

Malibu East Dialogue

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Your Communication and Information Resource

Sheridan bike safety campaign in full swing

Bike blitz

by Jack Winans

After a few false starts and weather cancellations, the first 2002 Sheridan Road sidewalk bike blitz was a great success on Sunday, May 19. Six of Mayor Daley's Bicycle Ambassadors, Tom Samuels from the 48th Ward and ASCO volunteers assembled by Sheli Lulkin were stationed from Ardmore to Granville on Sheridan Road sidewalks. The campaign, titled "Don't ride on the sidewalk," was essentially an education program designed to inform riders of the available bike lanes on Kenmore and Winthrop. The Chicago Police Department had requested this educational blitz prior to the onset of the new ordinance that mandates "plastic-strip booting" of bicycles on Sheridan Road sidewalks taking effect May 25.

Volunteers handed out leaflets explaining that Sheridan sidewalk bikers were breaking the law and gave them directions to the bike lanes on Winthrop and Kenmore. The leaflet also had a map of local bike paths and lanes. The leaflet was created by the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation for CDOT and was sponsored by the city of Chicago's "Safety in Motion," CDOT, Ald. Mary Ann Smith and ASCO.

Sgt. Jeffrey A. Sacks and Patrolman Debbie Takaki from the 20th District were on hand to enforce the "no riding on the sidewalk" ordinance. These Chicago Police officers issued only warnings Sunday, with the exception of one sidewalk rider who fled the scene and rode his bike north on the Sheridan Road sidewalk after exiting the bike path at Ardmore. He was apprehended at Thorndale after a bike chase by both officers and issued a ticket.



20th District Chicago Police Sgt. Sacks (right) and Patrolman Takaki (in back) lecture a biker at the Ardmore lakefront bike trail entrance.

Bomb scare

by Jack Winans

Numerous police squad cars blocked access to Sheridan Road in the neighborhood of Park Edgewater Condominium at 6101 N. Sheridan Rd. for a short time Monday morning, May 20. Traffic was rerouted at Thorndale, Glenlake and Granville while police investigated a report of a hand grenade allegedly found in the basement of the Park Edgewater. A police source at the 24th District stated that the "grenade" was a pretend bomb and was part of a training exercise.

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Sheridan sidewalk bicycle activity

May 25, Saturday,
Bicycle booting began.

June 1, Saturday,
48th Ward Bike Ride – 312-427-3325

June 9, Sunday, Mayor Daley's Bike the Drive.
Lake Shore Drive closed 5:30–9:30am.

Source: ASCO 773-561-6000

Warning leaflet

Reprinted below is the warning instructional leaflet distributed to bikers by volunteers

Bike Riders Don't ride on The sidewalk!

Adults and teens who bicycle on the sidewalk:

- Have endangered residents along Sheridan Road.
- Have hit and injured people walking.
- Can be ticketed by police.

Alternatives to biking north or south along Sheridan Road:

- Use calmer streets just to the west (see the map on the other side).
- If you must use the sidewalk, walk your bicycle.

(The reverse of the leaflet has a bike lane map.)

MECA board meeting

MECA board meeting Tuesday, April 30, 2002

Attendance: 8 board members, 2 management representatives and 12 residents.

Not present: Jo Anne Meshbom, Marcel Molins, Richard Strauss, Scott Young

Presiding: Tom Vaughan, 2nd V.P.

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) The lower level west hallway door exiting to the mall does not close during move-ins due to the draft from the receiving room door. *Priority will be considered for this door for the next automatic door opener installation.*
- 2) Is the Chicago property tax form available in the management office as stated in the Dialogue? *Yes (Vito Senese had brought copies to this meeting and passed several out).*
- 3) Will balcony floor painting (to achieve a single color) be available? *Yes, information on dates and pricing will be made available.*
- 4) *Why is the exterior work taking so long?* Actually, Golf Construction is on schedule and has finished projects on time or ahead of schedule. Unfortunately, as we have reported before, extra work was found during the breakout phases. Also, you can just put so many drops down at once. The board also had planned this to be a several-year project to forestall the necessity of a special assessment.
- 5) *Will some cars have to be moved out during garage repairs?* We don't know at this time, but the last time this wasn't necessary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$1,997,210.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) *Floor Representatives*

Six present at the Apr. 8 meeting. Due to poor attendance and a lack of new issues, meetings will be held quarterly hereafter. Questions were raised about the dangers of propane in the building after the loop explosion. Concerns were raised about the alleged storage of propane tanks on the 4th floor deck, on balconies and in lower level unit storage lockers. Residents are to be reminded that our declaration and city ordinances prohibit the use or

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

storage of propane tanks in high-rise buildings. A walk-through of all storage areas is being considered to find and confiscate propane tanks.

