

# Malibu East Dialogue

December 2017

Your Communication and Information Resource

## What's happening around the building?

By *Violette Deschamps*,  
Malibu East Manager



**33A SALE:** The Board approved the conditions of the sale of this unit to current unit owners at Malibu East. The voting members will vote to ratify this decision at their special meeting on Dec. 5.

**2018 BUDGET:** The Board approved the 2018 budget, as mailed to the owners for their review, during its Nov. 28 meeting.

**UNIT WINDOWS:** Illinois Sash, a window installer, contacted management to inform the Association that the manufacturer of the Peerless windows they had proposed for Malibu East is now using a painted finish as opposed to clear anodization of the aluminum frame. The painted finish was rejected by the Board as an approved option for owners during its Nov. 28 meeting. Management will ask Illinois Sash to provide an acceptable alternative for owners' consideration.

**INTERNET:** Management and every one of you receiving the internet service of HiPoint via the Association were affected by a lengthy internet outage on July 7. That service outage was experienced by a large portion of HiPoint's customers in the city.

Over the past several years HiPoint has been upgrading its network to keep

pace with the ever-increasing demand of its clients for faster speeds. HiPoint was in the final stages of a major upgrade in early July. Unfortunately, HiPoint was unable to successfully complete the migration of its system on July 7 as planned, due to a mainframe software bug, according to HiPoint. Therefore, HiPoint began reverting its settings back to the original settings before initiating the migration. After completing the restoration of the original settings on July 7, HiPoint's technicians realized that the internet service was not functioning properly, resulting in intermittent outages and sluggish transmissions, even though all the original settings had been properly reset. The issue was very unusual;



HiPoint's engineers, lead account managers and principals escalated the problem with their underlying Tier 1 carrier all the way up to senior management. They finally restored the internet service to normal at approximately 7:30 p.m. on July 7. Cisco, the manufacturer of the software used by HiPoint, has since released a corrective patch to its customers, including HiPoint, to prevent this very rare issue from reoccurring in the future.

Having said that, the outage of July 7 prompted the Board to mandate management to negotiate a service discount with HiPoint for the 2016-17 combined outages. The Board was pleased that management was able to negotiate with HiPoint a 30% service cost discount that has been individually redistributed to HiPoint's residential and commercial clients at Malibu East. This one-time discount of 30% of the

monthly fee is posted on your December statement.

**RECEIVING ROOM:** We invite you to look at the refinishing of the Receiving Room and its equipment. The employees are now equipped with sturdy work tables and stools, robust and functional racking systems, insulated windows with a clear view of the loading dock, commercial-grade floor finish, LED lighting, additional electrical outlets and new paint.

**RECYCLING:** Malibu East is now equipped with special containers to safely recycle fluorescent bulbs, batteries, TV sets, sound systems and electronics such as computers, tablets, cell phones etc. These containers are at your disposal and located in the lower level, by the loading dock doors. Please note management no longer collects old telephones, batteries and eye frames.

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION:** We have received thus far more than 350 applications; most of our owners have opted for the electronic communication as opposed to mailing via the U.S. Postal Service. Management will implement the electronic transmission process once 400 owners have confirmed their preference for electronic transmission. For those of you who haven't yet indicated your preference (email or mail), it will be greatly appreciated that you complete this form and return it to management at your earliest convenience. The form is available in the Management Office; do not hesitate to request a copy in person or via email.

Keep in mind that the electronic method will allow you to look at all the documents and notices emailed by management, at the time and location of your choice, by using a tablet or a computer, whether you are on vacation, on a business trip or otherwise away from home. You will no longer have to depend on the U.S. Postal Service, or be obliged to search a pile of documents mailed to your home, or make room in

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### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 19

7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Holiday party

Wednesday, Dec. 20

6:00 p.m. - Lobby

#### New Year's Eve party

Sunday, Dec. 31

8:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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



# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017

Attendance: Eleven Board members, two management representatives, eight residents  
Excused: Martina Molins  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) "2018 budget" and "10M sale" were added to Items requiring Board action.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Joan Scholl

#### 1) Financial statement (as of Oct. 31)

Operating and reserve cash  
\$4,781,749  
Investment in units  
\$2,712,047 (16 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$808,658 year-to-date

#### 2) Delinquencies (as of Nov. 16)

\$435,159, including \$262,451 from former residents, less \$275,000 allowance for doubtful accounts

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1) Building maintenance - Carol Beatty

Committee asked management to get recommendation for floor sealer to apply to passenger elevator cab floors.

