

# Malibu East Dialogue

September 2014

Your Communication and Information Resource

## Annual meeting, election set for Sept. 9

Would you like to know how the TV/Internet project is progressing, or when the modernization of the elevators will begin?

Malibu East owners can get a comprehensive update about our Association, including what is being done to maintain the infrastructure of the building and improve the aesthetics of the property, at the annual meeting of unit owners set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Windjammer Room.

The president will report on the state of the Association, the treasurer will discuss the financial picture, committee chairpersons will review the projects their committees have addressed, an informal preview of the 2015 budget will be summarized, and the status of Association-owned units will be discussed. The series of reports will be followed by a Q & A session, in which owners will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Board or make comments.

The meeting is also the culmination of the annual election of candidates for the Board of Directors. Because a vacant Board position was filled by appointment during the previous year, there are seven director positions to be filled in this election.

There are 10 candidates for the seven positions: in alphabetical order, Arthur Arfa, Carl Chadek, Sandy Chaet, Allan L. Eckardt, John K. Levandowski, Marcel J. Molins, Carlos Reyes, Joan M. Scholl, Joe Touchstone and Neil Warner. The six candidates who receive the highest total of votes, as weighted by each unit's pro rata ownership, will be

elected to two-year terms, and the candidate who receives the seventh-highest total of votes will be elected to a one-year term.

An owner may cast seven votes for directors, apportioned in any way the owner sees fit. The owner can write the desired number of votes he wishes to cast for a candidate next to that candidate's name, or alternatively, the owner can place an "X" or check mark next to the name of each candidate the owner wishes to vote for. In the latter instance, the seven votes to which the owner is entitled will be divided equally among the candidates who are marked with an "X" or check mark.

The results of the election will be announced near the end of the annual meeting, which will be followed by a short Board meeting, at which the officers will be elected for the 2014-15 term.

It is in the best interests of every owner to vote for Board of Directors candidates, whether by proxy or in person at the meeting. The Board determines how the assessments are spent and which capital projects are given priority. If it happens that the submitted proxies and in-person ballots don't constitute a quorum, another election will have to be held.

Completed proxies can be placed in the container by the doorman's station or mailed to: Sudler Property Management; c/o Dean Lerner, supervisor; 875 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 3980; Chicago, IL 60611. Or you can attend the annual meeting and fill out a ballot in person between 7 and 8 p.m.

### What's new on your balcony?

The photos below show the last two phases of the exterior work on our new DirecTV/Internet wiring. After (1) the balcony is cored, (2) the dual cable is strung to your balcony, and (3) the vertical molding is attached to the balcony wall, then a temporary horizontal molding is placed and 13 feet of wire is coiled on each balcony.

When the USA Wireless installers arrive at your unit for their appointment, they will drill a small hole into the first bedroom west of your living room, adjacent to where the horizontal molding is located outside, so that the wiring can be brought into your home. A finishing "T" molding is then placed over this area as shown in the second photo.



### Malibu East events and meetings

Please see the Malibu East events and meetings listing on Page 3.

### Board meeting dates

September 9 (annual meeting)	October 7 November 18
September 23 (budget review)	December 16

*Our condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy DeBoer*



# 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, Aug. 26, 2014

Attendance: Ten Board members, two management representatives and 16 residents

Excused: Richard Strauss, Allan Eckardt  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "Web page/Internet" was added under Items Requiring Board Action.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

#### 1) Financial statement

Operating and reserve cash  
\$3,518,646

#### 2) Delinquencies

\$289,251 (90-plus days)

#### 3) Audit

Pending final corrections.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Architecture & Building Services – Carl Chadek

A display of the new interior design for the elevators will be set up in the Lobby.

#### 2) Communications & Cable – Thomas Vaughan

The TV/Internet wiring project is on schedule, despite encountering some unexpected obstacles.

#### 3) Garage – Martina Molins

39 vacant spots, 12 people on self-park waiting list, according to July 31 summary prepared by garage manager Ali Saeed. One damage claim was approved; four were denied.

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

New yoga class begins Sept. 8.

