

# Malibu East Dialogue

March 2018

Your Communication and Information Resource

## What's happening around the building?

By *Violette Deschamps*,  
Malibu East Manager



### ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS, LOWER LEVEL:

The Board is pleased to announce that the restrooms in the commercial mall are now completed, exclusively for use by the mall tenants and their customers. They have been completely renovated with a floor plan and equipment in compliance with the ADA regulations, finishes selected for their durability and minimum maintenance, and lighting that will achieve energy savings.

**NEW TENANTS IN COMMERCIAL MALL:** The Board is pleased to announce that two new tenants have been added to the commercial mall. The first tenant is the Chicago Center for Cognitive Wellness, headed by founder and owner Dr. Sherrie All, a licensed clinical psychologist. CCCW specializes in rehabilitation services for individuals suffering from brain injuries, Alzheimer's disease and other mental impairments. The space occupied by CCCW is S7, near the east end of the mall.

The second tenant is David's Market, operated by Kamal Chhabria. He is planning to renovate the entire space formerly occupied by the Malibu Convenient Mart, installing new shelving and equipment. Kamal is currently

making arrangements to open a temporary store across the hall in the former bank space until the renovation is completed.

**MAIN DRAIN STACKS:** We completed the preventive rodding and flushing of the main kitchen drain stacks. This work is done to minimize the risks of sewage backing up into units. We have a total of 12 kitchen stacks. Two of them, tiers B and K, were impaired by a considerable amount of solidified grease mixed with food debris. This is a strong indicator of misuse of the garbage disposals and sinks. Garbage disposal debris and greasy waste are prone to mix together and stick to the walls of the pipes, particularly in the most vulnerable locations, which are the horizontal



pipes. Waste buildup in the pipes increases the risk of backups and flooding in units. Once the drain stack diameter is restricted to a critical point, debris and water may back up into the sinks and overflow onto the floor. Flooding in a unit may cause damage that requires the replacement of kitchen cabinets, appliances, furniture and flooring finishes.

Particularly for tiers B and K, it is critical to abide by the following:

1. Use more water to flush your garbage disposal;
2. Use more water to flush your kitchen sink;
3. Use your garbage disposal according to the manufacturer's instructions;
4. Refrain from disposing of grease, oil, chicken skin and the like in the pipes or garbage disposals.

**CONDUCTING BUSINESS:** Per the Rules and Regulations of Malibu East,

conducting business in the common areas, including the recreational and workout rooms, is not permitted. Furthermore, talking on a cell phone or using any other type of device that is likely to create a noise nuisance shows a lack of courtesy for the other persons present.

**PACKAGE DELIVERY TO UNITS:** Malibu East does not offer a door service to bring your packages to your unit. However, the Board is interested in assessing the need and feasibility of an automated delivery service for deliveries to the property after business hours of the Receiving Room. The automated delivery box system would be installed in a room located in the lower level and equipped with controlled access. The room would contain about 65 delivery boxes of small, medium and large sizes, together. Access to the delivery room would be controlled with a key fob reader. A survey will be distributed in the coming months to assess the need and feasibility. At that time we would appreciate your comments and suggestions on this topic to assist the Board and management in their study.

**KEY FOB AUDIT:** Management is in the process of auditing the key fobs in circulation. Based on the current rules, please be reminded of the following:

1. Each resident 12 years of age or older is entitled to a key fob free of charge;
2. An additional key fob can be purchased at the cost of \$100 each;
3. Offsite owners who rent their units are not entitled to a key fob free of charge;
4. A lost key fob may be replaced at the cost of \$55 each;

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### Malibu East events and meetings

#### Thursday afternoon discussion

Thursday, March 15  
2:00 p.m. - Community Room  
(every 3rd Thursday of the month)

#### Easter egg hunt

Saturday, March 24  
10:00 a.m. - Windjammer Room

#### Board meeting

Tuesday, March 27  
7:30 p.m. - Windjammer Room

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

Our condolences  
to the family  
and friends of  
Ruth-Betty Spilky





# Board meeting notes

By Neil Warner

## Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018

Attendance: Nine Board members, one management representative, two residents  
Excused: Carol Beatty, Carl Chadek, Sandy Chaet  
Presiding: President Marcel Molins

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) None.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Joan Scholl

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

Operating and reserve cash  
\$4,993,661  
Investment in units  
\$2,161,529 (13 units)  
Excess of operating revenue over expenses  
\$2,135 year-to-date

#### 2) Delinquencies (as of Feb. 23)

\$433,401, including \$242,707 from former residents, less \$310,000 allowance for doubtful accounts

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Committee anticipates scheduling a meeting to begin discussion of Association's options when current satellite TV contract expires in 2019.