#### 2) Communication & Cable - Thomas Vaughan

A one-time credit was given to registered HiPoint customers for internet outages (see management report, page 1).

#### 3) Garage - Ali Saeed

Garage was 62 cars below capacity as of Oct. 31. Ten residents were on waiting list for single self-parking spaces. There was one damage claim in October; it was approved.

#### 4) Finance & Insurance - Joan Scholl

Treasurer Scholl asked Dean Lerner of Sudler to help resolve the Association's claim for reimbursement of its outstanding 2010 scavenger rebate.

#### 5) Pets - Sandy Chaet

Committee will schedule a meeting of dog owners to discuss what type of changes, if any, they would like to see made to dog runs.

#### 6) Sports - Neil Warner

New yoga class begins Dec. 14; newcomers are welcome.

#### 7) Social - Sandy Chaet

Holiday party will be held Dec. 20 in Lobby, starting at 6 p.m. A New Year's Eve party is planned for Dec. 31, from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., in Windjammer Room. Committee is working to have Windy City Gay Chorus entertain at Malibu East next year.

#### 8) ASCO & Community Affairs - Sandy Chaet

Winter planting of ASCO planters has been completed. Tree on parkway waiting to be removed by City; will be replaced eventually. For the City's "50 by 50" ward art project, our 48<sup>th</sup> Ward will get two installations, one at Broadway Armory Park and another at George Lane Park. Edge-

water resident/artist Erik Peterson has been chosen to sculpt a wooden bench, made from an ash tree, for the park, to be completed in early spring.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT - Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring Board action

##### 1) 2018 budget

Board approved 2018 budget, with minor offsetting changes in two garage expense accounts. See article, page 8.

##### 2) 33A sale

Board approved the sale of Association-owned unit 33A to owners of another unit for \$425,000, less a \$90,000 renovation credit.

##### 3) Amended resolution for 18H sale

Directors modified the language, but not the financial terms, of a Sept. 19 resolution approving the sale of Association-owned unit 18H, to reflect new language in contract rider.

##### 4) 10M sale

Board approved the sale of Association-owned unit 10M for terms reflecting a net sales price of \$198,850 after closing credit, before prorations.

##### 5) Seawall consultation

Tabled.

##### 6) Garage structure consultation

Directors approved a consultant's suggestion that an analysis be done, in two phases, of the building's frame as it relates to garage columns, with results of first phase determining whether second phase is necessary.

##### 7) 2018 property tax triennial reassessment

Tabled.

##### 8) Peerless window finish

Board rejected Peerless' new window finish, whereby aluminum frame would be painted rather than anodized. See management report, page 1.

##### 9) Electric vehicle charging stations

Directors authorized management to identify six self-parking spaces in garage in best location to be wired for electric vehicle charging stations.

##### 10) Captain's Walk suite closet

Board authorized an expenditure to build a closet in executive suite of commercial unit.

##### 11) Bezz Training promotional requests

Directors ratified the approval of various requests, with one exception, by new commercial tenant Bezz Training for its grand opening.

##### 12) Unit owners' smoke complaints

Board voted to take no action at this time.

##### 13) Rent increase #1

Directors approved a rent increase for Association-owned one-bedroom unit.

##### 14) Rent increase #2

Board approved a rent increase for Association-owned two-bedroom unit.

##### 15) Religious display requests

Directors approved requests from two owners for displays of religious symbols in Community Room for Advent and Christ-

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#### 16) Balcony painting

Board denied an owner's request to have a balcony painted before it is scheduled to be done in conjunction with Association's ongoing balcony/facade project.

