dogs and curb appeal: We unfortunately observed pet owners allowing their dogs to relieve themselves on the grass around the property. A dog's urine kills the grass, disintegrates the steel of the fences and acidifies the dirt. Please be courteous and lead your dear companions to the dog runs on Glenlake.

Elevator project: This project is making good progress. Both mechanical and aesthetic consultants met with management in May to discuss, among other things, the schedule, logistics and operational devices. The modernization will start with the service elevator, followed by the passenger elevators, one elevator at a time. Once the construction work is initiated, the overall schedule to complete the modernization and aesthetics of all five elevators is about two years. This means that at any given time during the construction project only four elevators will be in operation. We will rely on your cooperation and patience to accomplish this project smoothly.

Penthouse repair project: Golf Construction is about to complete the repair work on the outside walls of the penthouses. We are anticipating another month of work to complete the project, weather permitting.

Facade repair work: Golf Construction is in the process of finalizing the concrete repairs of the balconies of the E tier by mid-June (not the H tier as was indicated in the May Dialogue). Upon completion of the E tier, Golf Construction will relocate its equipment to the H tier in order to proceed with the concrete repair of the balconies. The work on the H tier will last 6-8 weeks, weather permitting. These concrete repairs generate noise and vibrations in the building. Golf Construction maintains a diagram in the Lobby illustrating the progress of its work.

Sealant and balcony coating: The Board of Directors hired Reliable

Building Systems to replace the outdoor sealant around the balcony doors and to recoat balcony floors of one or two tiers this year. This is a new project adopted within the 2014 budget. These repairs will generate some noise and vibrations in the building, although much less than the concrete repairs. It is estimated that the sealant and coating work will be completed within a period of four weeks for each tier, weather permitting. The sealant and coating project will start with the E tier, considering that all the concrete repairs have just been completed this June.

Patio doors: Management is still gathering proposals from patio door installers to obtain bulk prices for those unit owners who wish to install new sliding glass doors. The Board is expecting to designate a preferred contractor this fall. We encourage you to contact management now to be added to the list of owners who may want this work done, although this isn't considered a binding commitment on your part. Your cost of replacing the doors will depend, in part, on the number of doors that are replaced building-wide. Phone Caitlin at 773-271-1732 to indicate the number of small and/or large doors you would like to have replaced. You can also email her at mecaoffi ce@sudl erchi cago. com

Outdoor grilling: We had a few grilling incidents thus far due to lighting fluid and a gas tank being used for grilling. Please remember that, according to our Rules and Regulations, barbecuing is permitted only with a fully covered electric or charcoal grill, which may be ignited with an electric starter only. As provided by the City ordinance for high-rises, no ignition fluid or propane or other bottled gas or any kind can be used as fuel. No chiminea or other similar conduit may be used on the balconies, either.

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Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

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THEATER / SHOWINGS

JACKALOPE THEATRE

"Exit Strategy" by Ike Holter

Thru June 29

Broadway Armory Park

5917 N. Broadway

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Board meeting dates

June 24	September 23
July 22	(budget review)
August 26	October 7
September 9	November 18
(annual meeting)	December 16

RAVEN THEATRE

"Vieux Carre" by Tennessee

Williams

Story of an aspiring writer struggling with his literary career, poverty and homosexuality.

Thru June 28

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre. com

REDTWIN THEATRE

"Look Back in Anger" by John

Osborne

Skewers the relics of Edwardian class system in post-war England.

Thru June 15

"Before Death Do Us Part" by Scott

Woldman

What happens when a couple begins to suspect that the "marriage thing" wasn't such a great idea after all.

Thru June 28

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwi st. org

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.

Thru June 28

5779 N. Ridge

773-334-7728

ri vendel l theatre. org

Falling for a worthy cause

Malibu East resident Tom Vaughan likes challenges, and he also likes raising money for his favorite charity, the Respiratory Health Association.

On May 4, Vaughan, participated in the "Skyline Plunge!" for the second time, rappelling 27 floors down the facade of the Wit Hotel in the Loop to benefit the RHA. In April, he participated in the RHA's "Hustle Up the Hancock" 94-story stair climb for a fifth time.