Next meeting: July 9

2) *Security*

Suggestions:

- a) Fire drill — unnecessary and unmanageable.
- b) Pet fire safety — an information sheet on safety and fire drills as it affects pets will be developed.
- c) Notice that smoke detector batteries need to be changed twice a year — a notice will be placed in the Dialogue.
- d) Hallway battery smoke detectors, alarms and elevator cameras — Vito Senese was asked to prepare a cost analysis.
- e) Fluorescent paint on stairwell floors and railings — tabled, as the Chicago City Council has not acted on these items yet.
- f) Moveable self-contained camera/tape units for security surveillance — further study required. A fire and evacuation package for residents is in the works.

3) *Social*

The Teddy bear party was successful. An article and pictures were on the front page of the local Lerner newspaper.

4) *Commercial Property*

A reduction in taxes was received.

5) *Architecture & Aesthetics*

The city-required signage was selected. We are working on "picture signs" to replace the existing bulk and garbage room signs.

6) *ASCO*

Flowers are ordered for the Sheridan Road planters. Chess tables will be installed in Berger Park. Light and traffic sign poles and boxes will be painted black. ASCO is supporting several dates of bike route informational blitzes.

7) *Garage*

A questionnaire will be sent to those residents who have both a single self-park space and one valet spot to see if there is any interest to move to a tandem space. Prices and rules adjustments would be considered only if there were significant interest.

8) *Communications*

A meeting will be held to discuss channel 95 and the association Web page. An article for the CAI *Common Interest* magazine submitted by the Dialogue editors was approved for submission and publication.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items requiring board action

1) *Commercial property issues*

Forty to 50 new storage lockers will be built in the mall area.

2) *Building survey summary*

The priority of issues raised by the survey was set:

1. Doorman
2. Cable TV
3. Dog run

More items will be added as these are completed by board action.

3) *New interior signage program*

Antique bronze and black ADA compliant signage was approved for the elevators as required by city ordinance. One sign in each cab and one on door jams to identify the cab number and floor number.

4) *Replacement of fire panel*

The fire enunciator panel for the

Windjammer Room that is located in the cart room was approved for replacement, not to exceed \$5,500.

Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Exterior & balcony project**
When the work on the A and B units is done, all drops will be moved to the south side.
- 2) **North wall repairs**
Waiting for the final court judgment to start work on the wall.
- 1) **Unit sales**
29F \$190,000

The meeting ended at 10pm and went into closed session.

**MECA board meeting
Tuesday, May, 21, 2002**

Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 7 residents.

Not present: Ila Chaiken, Scott Young
OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Recently passenger elevator 3 & 4 thresholds are accumulating globs of tar-like grease that is being tracked into hallways and units.
The elevator maintenance procedures will be checked.
- 2) A resident requested that the Security Committee revisit these items: request for a front-door camera, criminal background checks for new residents, a one-year residency requirement for new owners and elevator door graffiti. He also suggested an open meeting for input from residents.
- 3) Elevator not opening even on floor 15.
- 4) Are security minutes published?
No, for legal and security purposes.
- 5) The passenger elevator move-in wall protective hanging cover is in poor shape. *Replacement is being considered.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Security**
Larry Creter reported that Malibu East will present a seminar event at 7:30pm June 26, in the Windjammer Room, on the many aspects of

safety in high-rise living. The committee will also consider conducting an evacuation drill involving one or two floors. The next meeting will be on June 6 at 7:30pm in the Community Room for a meeting open to any resident interested in contributing ideas on security issues. (See page 7.)