#### 2) Garage – Martina Molins

Garage was 67 cars below capacity as of Jan. 31. Fourteen residents were on waiting list for single self-parking spaces. There were two damage claims in January, both denied.

#### 3) Sports – Neil Warner

New yoga class begins March 8, a week later than usual. Newcomers are welcome but must commit to a full month of classes. Committee got only one comment/suggestion from residents regarding additional game or equipment to enhance the appeal of Billiard Room.

#### 4) Social – Neil Warner

Discussion group will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in Community Room. An Easter egg hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24 in Windjammer Room. A high tea will be held Sunday, April 29 in Windjammer Room. Edgewater Yard Sale (formerly known as White Elephant Sale) will be Saturday, June 2 in Captain's Walk. Windy City Gay Chorus will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3 in Windjammer Room.

#### 5) ASCO & Community Affairs – Neil Warner

ASCO annual meeting Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Edgewater Plaza, 5455 N. Sheridan. See article on page 7 for full report.

### MANAGEMENT REPORT – Violette Deschamps

#### Items requiring Board action

##### 1) 40F sale

A contract to sell this Association-owned unit fell through because of a contingency, but the prospective buyer has resubmitted a nearly identical offer – a \$325,000 sales price with a \$15,000 closing credit and a \$2,000 escrow for possible HVAC repairs. Board approved this new contract. A meeting of unit owners to approve the sale will be scheduled.

##### 2) 20G sale

Board reviewed the sales contract for this unit and elected not to exercise its right of first refusal.

##### 3) Garage carbon monoxide detection system

Directors approved a vendor's proposal to prepare the bidding documents and supervise the bidding and actual construction of a carbon monoxide detection system and exhaust control in the garage.

##### 4) Seawall rehabilitation

Board approved a proposal from a consulting firm to provide construction documents and supervise the bidding and construction designed to repair Malibu East's seawall.

##### 5) Garage structural repair

Directors voted to hire a consulting firm to provide construction documents and bidding assistance, as well as construction phase services, in repairing the cracked columns in the garage.

##### 6) Commercial tenant settlement

Directors voted to empower Board president Molins to negotiate a final settlement with a commercial tenant at the end of tenant's lease.

##### 7) New benches for Lobby

Board authorized the replacement of benches in Lobby entryway and elevator lobby.

##### 8) Owner payment plan

Directors approved a payment plan for unit owner.

##### 9) Owner payment plan

Board approved a payment plan for owner of another unit.

##### 10) Contractor settlement

Board accepted a payment from a general contractor as a settlement of Association's claim for defects in workmanship in renovating an Association-owned unit.

##### 11) 22.1 disclosure statement

Approved as amended.

#### Old/new business

##### 1) Owners' distribution list

Board heard legal advice from Association's attorney regarding the keeping of

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.

- an owners' list.
- 2) **Garage transient parking**  
Waiting for more information.
  - 3) **Commercial mall renaming**  
Under review.
  - 4) **Dry cleaning and delivery boxes**  
Management will survey residents to see if they'd use a dry cleaning pickup service.
  - 5) **Landscaping beautification**  
Committee will meet with landscape architect.
  - 6) **Sliding door replacement**  
Board voted to replace a sliding glass door/window unit in Windjammer Room.
  - 7) **Balcony/facade project**  
RBS has begun Phase Two on the north side tiers (D, F, H and K) with concrete demolition. It will finish installing waterproof membranes on L and M units when weather permits.
  - 8) **Stack effect study**  
See "garage carbon monoxide detection system" above.
  - 9) **Convenience store**  
New store operator will temporarily use former bank space while convenience store space is being renovated.
  - 10) **New commercial tenant**  
New tenant will soon open business, Chicago Center for Cognitive Wellness, in Captain's Walk space S7.
  - 11) **Captain's Walk restrooms**  
Renovations have been completed and restrooms are now ADA-compliant.
  - 12) **Captain's Walk stairwell**  
Nothing new.
  - 13) **Realtor lease/sale reports**  
Nearly all commercial spaces are leased.
  - 14) **Rules revisions**  
Nothing new.
  - 15) **Committee membership**  
Nothing new.
  - 16) **Association-owned units**  
Of 13 units owned by the Association as of Jan. 31, 10 were being rented, one was under contract to be sold, and two were listed for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. and went into closed session.