#### 5) Social – Sandy Chaet

Upcoming events: flu shots Oct. 15; Country Doctors musical group Oct. 25. Zumba class continues. Check the bulletin boards or the calendar at MalibuEast.org for updates on social events.

#### 6) ASCO, Community Affairs – Sandy Chaet

Gov. Quinn gave SB2664 an amendatory veto, sending the revised bill back to the General Assembly. We thank the many residents who contacted the governor, asking him to veto the bill. The Edgewater 5K Run/Walk will be held at 8 a.m. Sept. 28, closing a portion of Sheridan Road for one hour. The Edgewater Fall Art Fair will be held Sept. 27-28 on Granville between Broadway and Kenmore.

#### 1) Unit 4L renovation

Management will seek three bids for renovation based on scope of work approved by Board.

#### 2) 10L floor remediation

Hardwood flooring couldn't be easily fixed. Directors rescinded a July 22 motion approving the installation of a new hardwood floor, instead approving the installation of carpeting.

#### 3) Balcony floor decking

Management will check the decking in question to determine whether it complies with our engineering consultant's recommendations.

#### 4) Captain's Walk north HVAC

Management will seek additional bids.

#### 5) 22.1 disclosure form

Approved.

#### 6) Web page/Internet

Directors approved an informational article, subject to editing, that is designed for MalibuEast.org to help residents understand how to make their HiPoint Internet service work optimally.

### Old/new business

#### 1) Windjammer Room reservation

Board denied a request to reserve the Windjammer Room for a business event.

#### 2) Residential floor emergency lights

Management will come up with a recommendation.

#### 3) Water heater closet openings

Directors approved the repairs of cut-outs made in walls of water heater closets by Malibu East staff on previous occasions, such repairs to be made at the Association's expense.

#### 4) SEIU pension withdrawal

Waiting for SEIU to re-examine the amount Malibu East owes it for withdrawing from the pension plan for doormen.

#### 5) Balcony/facade repairs

Vendor is behind schedule on H-tier repairs because of a staffing issue.

#### 6) Balcony door sealant project

Project is under way; management is awaiting a cost revision from vendor.

#### 7) Garage fee waiver

Denied.

#### 8) Fob request

Denied.

The meeting ended at 9:53 p.m. and went into closed session.

## Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014

Attendance: Nine Board members, two

management representatives and 14 residents

Excused: Richard Strauss, Carol Beatty, Sandy Chaet

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring immediate Board action

##### 1) Sheridan Road retaining wall electrical work

Board awarded a contract to repair electrical wiring in the retaining wall.

##### 2) Ejector pump replacement

Directors empowered management to accept the lowest bid for a new pump.

### Information/discussion items

#### 1) Elevator presentation

Aesthetics & Building Services Committee chairperson Carl Chadek and interior cab designer Deanna Gotta made a presentation explaining the recommended interior design for the four passenger elevator cabs and the service elevator cab. Directors were shown illustrations and samples of the materials suggested for use, as well as cutting-edge touch-screen control panels to be used inside each elevator. Board authorized management to prepare a request for proposal for the elevator cabs, including finishes, control panels and cameras.

#### 2) Pool deck umbrellas

Directors authorized the installation of decking as the base for new pool umbrellas in the swimming pool enclosure.

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

## Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014

Attendance: Nine Board members, two management representatives and one resident

Excused: Richard Strauss, Sandy Chaet, Allan Eckardt

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### FIRST BUDGET MEETING

Sudler property supervisor Dean Lerner led a discussion of the 2015 budget, line by line. Board members recommended changes to various line items, but these changes are only tentative until the Board can more clearly see the bottom line. Future budget meetings scheduled for Sept. 2 and Sept. 23.

The meeting ended at 10:30 p.m.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette

#### Deschamps

#### Items requiring immediate Board action



## What's happening around the building

By Violette Deschamps, Malibu East Manager

**Electrical surges and outages:** We recently experienced several intermittent and short electrical outages and/or surges, for which ComEd was responsible. Some of these incidents affected your computer, telephone lines and other devices in your unit. We are alerting you to take proper measures to protect your equipment against such power line issues.