#### 17) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

#### Old/new business

##### 1) Committee memberships

Tabled.

##### 2) Admissions meeting format

Tabled.

##### 3) Property and parkway fencing

Board approved a carryforward of unused balance in 2017 landscaping budget to 2018.

##### 4) Balcony/facade project

See management report, page 1.

##### 5) Stack effect study

Committee will meet with consultant to discuss its findings.

##### 6) Garage column repairs

See "Garage structure consultation" above.

##### 7) Seawall repairs

See "Seawall consultation" above.

##### 8) Vent preventive maintenance

Project is nearly completed, with good results.

##### 9) Captain's Walk ADA restrooms

Board authorized its attorney to terminate contract with vendor, and it will hire new contractor to complete project.

##### 10) Captain's Walk stairwell

Nothing new.

##### 11) Realtor lease/sale reports

A realtor has been hired to handle commercial unit.

##### 12) Rules revisions

Nothing new.

##### 13) Association-owned units

Of 16 units owned by Association, 10 are being rented, two are under contract to be sold, three have been renovated and listed for sale, and one is being offered for lease.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. and went into closed session.

## Special meeting of unit owners

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017

Presiding: President Marcel Molins

1) First VP Thomas Vaughan provided background on Association's ownership of 10M and summarized how Association has fared with its other purchases and sales. Directors then answered questions from owners present.

2) Owners approved a resolution authorizing the Board to sell Association-owned unit 10M for a net price of \$198,850, plus or minus prorations, after a closing credit. President Molins voted the proxies in favor of the sale.

3) Owners modified the language, but not the financial terms, of an Oct. 3 resolution approving the sale of Association-owned unit 18H, to reflect new language in contract rider.

## What can you do to keep your unit warm?

By Neil Warner

It's December, and the cold weather is already making its presence felt. You may be concerned that your electric bills will skyrocket in the coming months. Unfortunately, that's a fact of life for those of us who haven't had our 46-year-old windows and sliding glass doors replaced or insulated recently.

Much of the cold infiltrates our unit through the crevices around the sliding glass door, especially where it meets the stationary floor-to-ceiling window. Those who still have the original windows in their units may also have the original weather stripping, which is certain to have deteriorated considerably. Even those of us who have had their windows weather-stripped again during the interim aren't immune to drafts coming into our units.

These drafts make us feel uncomfortable all winter long – and even more uncomfortable when we see our electric bill.

Two solutions that don't require any effort from you – only money – are as follows:

- Replace your windows with new ones.
- Have a professional replace the weather stripping around your windows.

Obviously, the first solution is the most expensive, \$5,000 to \$7,000 per opening, depending on the size. Yet, it is the solution that will last the longest. Since the windows are limited common elements, replacing them is the owner's decision. Keep in mind, though, the replacement windows must meet the Association's standards – that is, they must have natural anodized aluminum frames with clear glass, they must not change the appearance of the building from the outside, and they must comply with the City's building codes and ordinances.

Softer Lite Window Co. has installed one of its sliding glass door/window units in the Windjammer Room for owners to view. A second vendor, Illinois Sash Erectors, also installed a door/window unit in the Windjammer, but the manufacturer, Peerless Windows, is changing the specifications and thus it no longer has the Board's approval.

Hiring a professional to replace the

weather stripping is a much less expensive option than buying new windows, and it should make a marked difference for a few years, at least. Check with the Management Office for the names of companies that have done this type of work at Malibu East.

I've tried several different methods of winterizing my unit during the 40 years I have lived at Malibu East, some more successful than others.

Here are some products that will help to keep out the cold:

- Duct tape.
- Weather-seal tape.
- Easily removable caulk.
- Mortite Caulking Cord.
- Rubber self-stick tape.