The RHA concerns itself with lung cancer, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), asthma and other lung diseases. Vaughan became interested in this organization in memory of his late wife, Vicki. He has supported the RHA, knowing their focus comes the closest to possibly preventing the unusual respiratory-related cancer that claimed her. (Incidentally, the RHA is the group that provides on-site flu shots to Malibu East residents each fall.)

When friends tell Vaughan that his rappelling down the Wit was a daring feat, he jokingly responds, "The most dangerous part of my day was the commute back and forth to the hotel."

Over the Edge, a Canadian company that provides the technical expertise for such fund-raising events across the continent, uses industrial-grade harnesses and redundant safety equipment that guarantees success for everyone. Participants, 70% of whom were female in the Wit's event, start with a one-story practice rappel from the 28th floor of the Wit to the 27th floor roof. Once they've completed that, they do the real thing, which begins by stepping backward off the roof as shown in this picture of him taken by the RHA.

Vaughan recommends this event to anyone who's not deathly afraid of heights.

"Heights have never concerned me," Tom says, "having been hoisted in bosun's chairs over the years to the top of many sailboat masts to facilitate mast-head repairs."



Restaurant review**Pasteur – a classy culinary adventure****By Tracy Poyser***(with Dialogue Diners Betty & Ara May-ian, Beth Robinson, Neil & Debbie Warner and Lori Ziesmer)*

The *Dialogue* restaurant reviews generally get penned by one writer, with input from a couple of fellow diners – but ideally we like to get a bunch of us together, especially when it comes to sharing new and exotic fare from one of our multinational neighborhood restaurants. So, last month, a group of seven *Dialogue Diners* (DDs for short) decided to splurge a bit and visit Pasteur on Broadway (between Bryn Mawr and Catalpa).

After a menu change to a French-Vietnamese fusion several years back, and even a short hiatus while the owner tried a different restaurant on Devon, straight and tasty Vietnamese fare is back. Owner Kim Nguyen states that she's now created her ideal concept of Pasteur, resulting in the restaurant's latest and best incarnation yet. From what I've seen in online reviews from Yelp, Zagat, Open Table and the like, it seems that the raves outnumber the negatives.

First, the space: It's been redesigned with a warm, clean aesthetic with comfortable banquettes and rattan seating, white tablecloth place settings, and stunning light fixtures set against neutral colors and vibrant Vietnamese artwork. We very much liked the soft lighting and comfortable seating, although Betty preferred their former exotic tropical theme with big chairs and large plants. There's a spacious bar/waiting area, the large front windows can be opened to the street, and the door in back reveals a spacious outdoor garden and seating area. The setting gave Beth the sensation that she was in a tropical place where the sugarcane used to prepare the Nem appetizer was grown locally.

The menu includes plenty of traditional dishes, accompanied by exotic craft cocktails and a great selection of nearly 20 wines by the glass. The prices are clearly higher than the Vietnamese restaurants on and around Argyle

Street, but still not at the level of downtown prices, and the beauty of the setting is nothing like the Argyle Street spots and is great for special occasions.

We ordered a cross-section of menu items to share and compare, waited on by the gracious and very helpful Roseanna, who could be a spokesperson for Pasteur anytime. Our appetizers included the aforementioned Nem – a mix of lemongrass-marinated ground chicken and pork, wrapped around sugarcane and grilled; crispy chicken and salmon egg rolls served with fish sauce, cellophane noodles and exotic mushrooms, all served with fresh lettuce and herbs for wrapping and a variety of dipping sauces. Betty and Ara prefer less exotic flavors and were quite happy with their appetizers of butterflied shrimp and light, crunchy vegetable tempura.



We had to wait a bit for our main courses, but our waitress Roseanna checked back regularly to assure us everything was going to be super fresh – and she was right! Ara and Betty loved the seared duck breast, sliced and drizzled with a light tamarind sauce. Betty had opted for CoChinChin – wok-tossed rice noodles with shrimp, chicken, scallions and pickled red beets – but felt it was a bit bland, with too many noodles and little else except bean sprouts.