**Patio doors:** As a reminder, each unit owner is responsible for the maintenance and/or replacement of the patio doors of their unit. Consequently, each owner has the liberty to hire the window company of his/her choice as long as management approves of the work to be done, the hired company is properly insured and installs products in compliance with Malibu East's Rules and Regulations, the City code, and ordinances related to energy and high-rises.

In order to assist owners in this process, it is the intention of the Board of Directors to recommend a preferred vendor to the unit owners who want to replace their patio doors. Indeed, management will seek proposals in the fall based on the number of patio doors that are part of our "pool." Only reputable window companies will be invited to bid. Management will then analyze their proposals based on submitted products and prices and prepare a recommendation to the Board. Once designated, this preferred vendor may be hired at the discretion of individual owners. If so, the hiring unit owner will sign a contract with the preferred vendor and pay the replacement cost directly to the vendor.

A unit owner may hire another window installer at his/her own discretion, as long as the vendor abides by the Rules and Regulations of the Association and install products in complete compliance with the City codes and ordinances. Nothing in this process forces a unit owner to use the Association's preferred vendor.

You may contact management to be added to the "pool of patio doors"

projected to be replaced. The number of registered patio doors in the pool will be used in our request for proposals in an attempt to get the best possible price per door.

**Flying phone:** A Sony cell phone went flying off a balcony on Aug. 25 and almost hit our pool attendant. Propelled by a 70 mph wind, the impact would have killed or badly injured this employee if it had made contact. The same day, we also had pots and other large objects flying freely off balconies. Please remember that you are living in a high-rise next to the lake. The risk of flying objects is high. Remember to retrieve any loose objects in your unit and to secure what is left on your balcony, particularly when storms and winds are forecast.

**Life safety evaluation:** The planned City inspection is imminent. Please make sure that you have all your spring hinges, smoke detectors and water heater closets in order.

**Water heater closets:** The in-house crew has completed the remediation work in most of the water heater closets. However, some of you will receive, or already have received, a letter from management indicating that the work has not been completed yet in your water heater closet as required, either because you informed management that you would do the work yourself or because the pipes and/or water heaters are blocking the areas to be remediated and they must be removed to access the openings and gaps.

The remediation work in your closet must be completed in the most expedited manner, if not already completed, but no later than Sept. 15, 2014. The Association will contact the City in early September to schedule the life safety inspection. All components of the building, including the water heater closets, must be up to the fire safety code and ready for the City inspection.

You must make this matter a top priority. We have learned that the City inspectors are very thorough during

their life safety inspections. The Association may fail the inspection and be fined if your water heater closet is not in compliance with the fire safety code. Please be reminded that any fines (\$1,000 per day) billed by the City to the Association resulting from your water heater closet being in violation of the fire safety ordinance will be billed to your account with no further notice, per Board decision.

**Bed bugs:** We had another bed bug alert in August. Do not wait to contact management if you suspect bed bugs in your unit, because you may become responsible for the spreading of the bed bugs to your neighbors' units and also may become responsible for the remediation costs of all affected units.

Contact the Management Office immediately if you misplaced the Association's Bed Bug Policy. We will provide you with as many copies as you need at no charge. This policy gives you all the guidance you need for bed bugs. We stress that you must also give a copy of the policy to each occupant living in your unit and require each of them to read the policy and abide by it.

## Malibu East events and meetings

### Annual meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, Sept. 9

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

(Board election voting from 7-8 p.m.)

### USA Wireless/HiPoint presentation

Re: TV/Internet wiring project

Thursday, Sept. 11

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, Sept. 18

(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

2:00 p.m. - Community Room

### Final Board meeting re budget

Tuesday, Sept. 23

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

### Dialogue staff meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 1

7:30 p.m. - Community Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the *Dialogue*. For more events: [malibueast.org/calendar](http://malibueast.org/calendar)



## 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.

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat.-Sun. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

5917 N. Broadway

312-742-7502

goo.gl/MSZSES

#### EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

6000 N. Broadway

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

Tue. and Thu.: noon - 8 p.m.

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

(closed on Sundays)

312-742-1945

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#### EDGEWATER FALL ART FAIR

100 exhibiting artists, live music and kids' activities. On Granville, between Broadway and Kenmore.