- 2) **Social**
Both the Social and Parent committees held meetings May 22.
- 3) **Commercial Property**
Improvements in security, lighting and flooring must be considered before new storage lockers can be installed in the lower level. Up to 50 lockers will be installed, fewer if any "oversize" lockers are considered. Although not budgeted, the rental of lockers could be a source of income for the association. There has been some interest in the bank space.
- 4) **ASCO**
See page 7.
- 5) **Garage**
No progress on tandem parking or tandem parking rule changes.

NOTICE
www.MalibuEast.org has been officially designated the Malibu East Web site with Larry Rosen as webmaster.

- 6) **Communications**
The committee met in open forum with the webmaster and editor in attendance. A proposal by the committee to have the board formally sanction the Web site, www.MalibuEast.org, was approved along with a reimbursement for the webmaster for start-up expenses. (See page 7.)

**MANAGEMENT REPORT
Items requiring board action**

- 1) **Commercial property issues**
The layout of new storage lockers has not been firmed up. Management would like to know if any residents are interested in renting extra large storage lockers.
- 2) **Building survey summary**
These items were discussed
a) Doorman training and responsi-

- bilities
- b) Cable TV channel 95
- c) Dog-run maintenance

Items not requiring board action

- 1) **Exterior & balcony project**
\$750,000 is the estimated final cost for Golf Construction to finish the project. The east end is done. A letter will be sent to the A & B units requesting a report on any work uncompleted or work defects. The south side should be done by the end of September. Not part of the scope of Golf's work is the railing painting. A fresh green coat to cover patchwork green may be offered at a future date. Our own maintenance staff would do this and the railing painting.
- 2) **North wall repairs**
We have been given a Sep. 30 completion date for this project. A \$500,000 estimate may be decreased by the use of paneling.
- 3) **Emergency plan status**
The plan is in limbo, awaiting final Chicago ordinance changes.

- 4) **Unit sales**
17H \$205,000
16D \$237,000
24A \$339,000
- 5) **Collection of emergency data**
Current – 352 units.
- 6) **Garage report**
Claims
Approved: 1
Denied: 3
Total: 4

Waiting lists
Single self-park: 80
Tandem self-park: 0
Second car: 0

Monthly parkers
Valet: 329
Tandem: 68
Single: 143
Preferred: 3
Engineer: NC
Motorcycle: 1
Total: 544

New monthlies: 10
Cancellations: 7

The meeting ended at 10pm and went into closed session.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



Learn about turtles
1-3:30pm (bring your own turtle.)
Paper making from recycled materials
9:30am-12:30pm \$10 by registration only
A bird's eye view of the migratory bird

route

www.cityofchicago.org/
environment/birdmigration
5801 N. Pulaski
312-744-5472

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Summer Camp

Jun. 17 – Jul. 28
Ages 5-15, academics, recreation, athletics, fine arts
6224 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-262-4446 ext. 346

SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

Gallery garage sale

Jun. 8, 10am-4pm
Midsommarfest
Street festival, music, arts & crafts
\$5, seniors, children free
Jun. 8 – 11am-10pm, Jun. 9 – noon-10pm
5211 N. Clark St.
773-728-8111

WHITE CRANE WELLNESS CENTER

Adult day wellness programs for 60 and over. Gentle yoga, tai chi, music exercise, socializing, lunch and snacks. Transportation provided within boundary area.
1355 W. Foster Ave.
773-271-9001

THEATER/SHOWINGS

BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER

"Chicago's Golden Soul"

Thru Aug. 11
4520 N. Beacon
773-769-4451

CITY LIT THEATRE COMPANY

"Taking Steps"

Comedy about a Victorian house that may be haunted.
Thru June. 16 – \$18, \$22
8 pm Thu.-Sat., 3pm Sun.
1020 W. Bryn Mawr
773-293-3682

CHASE CAFÉ

The Spinkleteen Machine

Comedy review, open run
Wednesdays, 8pm, \$5
Open mike evening
Tuesdays, 10pm – midnight, \$2
7301 N. Sheridan Rd.
773-383-8234

COFFEE CHICAGO

John Starts, poet, hosts weekly event

Open run, Fridays, 7:30pm, \$3
5256 N. Broadway
773-784-1305

FRANKIE J'S

"One Group Mind"

Improv comedy, open run.
8pm Thursdays, \$5-\$8

"Come Get Your Fix"