To avoid the problem of the residue that duct tape leaves behind, Do It Best Corp. and Frost King both make a clear plastic indoor/outdoor weather-seal tape that can be applied in temperatures as low as minus-10 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the product I used this year, because it is easy to apply and remove, and doesn't leave a residue. I use it indoors and outdoors. It usually comes in two-inch-wide rolls, at lengths up to 100 feet.

One product that I used for several years and found to be effective is Seal 'n Peel Removable Weatherstrip Caulk. This is a clear caulk that is manufactured by DAP, and you can buy a tube for approximately \$10. (Make sure the tube says "Seal 'n Peel"; otherwise, you will have a difficult time removing regular caulk when spring arrives.) If you apply it inside your unit, be sure to ventilate that room during application and drying because the caulk emits chemical fumes that could prove hazardous to your health.

One negative to the Seal 'n Peel caulk is that, after applying it for several years, I found it increasingly difficult to remove, perhaps because of residue that remained from previous applications.

For detailed instructions on how to use this product, as well as the other products mentioned above, read the article "Do you need to winterize your unit?" on page 5 of the November 2016 issue of the Dialogue, found online at [www.malibuwest.org/winterize](http://www.malibuwest.org/winterize).

Whichever option you choose, you will feel more comfortable this winter, and your electric bill will benefit, too.

## Gallery 1070 opens

By Tracy Poyser

Eight years after the birth of Edgewater Artists in Motion (EAIM) as a community-sponsored effort to showcase local art and artists in empty storefront windows, this vibrant not-for-profit group has been given a long-term home and gallery/workshop space at the northeast corner of Granville and Winthrop. It's EAIM's latest initiative to keep bringing the Edgewater community together through the arts, while helping the local economy.

The gallery is housed in a mixed-use, multi-unit building with 40 residential and five basement units which, constructed in 1929, had once anchored a thriving commercial district but had fallen on bad times. After landing in housing court in 2007 due to disrepair, it was gradually brought back to code.

About two years ago, EAIM founder Rae Ann Cecrle, president of B&R Development, purchased and totally renovated five of the basement units and combined two of them as a gallery and community events venue, rented to EAIM at \$10 a year for 10 years. Aptly named Gallery 1070, the facility includes two spaces: one dedicated to group exhibits, solo shows, fundraisers and special arts events (public and private); the other to be used for art workshops and private parties.

Gallery 1070 celebrated its grand opening and first art show with two festive events on Nov. 14 and 17.

The first gallery exhibit (Nov. 17 – Jan. 21) features original paintings, photography and jewelry by 16 EAIM members, including Malibu East photo artist Tracy Poyser and her sister, painter Rita Whaley, together with a special wall art display by the Chicago Mosaic School. All art on display at the gallery is for sale.

To celebrate the season and give local artists even more of a showcase, Gallery 1070 is hosting a holiday boutique with a curated selection of original art, prints, textiles, ceramics and other homemade objects that make for wonderfully thoughtful and unique gifts. It'll run from Dec. 8 to Jan. 7, open Thursdays and Fridays 4-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

To learn more about EAIM, check [www.edgewaterartists.com](http://www.edgewaterartists.com).

For more information about Gallery 1070 or renting the space for private or public events, check [www.gallery1070.com](http://www.gallery1070.com).

**See photos on Page 4.**



## Community Calendar

By Neil Warner

### 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.

Hours: 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

#### CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beat 2433 community meeting  
Tuesday, Dec. 26, 7 p.m.  
Engine 70 Fire House (use north entrance)  
6030 N. Clark  
(Alternating CAPS and community meetings 4th Tuesday of each month)

#### EDGEWATER BRANCH LIBRARY

Check out their book clubs and other events.  
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  
chicpublib.org/locations/28

#### EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Current exhibits: "Made in Chicago: An industrial history in everyday objects 1900-1970" and "Edgewater Beach Hotel: 100 Years Later"  
Regular museum hours:  
Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m.  
5358 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-506-4849  
www.EdgewaterHistory.org

#### EDGEWATER SATELLITE SENIOR CENTER

Organized activities for seniors, Monday through Friday, throughout the year.  
Broadway Armory Park  
5917 N. Broadway  
312-742-5323