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 27-28

Admission: \$5 suggested donation

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

26th Annual Fall Home Tour will be held Sunday, Sept. 21;

location: Edgewater Beach Central.

Tour begins at Church of the Atonement, 5749 N. Kenmore.

Sign up at reception desk from noon until 4 p.m. Homes open till 5 pm.

Cost is \$25 per person.

Current exhibit: "Motoring through Edgewater" (thru March 13, 2015).

Regular museum hours:

Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.

5358 N. Ashland Ave.

773-506-4849

www. EdgewaterHi story. org

#### WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Adult day wellness programs for persons 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai chi, music, exercise, lunch and snacks.

Transportation provided within boundary area.

1355 W. Foster Ave.

773-271-9001

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### THEATER / SHOWINGS

#### CITYLIT THEATRE

**"At Home at the Zoo" by Edward Albee**

"Homelife," the prequel to "Zoo Story," together make one of the simplest and most shattering plays ever written.

Sept. 19 thru Oct. 26

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

ci tyl i t. org

#### LIFELINE THEATRE

**"Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte**

After a troubled childhood, Jane Eyre searches for new purpose as a governess. She gets turbulent passion and secrets.

Sept. 5 thru Oct. 26

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

l i fel i netheatre. com

#### NEWHART FAMILY THEATRE

**"Proof" by David Auburn**

Catherine is the daughter of a brilliant but mentally disturbed University of Chicago mathematician. How much of her father's madness will she inherit?

Sept. 26 thru Oct. 5

Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts

1020 W. Sheridan Road

773-508-8400

goo. gl /G50KXM

#### RAVEN THEATRE

**"All My Sons" by Arthur Miller**

Just after World War II, a tragedy haunts the Keller family and threatens to break the bonds between father and sons.

Sept. 16 thru Nov. 15

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre. com

#### REDTWIST THEATRE

**"Another Bone" by Cathy Earnest**

A 9/11 story of a widow of a fireman, who tries to move forward after total devastation.

Sept. 20 thru Oct. 19

1044 W. Bryn Mawr

773-728-7529

redtwi st. org

#### THEO UBIQUE CABARET THEATRE

**"A Tribute to the Andrew Sisters"**

A night of tribute music to the greatest female singing trio. Dinner-show packages available.

Thru Oct. 6

Shows performed at No Exit Cafe, 6970

N. Glenwood

theo-u. com/ti ckets

## Edgewater Fall Art Fair

After last year's success, the Edgewater Fall Art Fair is coming back on Sept. 27-28 (11 a.m.-6 p.m.) with an even richer program, on Granville from Broadway to Kenmore. This year's fair features 100 high-quality exhibiting artists working in painting, photography, printing, handmade jewelry, illustration, pottery, glass work, paper arts and mixed media.

Live music will fill the air with performances on three stages and on the street, ranging from jazz and country/Americana to Latin rhythms, reggae, Caribbean, folk songs, cabaret, opera and choral singing.

As a family-friendly event, the fair will have a children's activities corner with creative workshops, storytelling and puppet shows to keep the younger attendees entertained.

Other attractions will include a fashion show featuring collections by local designers; a young artists' gallery, showing artworks by students from eight Chicago grade schools and high schools; a performing-arts stage, with groups presenting fusions of music, opera, physical theater, acting and dance; a children's music talent showcase; a pet parade and costume contest; and a beer garden with live music.

We live in a culturally and socially diverse neighborhood, home to a myriad of artists, including several Malibu East residents. The Edgewater Fall Art Fair honors this diversity with a mix of community residents and artists from all over Chicago.

The fair, accepted as one of the opening acts of Chicago Artists Month, is organized by Edgewater Artists in Motion (EAIM) with the support of 48th Ward Ald. Harry Osterman and an impressive group of sponsors.