On the more exotic side of the menu, Debbie, Neil, Lori, Beth and I selected four dishes, all served with jasmine rice:

- Ca Kho To (claypot catfish) – marinated catfish, slow-cooked in a clay

pot with a caramelized reduction sauce;

- Ca Ri Ca (curry monkfish) – sautéed in a curry turmeric sauce, with lemongrass, eggplant, oyster mushrooms and bok choy;
- Suon Bo Nuong – marinated bone-in beef short ribs, charcoal-grilled and served with a side of endive, mango and avocado;
- Ga Xao Sa Ot – sauteed lemongrass chicken with bell peppers, onions and jalapeño.

We enjoyed all of the entrees, but the curry monkfish was a clear favorite, followed closely by the claypot catfish with its complex and flavorful sauce that Beth loved. Neil felt that the succulently glazed beef short ribs had excellent flavor but, with the bones, were a bit tricky to eat in the softly lit room – and I thought they were a bit unevenly cooked, although clearly very fresh. The lemongrass chicken was good but nothing special – possibly suffering in comparison to the more savory and spicy flavors of our other dishes. In retrospect, I'd recommend eating one dish at a time so the flavors and sauces don't get mixed too much.

For dessert, we all agreed that the mango mousse cake was very flavorful and delicate. Neil and Debbie liked the contrast in texture of the fried banana with green tea ice cream. Although she hadn't ordered it, Betty got an extra slice of mango mousse cake because the cappuccino machine was broken.

If we had a *Dialogue Diner* rating system (5 DDs for "excellent" or 1 DD for "don't go there"), Pasteur would probably get 4 DDs for great food but no menu item that stood out as "must order again." But, given the ambiance and service, it was a super outing. Lori says she has always loved Pasteur, and the DD dinner did not disappoint her. In fact, she can't wait to take her husband, Pete, there as soon as her busy life allows.

Pasteur

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Mariano's – a nice addition to Edgewater

By Lori Ziesmer

When Robert Mariano opened his first Mariano's grocery store in 2010, he must have had customers like me in mind. I represent the busy working woman who dislikes grocery shopping, standing in long lines waiting to check out, and then having to go home and cook the food I just purchased. I want a high-quality product to serve and eat at the dinner table and I would be delighted if someone else was around to cook the food for me. Now that you know this about me, you will probably be surprised that I was the one to raise their hand at a recent Dialogue staff meeting and offer to write an article on the opening of Mariano's in the old Dominick's location at Sheridan and Foster.

I have been to Mariano's (a subsidiary of Wisconsin-based Roundy's Inc.) three times in the last eight days, as of this writing, and feel confident I have a good sense of the store culture. The staff is amazingly friendly and helpful. I came in to purchase a chicken breast for dinner and discovered not only could I pick the individual piece of meat I wanted from the display case, but I could choose from Italian, Cajun, lemon pepper, Greek, pecan-coated, Parmesan or bacon-wrapped chicken and then take my purchase to the grill area and have it complimentarily cooked while I looked around the store.

In the 12 minutes it took to cook my chicken breast, I went to the bakery to order made-at-the-store-fresh-each-



morning muffins, bagels, croissants, doughnuts and coffee cakes for a party I was having at the office later in the week. I was told the orange juice I ordered would be freshly squeezed at the store before I came in (64 ounces for \$3.50). I passed the extensive wine section and found many interesting choices from vineyards whose wines I enjoy drinking, ranging in price from \$10 to \$70 a bottle. For beer drinkers you can make your own assortments of up to six different varieties in your case.

When I came back on Thursday to pick up my breakfast order, I passed the "Taste of the World" aisle. This aisle features foods, spices and sauces from Mumbai, Mexico City, Tel Aviv, Warsaw and Dublin, to name of few of the cities that were mentioned. There is a huge organic vegetable and fruit section and a wide variety of gluten-free items. The store was offering samples of Granny Smith apples rolled in caramel and M&M's, Reese's pieces or pecans. The apples could easily be shared by two people as they were so large.



I went back again the following Monday to have a chicken kabob cooked on the grill. While I waited, I checked out the salad bar, pizza station, fresh sandwich area and sushi sections. The sushi area features products made daily from sustainable seafood and organic produce, including spicy tuna and salmon as well as California and veggie rolls complete with soy sauce and chopsticks to go.

There is a smoothie bar featuring freshly made kale, berry, mango and tropical green detox drinks. The "hot bar" features 10 varieties of soup every day, as well as an assortment of cooked meats, potatoes, rice and vegetables that can be eaten at tables in the store or packaged to take home. The "hot bar" is a bargain at \$6.49 a pound.