#### 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  
WhiteCraneWellness.org

### THEATER/SHOWINGS

#### CITY LIT THEATER

"J.B." by Archibald MacLeish  
Zuss and Nickles, popcorn and balloon vendors in a traveling circus, decide to take on the roles of God and Satan and together they push J.B. through his search for justice in the world toward his discovery of what must take its place. Based on the Book of Job, this 1958 play won a Pulitzer Prize for drama.  
Thru Dec. 10  
Edgewater Presbyterian Church  
1020 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-293-3682  
citylit.org

#### GALLERY 1070 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

A curated selection of original art, prints, textiles, ceramics and other homemade objects that make for unique gifts.  
Dec. 8 thru Jan. 7, Thu.-Sun.  
Gallery 1070  
NE corner of Granville/Winthrop  
gallery1070.com

#### LI'L BUDS THEATRE

"Those Silly Reindeer"  
A lighthearted show set at the North Pole just before Christmas Eve.  
Thru Dec. 17  
The Edge Theater  
5451 N. Broadway  
773-334-4543  
lilbudstheatre.org

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

**Fall Dance Informance 2017**  
At the end of the semester, Loyola students, including the dance majors and minors, will perform ballet, modern, and jazz pieces.  
Friday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Newhart Family Theatre  
Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts  
1020 W. Sheridan  
"Lessons and Carols"

Loyola's most popular holiday event, this service features a series of lessons combined with liturgical music sung by Loyola's choral ensembles.  
Saturday, Dec. 9, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Madonna della Strada chapel  
artevents.luc.edu/events

#### REDTWIST THEATRE

"I Saw My Neighbor on the Train

#### and I Didn't Even Smile" by Suzanne Heathcote

A dysfunctional family of three generations of alienated women with vastly different personalities are thrown together due to circumstances they can't quite control.  
Thru Dec. 18  
1044 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-728-7529  
redtwist.org

#### THREE CAT PRODUCTIONS

##### "Cabaret on the Lake"

A free, monthly variety show giving singers, storytellers, comedians, performance artists, musicians, dancers, poets, and solo artists of every type a place to develop their work.  
Friday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
Berger Park Cultural Center  
6205 N. Sheridan  
threecatproductions.com

#### UNCOMMON GROUND

##### "Pine" by Jacqui Honess-Martin

A delightfully unfestive comedy about pursuing dreams, managing expectations and working retail, set in a working Christmas tree lot (aka Uncommon Ground's patio). Performances are outdoors. Dress warmly; heaters and blankets provided.  
Thru Dec. 10  
1401 W. Devon  
773-465-9801  
festivepines.com

### Photos from Gallery 1070 opening



**Management report***(Continued from page 1)*

your home for the buildup of paper documents. You will be able to track down information much faster and easier using the search engine of your electronic devices. The electronic transmission will allow you to be kept informed of the activities taking place at Malibu East in an advantageous fashion.

**FAÇADE/BALCONY PROJECT:** RBS is finishing small masonry repairs on the L and M facades. Despite RBS's previous projections, it had no other choice but to postpone until 2018 the application of the coating on the balconies due to inclement weather (RBS needed temperatures higher than 40 degrees for three consecutive days and nights) and high winds. Management informed the residents of the L and M tiers of their option to put back outdoor furniture and accessories onto their balconies for the winter. For those of our residents who chose to do so, please be aware that all furniture and accessories will have to be relocated from the balconies in the spring of 2018, as soon as the temperature reaches 40 degrees, days and nights, and clement winds allow work on scaffolds.

On a positive note, all 84 condensers

of the L and M tiers were disconnected on time during the week of Oct. 23; none of the owners in the L and M tiers was billed the \$100 service fee. Each owner received a copy of Call Joe's assessment/disconnection report and pictures of their individual condenser.