Admission: Suggested \$5 donation

For more about the Edgewater Fall Art Fair and Edgewater Artists in Motion, visit: [edgewaterartists.com](http://edgewaterartists.com)

Source: *Edgewater Fall Art Fair press release*

## Potluck dinner a hit again

By Betty Mayian

The summer heat and humidity have finally arrived. It wouldn't be Chicago without having some 90-degree weather and rainstorms to make it feel like you are in Miami in August. We had a house guest for about four days, and I didn't know when I would fit in making my dish for the potluck dinner on Aug. 24. As it turned out, the previous day's rain gave me the opportunity, as we stayed in the condo and watched videos while I made potato salad. So, our potluck dish was prepared and ready for the dinner in the Windjammer Room.



Ara and I went down about 5 p.m. to help Social Committee chairperson Sandy Chaet set up the food and drinks. Around 5:15 p.m. people started arriving. In all, we had maybe 25 attendees, several fewer than last year's potluck. Anyway, it is always good to see the regulars and a few new people for a great event – again. Thanks to all who attended.

Spread the word for the next potluck. Someone commented that we get a better turnout in the spring. This end of summertime has people going outdoors and enjoying the last rays of the sun. Many thanks to Sandy Chaet for her organizational skills and bringing in the chicken for all to share.

Speaking of food ... there was a great variety again. The common denominator was that everything was good. A beautiful vegetable tart was tantalizing, and spaghetti with meatballs and sausage was another main course. Side salads of a light potato salad (no mayo), a slaw, and a corn, apple and pineapple salad were refreshing. To top off the meal, the dessert table had cookies, banana nut bread, brownies and a rhubarb sour cream cake – yum! Soft drinks and water were available, plus you could bring your own wine, etc.

Since we had a new couple in attendance, in the building only five weeks, we had a lot of "building gossip" and information to share. People enjoyed each other's company along with the food. This is an enjoyable way to spend

a lazy Sunday evening.

It would be good to have some input from those who attended and those who didn't. Is this one of the condo-sponsored events that you would like to attend? If so, what time of year would be best and what other things might be added to make it more enticing. Maybe you could encourage your floor neighbors to all attend the next time and get to know them even better. We have such a richly diverse community, and this is a good way to make friends. Food is the common thread.

Watch for more from your Social Committee.

## Don't be tempted

With the economy still trying to recover from the difficulties of the past seven years, people are seeking innovative ways to generate income. However, there is one way that is totally unacceptable in a condominium setting such as ours: renting out a portion of your condo on a short-term basis.

Malibu East is a residential condominium, and Article VII of the Malibu East Declaration strictly prohibits any business activity from being conducted in a residential unit. Furthermore, the Malibu East Rules and Regulations prohibit any lease or rental shorter than 12 months, as well as prohibiting an owner from leasing a unit more than once within a 12-month period.

The Malibu East Board of Directors recently became aware of an instance in which residents were apparently renting out a portion of their unit on a nightly or weekly basis through advertisements on a website. Upon learning of this violation, management immediately instructed the residents to stop this activity and remove all advertising from the website, as well as summoning the potential offenders to a hearing.

Violations of this fundamental policy of Malibu East's governing documents are subject to fines, which may be substantial.

Let this be a forewarning in case you might have considered such a money-making scheme: The Board will act decisively to punish violators.

## 5K street closures

By Sandy Chaet

The Edgewater 5K Run/Walk will be held in our neighborhood, beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28. The registration fee is \$45 per person, with \$5 benefiting an Edgewater school.

1. Sheridan Road will be closed from 8 to 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28, from Hollywood to Devon to through traffic. The southbound lanes will be closed from 8 to 9 a.m., leaving only one northbound lane for those on the east side of Sheridan to exit from their driveways, going northbound only.
2. After 9 a.m. Sheridan Road will reopen, and runners/walkers will be redirected to the west sidewalk to complete the event.
3. Edgewater 5K Run/Walk will begin at Granville/Kenmore, go east to Sheridan, south to Ardmore, east to the lakefront and south to OstermanBeach/Foster, before returning along the same route to Kenmore/Granville.
4. Streets to be closed will be Granville, from Kenmore to Sheridan; Kenmore, from Granville to Rosemont; and Sheridan, from Hollywood to Devon.
5. There will be NO traffic allowed to cross Sheridan going east from Thorndale or Glenlake during the event.