## Board meeting dates

March 27	September 12
April 24	(annual meeting)
May 22	September 25
June 26	October 23
July 24	November 27
August 28	(budget approval)
	December 18

## Paws, whiskers, bunny ears waiting for you

By Tracy Poyser



Last November's *Dialogue* interviews with our resident canines Galant and Captain Morgan, and felines Pong and Stella didn't leave enough space to let you know how easy it is to find a four-legged companion here in Chicago in one of our exceptional animal shelters/adoption agencies. Even though he was a mere kitten, Pong remembers all the kitties that were left behind at Felines & Canines Inc. when he and his brother Ping were adopted by the Whaleys, and how they all envied him.

Winter is always a rough time for stray pets, with local no-kill shelters getting filled to capacity – a situation that's even more dire with all the four-legged refugees from the recent devastating hurricanes down south and in Puerto Rico. So, if you have the ability and willingness to open your heart and home to these orphans from the storms and city streets, we want to share a few recommended places where you can begin your search. Don't forget that a pet-owning neighbor in Malibu East can give you solid references – I don't have exact statistics, but I know that many of our resident pets were adopted.

Education is a crucial factor in keeping pets in "forever" homes, and there's no better general resource than North America's largest online nonprofit adoption resource, AdoptAPet.com. It is a veritable encyclopedia of useful tips and guidelines about types of pets, breeds, suitability for apartment environments, basic care and links to local reputable adoption sources. The site also has a great list of tips and answers of value to existing pet owners. It even has a special section about how to "rehome" a precious pet who may need a new lifelong adoptive setting.

Before you adopt, they want you to know the following 10 most important things you should consider (based on a *Purina Pets For People* survey of more than 180 AdoptAPet.com animal shelters and rescue groups across the U.S.):

1. When you adopt, you need to make a real commitment to care for your pet for its entire life, no matter what

that entails, just as you would with a child.

2. Be prepared for a pet to affect other parts of your life for as long as you have the pet (can be up to 15 years for a dog and 20 years for cat). Your pet's well-being will have to be considered in all kinds of decisions, including travel, social life, relocating to a new home, adopting other pets, having children, etc.
3. Verify in advance that you're allowed to keep a pet where you live, especially if you rent or belong to a homeowners' association (for Malibu East, check our Rules & Regulations, Section III.G).
4. Make any necessary modifications to your yard and fence, if you have one, to provide for your pet's safety and to prevent your pet from escaping. (For us, that's our balconies and the doors to the corridors.)
5. Never give a pet as a gift.



6. Choose a pet appropriate to your living situation and lifestyle. Figure out what size, age and energy-level pet is most appropriate for you (and remember some dog breeds bark more than others).
7. Never adopt a pet on a whim or because you feel it's love-at-first-sight. Do your research and carefully consider all the aspects and implications of adopting before deciding.
8. If you're adopting a pet for your kids, understand that the responsibility is yours. Kids, by their nature, often tire of things that were once new and exciting, and this includes their pets. You will most likely end up being the one who provides most of the pet's care.
9. Plan for a several-week adjustment period during which there will be challenges.
10. Provide sufficient exercise and stimulation. (Walk dogs according to individual need, provide playtime and appropriate toys for both dogs

and cats, spend time just petting and talking to your pet, include the pet in family activities.)

The following short selection of pet adoption agencies all have no-kill policies. Fees vary (anywhere from \$20 to \$100+ for cats, and up to \$350 for dogs or \$100 for a rabbit) and cover the necessary health clearance and vaccinations, including spaying/neutering, and a promise to provide ongoing support and assistance to "forever" families. Also, each agency mandates a thorough screening process of future "parents" and facilitate ample familiarization and playtime before they will let you take an animal home. All of them have websites with extensive information and background about the agency, and photos of the animals currently up for adoption.