As a reminder, the cost of the reconnection of the condensers in 2018 is being assumed by the Association, free of charge to the unit owner, except for (1) the cost of the refrigerant to be replenished if it was found to be below normal level before the disconnection, and (2) the cost of any repair or part replacement deemed necessary if the unit was found in poor condition before the disconnection, or if parts fail during the reconnection. In those cases, the owner will have to either reimburse the Association if the repair work is done by Call Joe and the owner has agreed to it, or hire and pay an HVAC contractor of the owner's choice to proceed with the repair and/or part replacement and the reconnection of the condenser.

We are advising the owners who were notified of defects in their condensing units to contact either Call Joe or any other vendor of his/her choice to make timely arrangement for the replacement and/or repair of the defective parts. Owners are responsible

for making sure that any HVAC repair work is perfectly synchronized with the façade/balcony project when time comes to reconnect the condensers. The condensers will be reinstalled once the balcony coating is applied in early 2018.

Further, the masonry repairs of the B tier northeast corner facade have been completed. However, RBS was unable to work on the K tier facade as anticipated due to inclement weather and high winds. The K tier facade repairs will be done in 2018 as part of Phase Two of the project.

In order to minimize construction costs, the scaffold on Sheridan Road will remain in place through the winter as it is needed for the remaining work on the L and M tiers, which will be executed as soon as the weather permits in 2018.

Pursuant to the Board's decision, Phase Two consists of the following: completion of Phase One work; repairs to the balcony and facade as needed and recoating of all balconies on the north tiers K, H, F and D; repairs and recoating of the north balconies of the B tier; complete brick replacement of the garage west wall; and replacement of the commercial mall windows.

**STACK EFFECT:** A study of the causes of and remedies for the stack (chimney) effect in our building is in progress.



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**Restaurant review**

**Appellation: Tasty food in cozy setting**

By Beth Robinson



Appellation, a wine bar and gourmet cheese shop in Andersonville, is the fourth Chicago location for Pastoral Artisan Cheese and Wine. Inside to the right is a large bar and café tables; on the left is a cheese counter with selected artisan cheeses, meats, accompaniments and bottles of wine for sale. The wine bar offers lunch and dinner menu options ranging from cheese slates, fondue, and macaroni and cheese to braised lamb shank and seared scallops. Sandwiches and salads can be ordered to go or for home delivery, too.

Appellation also serves brunch from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends, and that is the meal the Dialogue Diners decided to try one Sunday morning. The group



of six was seated, not in the bar and café, but at a single table located at the back of the cheese shop where we sat surrounded by towering shelves of wine. This semi-private setting had little background noise, making it ideal for conversation, not to mention perusal of the wines. (Who knew that the wine featuring a smiling teenage boy wearing glasses on its label is called Late Bloomer?)

The creative but limited brunch menu features a savory and a sweet section and a list of sandwiches. From the sweet side, the apple fritters with caramel sauce were a delicious start. The caramel sauce was so good that Janet asked to buy a side portion to take home with her, and the server readily accommodated her. Several diners ordered lattes brought out with an artistic swirl on top but not hot enough for their tastes.

Two people requested the quiche of the day, which comes with a side salad. The kitchen was running out of the original quiche, so Tracy had the portobello mushroom, kale and goat cheese quiche, and Katie got the newly designated quiche of the day with tomato, red onion and kale. Both quiches were high with a buttery crust and rich egg filling evenly browned on

top. Tracy would have liked hers to have been heated up a little more.

Neil enjoyed the chorizo asparagus hash with mostly crispy potatoes, manchego cheese and two fried eggs, with a side order of toast (\$2 extra). He particularly liked the bourbon cherry and blueberry preserve that was served with the toast.



The creamy cheddar cheese grits, topped with a big portion of roasted carrot, potato and zucchini and braised prosciutto, were tasty. Debbie liked the Brunch Board that was served on slate, with serrano ham, Chandoka cheddar cheese made of cow and goat milk, a baguette and various fruits, including pomegranate seeds and apple slices.