Open improv by 3 groups.
10:30pm Saturdays, \$5

"Verbatim Verboten"

Conversations by famous people, not meant to be heard.
7:30pm Mondays, open run.
4437 N. Broadway, 2nd Fl.
312-409-1887

GREEN MILL

Open mike

Open run Sundays, 7-10pm, \$5
4802 N. Broadway
773-878-5552

HEARTLAND STUDIO THEATRE

"In One Ear"

Poetry, spoken word – pre-register.
10pm Wednesdays, \$2, ongoing
7000 N. Glenwood
773-728-8111

LIFELINE THEATRE

"Whose Body?"

Mystery, body found in tub.
Jun. 21 – Aug. 18, \$10 & \$18
Fri./Sat. 8pm, Sun. 7pm

"The Rescuers"

Two mice on a perilous musical journey.
Sat./Sun. 1 & 3pm, \$8
6912 N. Glenwood
773-761-4477

LOYOLA STUDIO THEATRE

"sign/al"

Installation by Mary Dritschel on the glass wall outside the gallery at the Crown Center
Thru Jun. 30
Loyola University
773-508-3847

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK

CULTURAL CENTER

Bike rally

Jun. 1, 10am-2pm
(See page 10 for details)
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.
312-742-7871

EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tours

\$20 includes lunch (\$18 for paid members)

Bryn Mawr historic district

11am Jun. 8

Andersonville

10am Jun. 15

Lakewood/Balmoral

10am Jun. 29

773-907-1872

EDGEWATER

MEDICAL CENTER

Senior Center programs

5700 N. Ashland Ave.

773-797-1095

EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Jun. 5, 7pm

(1st Wed. of every month)

Internet basics

Learn mouse skills, www, e-mail

1st Sat. of month

Saturday book club

The club meets once a month.

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

NORTH LAKESIDE

CULTURAL CENTER

Senior orchestra

Call Bonnie Tipton to join.

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

NORTH PARK VILLAGE

NATURE CENTER

City Wilds Festival

All-age activities

10am-3pm Jun. 22 & 23

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE*"That's Weird Grandma"*

Children's program

9pm Mondays, \$8, open run.

"Too Much Light Makes the Baby go Blind"

30 plays in 60 minutes.

Open run, \$5 plus roll of die.

11:30pm Fri./Sat., 7pm Sun.

5153 N. Ashland Ave.

773-275-5255

THE PETER JONES GALLERY*"Click"*

Photo exhibit, Free

Thru Jul. 20, call for hours.

1806 W. Cuyler

773-472-6725

COMMUNITY EVENTS/**MEETINGS****48th Ward Bike Ride**

Jun. 1

312-427-3325

Bike the Drive

June 9

Lake Shore Drive closed 5:30–9:30am

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS**Floor Representatives**

Tuesday, July 9

7:30pm — Community Room

Dialogue Committee meeting

Tuesday, June 18

7:30pm — Community Room

Thursday afternoon discussion group

Thursday, June 20

(every 3rd Thurs. of month)

2:00pm — Community Room

MECA board meeting

Tuesday, June 25

7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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



What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese, MECA Association Manager

Our building staff completed several projects before Memorial Day, new sod was installed, the exterior walls and railings were painted on Sheridan Road, the pools were prepared for opening, lifeguards were hired, some of the seasonal plants were installed in the atrium and the bike rack was put out. With these projects done, the staff is looking forward to a great summer!

The pool opened at 2pm on Friday, May 24. Pool hours are 2–10pm Monday thru Friday and 9am to 10pm Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Weekday hours may be adjusted due to construction progress on the south side of the building. Changes to the pool hours will be posted in the building and on Channel 95. We ask that all residents and guests using the pool obey the pool rules when they are in the pool and comply with the requests of the lifeguards when they are on duty. We want everyone using the pool to have a safe and fun summer.

The 2001 exterior fascia and balcony project is under way, and residents can see the progress chart located in the lobby next to the ramp door. The work on the east side of the building is now complete, and over the next few weeks Golf Construction will be completing the items on the final punch list. The remaining crews are

working on the south side of the building; they are in the breakout and sand-blasting phase on the A & C tiers. Additional information regarding the project on the south side of the building will be posted on Channel 95 and in memos issued by the management office.