## Temporary Internet fix

HiPoint Technologies, our new Internet provider, is starting to connect the early tiers' Ethernet cables to the Internet. Until more of us are online, they are using a microwave connection on our roof to feed these early connections. Speeds are in the 35 to 75 Mbps range under this arrangement.

Once we have a critical mass online, HiPoint will switch to a fiber-optic source to give us the 100 Mbps speed it has promised. HiPoint is doing this temporary setup to enable residents to have a tested connection but is not planning to charge us for this service until we get the full bandwidth specified in our contract.

## Help us conserve water

Water conservation is something few of us at Malibu East think about, as we sit on the shore of Lake Michigan with its abundant supply of freshwater. However, several areas of the country are experiencing water shortages, and a report from the Government Accountability Office says that officials in 40 of the 50 states expect a water shortage in some part of their state within the next decade. Conserving water is likely to become a hot-button issue in the very near future, so we should become proactive as conservationists.

Because unit owners never see the bi-monthly water/sewer bills from the City of Chicago, they're probably not aware of the quantity and cost of our consumption.

In 2010, our Association paid the City \$126,000 for water and sewer, and by 2013, that expense had skyrocketed to nearly \$180,000. According to our 2015 budget, that line item is expected to cost about \$275,000. As you can see, our water/sewer expense has more than doubled in the past five years, as the City applies huge annual rate increases to this "hidden" expense for homeowners.

Each condo unit consumes huge quantities of water, so saving at home should be everyone's business. (Nearly \$46 for water and sewer is included in the average unit's monthly assessment.) In addition to saving money on the Malibu East water/sewer bill – which, in turn, reduces your assessment – water conservation helps reduce the pollution of our environment. Heating and pumping water requires chemicals and energy. When we waste less water, we conserve fuel and reduce the pollution generated by burning fuel and treating water with chemicals.

The Board of Directors has decided to assist owners in conserving water by offering free labor to help stop routine leaks in their faucets and toilets. If you have a leaking faucet or toilet that needs to be fixed, please call the Management Office and schedule a free service call (to repair the leak only). Should the fixture require a new part, the unit owner will be responsible for the cost of any parts or materials that our staff supplies. If the fixture requires more extensive work or needs to be replaced with a new one, the owner may have to hire a licensed, insured plumber to complete the work.

Here are some tips from experts that can help residents conserve water and thereby save money and benefit the environment, as well:

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
2. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue or other small bit of trash, potable water is squandered. Newer toilets waste 1.1 to 1.6 gallons of water, and the original Malibu East toilets need almost four gallons.
3. Check your toilets for leaks. First, put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. For new installations, buy "low-flush" toilets, which use one to two gallons per flush instead of the usual three to four gallons. By installing low-flush toilets, you can cut indoor water use by about 30%.
4. Insulate your water pipes – it's easy and inexpensive with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster, plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
5. Install water-saving showerheads. Water-efficient showerheads help reduce water consumption by up to 40% and are easy to install.
6. Take shorter showers. One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower before soaping up and then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.
7. Rinse your razor in the sink after filling the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water, with far less waste of water.
8. When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.
9. Automatic dishwashers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dish-washing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes. Today's detergents are designed to attack food particles, so if dishes are rinsed clean, the detergent

may abrade glassware instead. Just scrape dishes of food scraps instead of rinsing.

10. Do use the dishwasher instead of hand-washing dishes. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, using an Energy Star-qualified dishwasher instead of hand-washing dishes saves you nearly 5,000 gallons of water a year.
11. When buying a new dishwasher, select one that offers cycle and load-size adjustments. They're more water- and energy-efficient.
12. Help your houseplants! When you give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain, use it to water your houseplants. If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a houseplant instead.

Each of these steps can help Malibu East, and our city, save the world's most precious resource. Please try incorporating at least one of these water-saving techniques in your unit now. If we each promote water conservation today, we'll see savings tomorrow!

*This article was written in 2012 by former owner and Board member Maria Damp and has been revised.*

## SB2664 vetoed

*By Sandy Chaet*

Gov. Pat Quinn has issued an amendatory veto of Senate Bill 2664, which would have significantly reduced how much a condo association could have recouped from the buyer of a foreclosed unit. The governor's suggested changes to the bill appear more beneficial to associations than the current law regarding foreclosures.