### FELINES & CANINES

Here in Edgewater, you can't go wrong with Felines & Canines, located at the corner of Paulina and Devon. When I visited the agency late last year, I had the pleasure to meet executive director Abby Smith. Abby joined the F&C family back in 2001 as a part-time adoption counselor. Seventeen years later, she has changed the lives of over 10,000 homeless animals and continues to be a fearless pioneer in the world of animal welfare. Felines & Canines was also one of the first shelters in the Chicagoland area to welcome FIV-positive (feline immunodeficiency virus) cats into their program and, thanks to countless amazing, open-minded adopters and improved education about FIV, they find FIV-positive cats are adopted at the same rate as FIV-negative cats.

Abby told me that Alabama and Kentucky rank as the worst states when it comes to animal welfare. So, in late 2017, F&C expanded to launch Felines & Canines Rescue Center (FCRC), a revolutionary rescue, adoption and relocation center located in Huntsville, Ala., and designed to save thousands of homeless dogs and cats on an annual basis from communities in our nation where help is needed most. So, your next adopted pup may well bark with a Southern drawl!

### Felines & Canines

www.felinescanines.org  
6379 N. Paulina St.

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## 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 CAPS meeting  
Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m.  
Edgewater Branch Library  
6000 N. Broadway  
(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

chilib.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

"The Picture of Dorian Gray,"  
adapted by Paul Edwards

Oscar Wilde's only novel ranks with Frankenstein and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde as an excursion into psychological horror. This adaptation is set in New York City from 1970 to 1980 as youth and beauty hide the onset of epidemics of AIDS and crack cocaine. March 2 thru April 15  
Edgewater Presbyterian Church  
1020 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-293-3682  
citylit.org

#### JACKALOPE THEATRE

"PerKup Elkhorn" by Isaac Gomez

A new play-reading series.  
Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m.  
The Frontier  
1106 W. Thorndale  
jackalopetheatre.org

#### LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

In/Motion screening of "Thinking on Their Feet"

A free screening of Jenai Cutcher's feature-length documentary "Thinking On Their Feet: Women of the Tap Renaissance," which explores the work of the women who resurrected and revolutionized the art of American tap dance, followed by Q & A with the director.

Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m.  
Crown Center Auditorium  
1001-25 W. Loyola Ave. (NE side of campus)

In/Motion international dance film juried screening

A screening of selected international dance film shorts, followed by an awards presentation.  
Friday, March 23, 7 p.m.

Damen Cinema  
Damen Student Center  
6511 N. Sheridan

Mozart's "Requiem Mass"

A celebration of Mozart's works, featuring the chamber choir, university chorale, member's chorus, and symphony orchestra.

Friday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Mundelein Auditorium

"Cabaret" by John Kander and Fred Ebb

Based on a memoir by Christopher Isherwood, this 1966 musical has

been revived, changed and sharpened in the past 50 years, but it remains one of the most shocking and moving works about Weimar Germany.

April 5-15

Newhart Family Theatre

First Friday series: James Fritz

Loyola alumnus returns to give a piano recital featuring music from the Romantic and Impressionistic periods.

Friday, April 6, 11:30 a.m.

Skowronski Music Hall

The preceding three Loyola events will be held at the Mundelein Center for the Fine and Performing Arts

1020 W. Sheridan

artsevents.luc.edu/events

#### RALPH ARNOLD GALLERY

"Under the Influence"

This exhibition explores the work of artists who also work as art educators and their various sources of inspiration.

Thru March 23

1131 W. Sheridan

773-508-7510

luc.edu/ralpharnoldgallery

#### RAVEN THEATRE

"Nice Girl" by Melissa Ross

Josephine Rosen finds herself stuck in her job, her spinsterhood and her mom's house at age 37, but a new friendship and a budding romance bring her the possibility of change.

Thru March 11

"The Gentleman Caller" by Philip Dawkins

Before the Chicago premiere of "The Glass Menagerie," future playwright William Inge, then a dissatisfied newspaper critic, invites playwright Tennessee Williams to his St. Louis apartment for an interview. This

fraught, sexy rendezvous sparks a relationship that radically alters the course of their lives and the American theater.