The Board of Directors has been working on several projects. It is finalizing the details of a new painting process program for the balcony floors and the balcony railings painting program. The board is hopeful that both programs will be available to the residents by the end of June. All residents will receive further details regarding the programs as soon as they are available.

NOTICE

Smoke detector batteries should be replaced twice a year.

Finally, all residents are reminded to comply with building policies and please refrain from

parking their vehicles in the atrium. Any vehicle left unattended in the atrium can be towed off the property at the owner's expense. Also residents must contact the management office and provide written permission for their vendors to work in their unit when they are not going to be home. Residents must also sign in their guests with garage personnel before they arrive so that they will be allowed to park in the garage. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NOTICE

If you need a certificate of insurance, please call or write to our carrier at:
Palmer & Cay of Georgia, Inc.
PO Box 52427
Atlanta GA 30355-0427
Agent – Karen Parks
(800) 755-8945 x 3985 — or go to:
www.CertificateNow.com
Call MECA office for ID & password

NOTICE

All walls and floors will be power-washed during our spring cleaning of the garage. Please note the following schedule:

Third floor ... Monday, June 10

Second floor . Tuesday, June 11

First floor Wednesday, June 12

The garage staff will move all valet cars.

All self-park cars must be moved out of the garage by 8 am of the day of scheduled cleaning. Arrangements may be made with the garage staff for temporary valet parking on your scheduled cleaning day.

The garage staff apologizes for any inconvenience during our spring cleaning. Please call us at 773-271-5193 for further information.

Restaurant review

by *Betty Mayian*

Tre Kronor (Three Coins)

3258 W. Foster
(773) 267-9888

Breakfast 6 days, 6:30 am – 11:30 am
Lunch 7 days, 11 am – 3 pm
Dinner Tues. – Thu. 3 pm – 12 am
Friday – Sunday, 3 pm – 2 am
Closed Monday

Catering is available, street parking.

This old-word café is located across the street from the North Park University (which used to be called North Park College of Theology). Nearby, to the west, is the Galter Center, a full-service health club/spa. People come to this center to exercise and get fit under a medically supervised atmosphere that allows you to have classes or do your own regime in their machine rooms, swimming pools and indoor track. The Swedish Covenant Hospital is close by, and there are several nursing homes in the vicinity. This is another Swedish neighborhood with much signage in the typical blue and yellow colors of Sweden. There is a gift shop across the street where you can pick up Scandinavian goodies. One thing I noticed about the people I've met in the area was their graciousness and polite hospitality. This can truly be said for the waitstaff at the Tre Kronor Café.

We have tried Tre Kronor at various times of the day (but not at the dinner time, as yet). No matter what time you come the restaurant is near capacity – and sometimes you have to wait. No one gets upset and leaves if there is a line, because they know what good food awaits them for their patience. The coffee here is superb, and even though I have given up coffee in the name of health, I forget that when I am here and have a cup or two. It is rich and goes so well with their oven-fresh Danishes. You can choose from the raspberry, hazelnut or the very best – the maple pecan Danish. There are also cinnamon rolls and muffins. The Danishes are made overseas (in Denmark) and frozen for shipment to America. So good that even if you stop in for “coffee and,” you won't be disappointed.



But why only stop there? Breakfasts (called frokost) are memorable, and people come from all around the Chicago-land area to eat their Swedish pancakes with lingonberry sauce or the scrumptious vanilla and orange French toast. Those and many other dishes including Oslo, Stockholm or Copenhagen omelettes are good, mind you, but the Anders' hash and eggs are legendary. The best I have ever had. If you crave sausages, there are several kinds of the Scandinavian variety — plus American links or smoked bacon. Specials are always offered for every meal, even frokost! They offer cappuccino, espresso and fresh squeezed orange juice as alternatives to the standard tea and coffee. But their coffee is not standard, remember? Try their breakfast.