The bill goes back to the Senate, which can vote to either override the veto, accept the governor's changes, or take no action, in which case the current law remains in effect.

Thanks to all those who emailed, called and wrote letters to Gov. Quinn asking him to veto SB2664. He reportedly received more than 6,000 responses about SB2664.

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**Restaurant review****Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch**By *Betty Mayian*

I know I am violating my own rules; this restaurant is downtown – in Water Tower Place. I heard about the opening of this sports bar on the seventh floor of Water Tower Place. It is also the seventh restaurant in the Harry Caray chain of food places. I haven't been to any of the others but thought this might be a good place to go now that the weather is better. I figured it would also be nice for my husband since he is such a sports fan and there is a Chicago Sports Museum right next to the restaurant. Admission to the museum is free if you eat first at the restaurant and show the receipt.



Before we went, I went to the restaurant's website to look at the menu. The prices are reasonable. Right away I found a couple of items that we just had to try. Guess what? We ordered the Triple Play Sampler appetizer, which included three Kobe corn dogs, mac 'n cheese muffins and fried pickles. There were three sauces on the plank and they complimented the appetizers very well. A bit of spice, but nothing too hot. We just loved each of them. Then we decided to split a sandwich because the appetizers were starting to fill us up. We chose the short rib Italian beef sandwich. The flavors were excellent. We had sort of low expectations of this place and we were so wrong. The food we tried was tasty, and the rest of the menu looked just as good. It will be a place to try again when we are downtown.

Other items to consider are the salads, especially the chopped BLT, Chinese chicken salad, poached jumbo shrimp salad and brussels sprouts salad. Sounds good, right? Their specialties are the burgers, which include a variety of tasty-sounding options on a number of buns (brioche, pretzel roll, egg bun, asiago bun and whole wheat). The Heater has pepper jack, jalapenos, chipotle aioli and crispy onions. The Sunny has onion rings, horseradish cream, fried egg, Mercks cheddar and

tomato. The Tippy Tallgrass uses Bill Kurtis' grass-fed beef with red wine-pickled onions, drunken goat cheese, baby arugula and tomato jam. The Holy Cow burger has candied applewood-smoked bacon, aged Gouda, lettuce, tomato and Harry's steak sauce. The Blue has Vermont blue cheese, baby arugula, basil leaves, tomato and bacon-onion jam. They also have a turkey burger and one with American cheese, but the others just sound more interesting.

Among the other sandwiches (other than our short rib Italian beef), the shrimp po' boy is probably the winner. It has spice-rubbed jumbo shrimp, fried pickles, shredded cabbage, Cajun remoulade, tomato and garlic butter on a French roll.

The pizza selection sounds interesting, too. All are 12-inch crusts and include the classic margherita; a meatball variety with roasted red pepper, caramelized onions and garlic; and a truffle pizza with ricotta, asparagus, mushrooms, grape tomatoes, chives and truffle oil. The skirt steak pizza has blue cheese, Monterey Jack, crispy brussels sprouts and tomato jam. And how about the Buffalo chicken with Monterey Jack, blue cheese and scallions?

If you're not in the mood for tavern

fare but want a real entree, then they have a few selections on the menu. Brick chicken, maple-mustard-glazed salmon, garganelli with jumbo shrimp, and steak & egg (filet mignon, fried egg, hash browns, crispy brussels sprouts with pancetta, and a brown butter hollandaise). Enough?

Well, you can always add sides like truffle fries, Buffalo fries, loaded fries or onion rings in a tempura beer batter.

Their drink selection is slanted to the sports bar theme, so you know what to expect. My only disappointment was that although they offered a prosecco split at a very reasonable price, they said they did not have it and offered, instead, a glass of prosecco for a higher price. So, I drank water.

They serve shakes and floats, non-alcoholic drinks, American whiskey, Scotch whisky, martinis, sparkling wines, whites, reds and cocktails.

The restaurant also hosts private events, held in the sports museum, and it also caters events.

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