March 28 thru May 13

6157 N. Clark

773-338-2177

raventheatre.com

#### REDTWIN THEATRE

"Surely Goodness and Mercy" by Chisa Hutchinson

Tino is a Newark schoolboy sent to live with an abusive aunt after his mother dies protecting him in a street fight. Seeking solace, Tino befriends the cantankerous lunch

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**Management report**

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5. A broken or nonfunctioning key fob is replaced at no charge upon the return of the defective fob to management;
6. Key fobs registered to a unit that exceed the number of occupants age 12 or older, and/or in excess of the fobs issued to the unit over the years, shall be returned to management with no delay in order to avoid the applicable fees of \$55 each;
7. Key fobs in excess of the number of occupants in a unit, if not returned to management, will be billed to the account of the respective unit owners on the May or June statements.

**GARAGE AND CARPET CLEANINGS:**

We will proceed with the garage pressure wash in March, followed by carpet cleaning of the residential floors. We request the cooperation of all self-parkers to timely remove their vehicles as requested by the garage manager in order to accommodate the garage cleaning as scheduled. The carpet cleaning will be done by first selecting the floors in critical condition. We anticipate the completion of the garage and carpet cleanings by the end of April.

**BICYCLE AUDIT:** Management initiated a bike audit starting with the bikes attached to the outdoor bicycle

rack. If you have a bike attached to the rack with an orange notice attached to it, please remove it from the rack no later than the deadline indicated on the notice. Once that is done, contact management to register your bike to be stored in the Bicycle Room. Bikes bearing an orange notice and kept attached to the bike rack past the deadline will be removed by management and stored for 30 days, after which they will be disposed of with no further notice.

**2018 PROJECTS:** The Board made decisions at the February meeting to launch several important projects as follows:

Installation of a carbon monoxide detection system and ventilation control in the garage. This system will help alleviate the stack effect in the building. This is the first step of several actions to be taken to remediate to the stack effect to an acceptable level. Related projects for this year include the installation of strategic vestibules, weather stripping and sealing of gaps, and replacement of the windows in the lower level and on the first floor.

Rehabilitation of the seawall, which shows vertical displacement; the project consists of replacing the existing grade with a concrete slab that provides a structural liaison between the seawall and the building.

Structural remediation of four garage columns to stop the cracking caused by lateral and vertical movements between building compartments.

**SATELLITE TV BASIC PROGRAMMING:** In order to help eliminate any confusion about our satellite TV and how it works, please find below a short summary of the facts:

1. Malibu East provides the basic satellite TV programming to each unit;
2. The basic satellite TV programming is under a bulk contract between Malibu East and USA Wireless;
3. USA Wireless buys the basic programming from DirecTV and then delivers and bills it to Malibu East;
4. Malibu East does not have a contract with DirecTV;
5. USA Wireless is responsible for the wiring and the main equipment that enables the delivery of the basic satellite TV programming to each unit;
6. Any reception or wiring issues must be reported to USA Wireless at 847-831-4561; do not call the DirecTV

national service as you may be adding one extra layer before your service can be restored;

7. The billing is not discretionary. Malibu East bills the basic cable TV programming to all owners. It cannot be canceled even if the unit is vacant; it cannot be canceled if the occupants do not have a TV; it cannot be canceled if the occupants do not use the basic programming;
8. Any resident who wants additional features above and beyond the basic programming (such as HD, DVR, premium channels, etc.) must contact DirecTV and pay the additional fees directly to DirecTV as detailed in a separate monthly invoice.

**BALCONY/FACADE PROJECT:** RBS will install a scaffold and canopy on the Sheridan Road side of the building in order to protect the entrance of the commercial mall before proceeding with the replacement of the bricks on the west wall of the garage and mall. RBS will also complete the work on the L and M tiers as soon as the weather is warm enough for the application of the new balcony membrane and the curing of concrete and sealant work. RBS is currently removing the old membrane from the balconies of the north tiers. Due to the large quantity of encumbrances on certain balconies of the north tiers, management will contact some residents to request that their furniture and other possessions currently stored on their balconies be removed before RBS can complete the removal of the old membrane.