If you are a coffee lover, don't miss the Vero coffee and gelato bar featuring espresso, hot coffees, iced coffees, blended drinks (their version of Frappuccino) and an assortment of gourmet teas. You can have a mini gelato for 99 cents that is sure to hit the spot. My problem was choosing just one when the choices included peach, Italian vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. The gelato is made with less butterfat and has a richer taste than most other brands.

Mariano's is transforming the way Chicagoans shop for food and is going to be the Nordstrom of the grocery world. After three visits I am hooked on the concept, but please don't tell my husband, or he might decide not to do the weekly grocery shopping or cook for me anymore.

Parents Committee

We are looking to start up the Parents Committee again. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please leave a note at the doorman's station for Karen Cassidy, with your name, unit number and either a phone number or email address.

This is a great way for parents to plan some fun activities for their children.

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by Caitlin Gilman

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Compromise on sprinklers

Facing potential legislation that would have curbed the authority of his office to impose stringent fire regulations on homeowners, Illinois State Fire Marshal Lawrence T. Matkaitis released a statement on May 30, in which he said he would work cooperatively with the General Assembly to pass any new sprinkler laws.

"I believe that any new sprinkler mandate should include open and full discussion with all stakeholders," Matkaitis' statement read in part. "As long as I am Fire Marshal, I intend to work with local government officials, public safety officials, and all stakeholders to pass any new sprinkler laws through the General Assembly."

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz had introduced a bill (HB 4609) in the House that would have prevented the state fire marshal from imposing new sprinkler rules on homeowners, particularly in older buildings that are exempt under Chicago's ordinances. (Chicago is a home-rule unit, which means its laws override state statutes, in many instances.) Feigenholtz also collected 6,000 signatures on a petition supporting the bill.

The compromise meant that Feigenholtz's bill wasn't called for a vote by the full House.

Hold off on new Internet contract

With the Board of Directors' recent decision to enter into a new bulk Internet contract in addition to a new television deal, the Board is advising residents to consider not signing any contract with an Internet service provider that would compel them to use that provider for a specified length of time.

Under the Board's new deal with DirecTV/USA Wireless and HiPoint Technology Services, each owner will be assessed a fixed monthly charge for basic TV and Internet services. The new Internet contract calls for maximum download and upload speeds many times faster than any Malibu East resident currently has, and at a cost of only \$24 per month (Internet only).

The July Dialogue will feature an article explaining the details of the exciting, new services coming to Malibu East.

Power surges disrupt laundry

We've experienced a few power surges in recent weeks, and besides disrupting your computer or your digital clock, they can affect equipment in other areas of the building.

In the Laundry Room, a power surge can potentially stop a washing machine or a dryer in mid-cycle, and a power outage certainly will do so. The machine won't resume the cycle until someone presses the start button (on a washer) or the temperature button (on a dryer), at which point it should resume where it left off. Otherwise, the machine will remain off.

A power surge/outage also can cause a malfunction with the machine that enables you to add value to your laundry card with a credit card or online code number. If this occurs, you should phone or email Family Pride Laundries, which will have to send a technician to reset the machine.

A power surge typically won't affect the machine that enables you to add value to your laundry card using dollar bills. So, if the credit-card reading machine is inoperable and your laundry card is out of funds, you'll either have to use the cash machine or insert your credit card directly into the washer or dryer.

Salon owner achieves success (Continued from page 1)

vacations and additional responsibilities – she thinks she made the right choice.

Outside of the salon, Anna finds time to garden, cook and go to the symphony. But her biggest passion now is painting. Anna recalls that when her daughter, Victoria, moved away to St. Louis, "it broke my heart." To distract herself from the feeling of loss, she began taking painting classes. Drawing inspiration from the Impressionists, she paints in oil using short, deep brush strokes. Her subjects range from a vase of lilacs to a fashionably dressed woman to Russian peasants. Her paintings have been exhibited in art shows at the Northbrook Library and are included in the magazine *Art and Beyond*, which is posted online at www.healingartworld.com. The paintings also decorate the walls of her salon, one more reason for customers to stop in.

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