Katie asked to take her leftovers home and was pleased to discover that

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# Klezmer music fills Windjammer Room

Nearly 50 residents and guests came to the Windjammer Room to hear the toe-tapping music of the ChickenFat Klezmer Orchestra on Nov. 4.

Four members of the group came to entertain, but an accordion malfunction early in the program reduced the number of performers to three – saxophonist/singer, clarinetist and guitarist – after the first set.

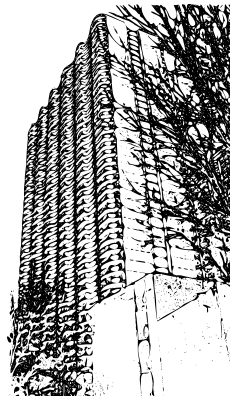
ChickenFat played a variety of music, from klezmer to jazz, Yiddish, Roma and Romanian – certainly an interesting mix of traditional eastern European music not heard that often in this area. The Chicago-based band played at the Edge-water Art Festival in late September.

The Social Committee provided finger food and beverages, and some residents brought food to share.

The event gave residents, old and new, a chance to socialize and listen to some music.



Photos by Tracy Poyser



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## Holiday parties set

By Sandy Chaet

Our annual holiday party for residents will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20 in the Lobby, starting at 6 p.m. Resident Randall Fleer will provide the music.

The holiday party has been one of Malibu East's most attended parties. The Social Committee provides soda, wine and some refreshments, yet the real success of this party lies with the residents who bring something to share: a finger appetizer, a finger dessert or even wine. If you bring something on a plate, please label it on the bottom with your name and unit number so that, in case you forget to retrieve it at the end of the party, we can return it to you.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, the Social Committee will hold a New Year's Eve party from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Windjammer Room. Please RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 21 so the committee can plan accordingly. At the door, guests who hadn't been preregistered via RSVP will cost \$10 each, with a limit of two guests, payable with cash or a check payable to Malibu East.

The committee will provide a champagne toast at midnight, as well as party favors, refreshments and soda. Please bring wine, beer, soda and/or an appetizer or dessert to share.

Dominic Wayne, a resident of our building, will be our DJ that evening. He is a graduate of Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. Dominic has worked his magic at the Chicago Blackhawks Christmas party, the Ronald McDonald House Charities party, and two parties for Oprah Winfrey, including one attended by former President Barack Obama and Stevie Wonder.

A flier that includes more details and the RSVP form has been distributed to residents.

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## 2018 budget adopted

At its Nov. 28 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the 2018 budget that was mailed to all owners for their review, except for a couple of offsetting changes in the garage expenses.

To recap the Oct. 11 cover letter written by Malibu East treasurer Joan Scholl and mailed to owners along with the budget, assessments will remain unchanged in 2018, the third time in the last four years that has occurred.

Monthly and daily parking rates also will stay the same, as will the charges for the Laundry Room machines. The charges for bulk internet and bulk satellite television will not change, unless DirecTV raises its fees, in which case the increase will be passed on to each owner.

There will be increases in a number of fees, including the late fee (from \$60 to \$65), the returned check fee (from \$50 to \$55), and the Windjammer Room rental fee (from \$160 to \$200). Increases of \$50 each will take effect for the unit transfer processing fee, the move fee and the move security deposit.

Lastly, there will be \$5 increases in the charges for a new pool tag, a lost fob and an unreturned parking decal.

## Restaurant review

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the restaurant uses a biodegradable container that will break down in 90 days.

Brunch entrées are priced from \$9 to \$15, reasonable considering the high-quality ingredients and good portion sizes. Dinner prices run higher. Everyone enjoyed the pleasant service and cozy neighborhood bistro setting and thought that they would go back for brunch, to try the dinner menu, or for the jazz brunch offered monthly, usually on the first Sunday of the month.

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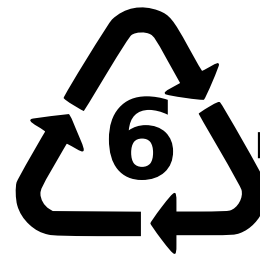
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