**DISCLOSURE OF NAMES, EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS:**

The Board reiterated its decision to follow the advice of the Association's attorney and not allow owners to opt out of the new Condominium Property Act provision requiring the Association to disclose all owners' names, addresses, percentage of ownership, email addresses and phone numbers when requested by another owner. Be reminded that the new provision allows any owner to request this list with no stated reason or restriction, other than the fact that the requesting owner must certify that they want the information for a purpose related to the Association and won't use the list for a commercial purpose. In February, management distributed to two Malibu East owners the full list of names, email addresses, phone numbers, etc., of all owners.

**Community Calendar**

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lady at school who has been diagnosed with MS.  
Thru March 18  
1044 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-728-7529  
redtwi st. org

**STEEP THEATRE**

**"Hinter" by Calamity West**

Inspired by a chilling and true unsolved crime, "Hinter" is a darkly comic thriller set in a remote village in Bavaria in 1922.

Thru March 17

**"Birdland" by Simon Stephens**

A sexy, searing exploration of empathy and the impact of unchecked privilege by Olivier and Tony Award winner Simon Stephens.

March 31 thru May 12

1115 W. Berwyn  
773-649-3186  
steeptheatre. com

## Paws, whiskers, bunny ears (Continued from page 3)

Phone: 773-465-4132 (phones are answered 12:30-6 p.m.)

Fax: 773-465-6454

E-mail: info@FelinesCanines.org

**Adoption hours:** Open seven days a week from 12:30-6 p.m. for adoptions – no appointment needed.

**Note:** The shelter is located at the corner of Paulina and Devon – enter on the Devon side of the building. Limited free parking is available on Paulina; ample metered parking is available on Devon.

### TREE HOUSE HUMANE SOCIETY

If you have a big heart and want to give a permanent home to a rescue kitty, visit Tree House on Western Avenue, a block north of Touhy. Tree House's primary mission centers around the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of sick, injured, abused and neglected cats. Since their founding in 1971, Tree House has rescued and adopted more than 25,000 cats and sterilized more than 30,000 animals through public spay/neuter, as well as their Community Cats/T-N-R (trap-neuter-return) program. Tree House will support you throughout the life of your pet and offer ongoing assistance and advice through their behavior counseling hotline. But, if you adopt a Tree House cat and discover it is not a good fit, or you have an emergency or your circumstances change, they will help you find solutions, even if that means your cat needs to return to Tree House.

Here is a resounding endorsement from my young friend Nathan Halverson – a pro at dog walking and art photography – about his experience with Tree House:

"Three years ago, I adopted one of the loves of my life from Tree House. From having photos and caring descrip-

tions of their cat family on the internet, I was able to warm up to my dear Mona Moo Moo before even walking through the door. The staff there made the meeting and application process run efficiently. I was approved and my cat was given a clean bill of health from their in-house medical staff (another plus). All of that took place in a couple of hours. And, Tree House staff were familiar with Mona's personality and made sure I could provide her with a compatible home. They even offer a pet supply pantry for people to ensure cats and their humans are connected to stress-free homes. Plus, they specialize being a haven for cats with FIV who are often turned away by other shelters. Tree House is a refuge that superbly engages with the heart every step of the way."

### Tree House

www.treehouseanimalshelter.org

7225 N. Western Ave.

Phone: 773-262-4000, ext. 107

Email: info@treehouseanimalshelter.org

**Adoption hours:** Mon.-Tue.: noon-6 p.m.; closed Wed.; Thu.-Sun.: noon-6 p.m.

### RED DOOR ANIMAL SHELTER

A few blocks south of Tree House at Lunt and Western is a smaller and more unusual pet adoption resource for you. Founded in 1998 as Chicago Community Humane Center, Red Door Animal Shelter is a no-kill facility focused on the rescue, shelter and adoption of cats, dogs and rabbits. It's one of only five no-kill, multi-species shelters in the country that admit rabbits as well as cats and dogs, spays/neuters them and places them up for adoption. Their cozy, cageless environment gives the animals the closest-to-a-home experience possible. Red Door even offers permanent residence for those few animals not placed in homes.

At this writing, 16 of Red Door's

adoptable animals were rabbits – but before you commit to a bunny, please be aware that they are high-maintenance creatures that thrive on human company (check the House Rabbit Society – rabbit.org – for good advice). They don't necessarily socialize with other rabbits, and can scare easily. But, here's an example as to how Red Door's staff will help: Dialogue staffer Beth Robinson's daughter Maya Flores was looking for a companion for her pet rabbit, Bradley. "Maya thought she (yes, Bradley is female) would like some company," Beth recalls. Red Door set up "bunny speed dating" for Bradley to get a sense for which rabbit at the shelter might be compatible. As a result, Maya fostered the chosen rabbit for a few months. The rabbits lived in separate cages and had controlled contact while they tried to adjust to each other. The foster rabbit was very sweet with humans but had a fickle bunny heart when it came to other rabbits. So, Red Door took it back, and it was quickly adopted.

With Red Door, appointments are highly recommended, and you'll need an appointment for all rabbit and dog adoptions, since dogs available for adoption are not located at their shelter address.

### Red Door Animal Shelter

www.RedDoorShelter.org

2410 W. Lunt Ave.

Phone: 773-764-2242

Email: info@RedDoorShelter.org

**Visiting hours:** Mon. closed; Tue.-Fri. 12-5 p.m.; Sat.-Sun.: 12-4 p.m.

**Note:** Please call for weeknight hours and arrive one hour in advance of closing time.

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them is **PAWS Chicago** (PawsChicago.org), with an extensive network of services and locations, and of course the **Anti-Cruelty Society** (AntiCruelty.org), with its main adoption center at 510 N. LaSalle. There's not enough space here to write about them all, but they all share the same caring mission.

If you can't open your home to a pet even though you love animals, consider volunteering – all shelters love to have human playmates for their charges to keep them engaged and able to socialize. The websites list all of their volunteer needs and ways to make one-time or regular financial donations. You'll get happy woofs and meows in return (I just read that rabbits squeak or honk when they're happy about something).

P.S. This article doesn't mention birds – so if you have some experiences to share about your canary or budgie, please contact our editor. Also, remember our rules don't allow exotic creatures like monkeys, snakes, large lizards or pot-bellied pigs.

**ASCO news**

By Sandy Chaet and Neil Warner

The Association of Sheridan Condominium/Co-op Owners' (ASCO) annual meeting will be held Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Edgewater Plaza, 5455 N. Sheridan Road. State Rep. Kelly Cassidy will be the featured speaker, discussing recently approved and pending state legislation. Parking at Edgewater Plaza will be available for a fee.

The City offers a \$50 sewer rebate to seniors 65 or older. If you applied for the rebate last year, you should receive a letter from the City's Committee on Finance that you can use to reapply. If you didn't apply last year, you will need to fill out an application, available in our Management Office or on [committeefinance.org/claims/sewer.asp](http://committeefinance.org/claims/sewer.asp). You will also have to provide copies of the following documents: Malibu East's water bill (available in the Management Office), your 2016 second installment property tax bill showing that you received a senior citizen exemption, and proof of your age, such as a driver's license, state ID or passport. These documents must be submitted to Ald. Harry Osterman's office, 5533 N. Broadway, to the attention of Jerry Goodman, by July 1. Do not send original documents.

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**Let's be eccentric**

By Helen Reichert Lambin

"Eccentric: Departing from a recognized, conventional norm or pattern." (*The American Heritage College Dictionary, Fourth Edition*).



Are eccentrics made or born? Yes. But one thing is certain: Every eccentric is so in their own way. After all, what's the point of being eccentric if you're not yourself?

To celebrate wisdom eccentricity, each monthly issue of the *Dialogue* will offer some aphorisms or pithy insights, one by Eccentric Lambin and one by a Guest Eccentric, if feasible.

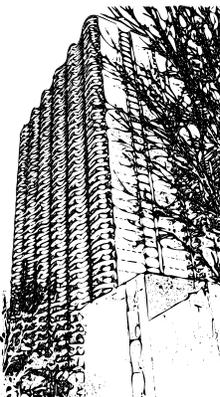


Leading off our new series is a slice of wisdom from Eccentric Lambin: **The only thing worse than discovering that you are not perfect is discovering that you are.**

You are invited to be a Guest Eccentric by contributing your own sample of eccentric wisdom to the *Dialogue*. Email it to [Dialogue@MalibuEast.org](mailto:Dialogue@MalibuEast.org) and place "Eccentrics" in the subject line, or leave a hard copy at the front desk to the attention of *Dialogue* editor Neil Warner. Maximum number of pithy words: 30.

The text will appear in print, either with your name or anonymously if so requested. However, as with all editorial text, the *Dialogue* staff reserves the right to edit the text or choose not to print it.

So, up with eccentricity, wisdom and creativity. It wasn't conventional cave persons who did the cave paintings at Lascaux.



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**Restaurant review****A taste of Nigeria in Rogers Park**By **Beth Robinson**

Simi's restaurant serves authentic Nigerian cuisine in West Rogers Park. Five Dialogue Diners who knew little about Nigerian food headed to Simi's on a Tuesday night, not knowing exactly what to expect.

The restaurant, located in a pleasantly decorated storefront on Western Avenue, had only a few other customers that night. We were greeted and seated by a warm and welcoming woman who turned out to be Funmibi Johnson, the owner and chef and our server for the evening. She walked us through the menu, providing detailed descriptions of the dishes and dispelled any hesitation we may have had about trying unfamiliar food.

Before we ordered, our server brought out a bowl of chin chin, small and crunchy cubes similar to a sweet shortbread. Debbie thought they were an unusual, tasty snack for nibbling on.

To sample several different entrees, we ordered family-style, which turned out to be a good decision given the large size of the portions. We began with two appetizers. Plantains and gizzards combined the sweet taste of plantains with savory spices. Neil liked the combination of flavors even though he doesn't particularly like chicken gizzards. Our second appetizer was a Scotch egg, a hard-boiled egg wrapped in fried sausage served with a red cabbage slaw. The Scotch egg is a British dish that made its way to Nigeria when the region was a British colony.

For entrees, we started with jollof rice, a dry rice dish that is cooked in tomato puree and spices, and served with a selection of meat on the side. According to our server, no Nigerian party is complete without jollof rice, and Nigerians and Ghanaians have an ongoing rivalry over which country's jollof rice is better. Diners liked the rice, noting that it was spicy but not red-pepper hot. The beef chunks that we chose to go with the rice were flavorful but a little dry.

The favorite dish of the night was efu-egusi stew, made of spinach and cooked melon seed, with iyan, which is a pounded white yam. Each diner received a warm ball that looked like

mashed potatoes wrapped in cellophane. To eat the stew Nigerian-style, we pinched off a piece of the iyan, dipped it in the stew, and popped it into our mouths.

The third entrée, a whole fried Pacific croaker fish served with a red pepper stew and fried plantains, was not as popular with the group. The fish had little flesh but plenty of crispy parts for those who favor crunchy fried fish. We also had a portion of moi-moi, a mild, custard-like side dish.

Dessert of warm tapioca topped with crushed chin chin was a great way to end the meal.

The restaurant is BYOB, and Helen graciously provided a bottle of wine for the group. The cost of the meal at \$17 per person was very reasonable.

We enjoyed our food adventure and the friendly reception at the restaurant. Katie liked having a chance to talk with the owner about the political and social implications of Nigeria's oil industry.

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ments, only copies. If you have any questions, contact Jerry Goodman at [jerry@48thward.org](mailto:jerry@48thward.org) or 773-784-5277 (Tue./Thu.)

In response to many condominium owners' outcry against the new law forcing condo associations to provide their personal information to other owners, State Sen. Kwame Raoul is sponsoring SB 572, which would remove the requirement that condo management provide phone numbers and email addresses to other association owners who formally request the contact information. The bill is making its way through the Illinois Senate.

Another bill, SB 2556, sponsored by Sen. Laura Murphy, could potentially shift the burden for paying legal fees associated with collecting delinquent assessments to the association rather than the delinquent owners. In such a case, all owners in the association would have to share the legal expense, rather than only the delinquent owner.

ASCO encourages concerned owners to email or write to our state senator, Heather Steans ([senatorsteans.com](http://senatorsteans.com)), and/or to the bill's sponsor to express their opposition to the bills. Go to [ascosheridanroad.org/asco](http://ascosheridanroad.org/asco) for more information.

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