Now let's go on to lunch (called formiddagsmat). I avoided the pickled herring, a standard offering to start the meal. You can try the baked onion soup or the soup of the day (always unique). The special of the day was a broiled salmon with dill sauce, and my husband raved about it. Other than the special, you can always choose from a quiche, a “Swedish-style” Reuben sandwich (called the Reubenssen because they use jarlsberg cheese on limpa bread), the Norwegian meatball sandwich or the standard hamburger/cheeseburger. I tried the Reuben because I knew how great the corned beef hash was at breakfast. I don't like Jarlsberg cheese, and the nice waitress let me choose from another cheese. It was very good. Where do they get their corned beef? Wonderful luncheon salads are the healthy alternatives to sandwiches. You can't go wrong with their tuna salad with grapes and almonds, or spinach salad with a multitude of ingredients, or the tangy honey mustard chicken salad on a toasted croissant. There are several accompaniments to the sandwich order. Try the cucumbers – just like mother used to make.

I would be remiss if I didn't at least tell you of the dinner selections, so here they are. The appetizers now have gravlax added to the luncheon selections.

Gravlax is the Swedish version of “lox,” but a dill-cured variety. The salads sound like what I really enjoy. One is a Danish blue cheese with toasted walnuts and sliced pears on a bed of mixed baby lettuces. The other has warm goat cheese with bacon and croutons on a bed of mixed greens with Swedish mustard vinaigrette dressing. Or just mixed greens and sliced tomatoes might suit you. The entrée of Atlantic salmon that we had at lunch is on the menu, but at a higher price. Another fish of the day is offered. There is the usual Swedish meatballs and gravy to go along with the unusual roast loin of pork with prunes and plum gravy! A chicken breast with Canadian bacon and Jarlsberg, or breast of duck with wild rice and lingonberry sauce, completes the menu. The main course prices are all under \$14, and where can you go for such good food for those prices? Try Tre Kronor, but be prepared to wait unless you go at off hours. It's that good.

Preventing more high-rises on Sheridan Road

by *Sheli Lulkin, ASCO president*

If you would like to help us prevent development of unused and underused properties on Sheridan Road, here is a quick and easy way from your computer.

The city of Chicago is in the process of rewriting its zoning code. ASCO has participated in the process and, as president, I have asked that we place a moratorium on private development on the east side of Sheridan Road. The population here is very dense, and we do not need any more high-rises.

Please go to the city of Chicago Web site below and read the summary section on open space. Send an e-mail asking to prevent high-rise (or any) construction on the lakefront side of Sheridan Road.

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/Mayor/Zoning/>

ASCO news

by Sandy Chaet

Grants from Sen. Carol Ronen and Rep. Harry Osterman were transferred to the Sheridan Road Development Corp. for acquiring more holiday lights, planters and plants for Sheridan Road. Chess tables will be installed in Berger Park. Some bus shelters will be replaced with newer ones. Light and signal poles and traffic signal boxes may be painted black by volunteers. Volunteers will distribute informational leaflets to bicyclists along Sheridan Road this spring and summer. Schedules will be posted.

Postal rates increase

Weight Increment	Rate
First ounce or fraction of an ounce	\$0.37
Each additional ounce or fraction	\$0.23

First-class mail rates will increase an average of 7.9 percent. The single-piece 1-ounce first-class mail rate will increase from \$0.34 to \$0.37. The additional ounce rate for single-piece first-class mail items will remain at \$0.23.



People gathering at the Church of the Atonement pet blessing

Picture by Larry Rosen

NOTICE

The Dialogue has received, from a long time resident, a copy of a 1972 Dunbar Malibu East promotional booklet. Included are many pictures of our recreational facilities as they were originally built. The copy will be kept in the Dialogue archives and will be made available for examination upon request.

Security Committee

by Larry Creter

The Security Committee met twice in May, and plans were made for the below event.

MECA presents life safety seminar: Taking charge of your safety!

Malibu East will present a seminar event 7:30pm June 26, in the Windjammer Room, on the many aspects of safety in high-rise living. Starting with a review of our emergency plan by Sudler, the program will include a fire safety presentation by the Chicago Fire Department, a discussion of personal safety by a professional security consultant and information about weather safety issues related to high-rise living. Come early to visit the product information tables featuring personal evacuation kits, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. These items may be purchased at that time, and the committee is investigating group discounts. Please join us and learn how to take charge of your own safety! Each attendee will receive a packet of useful safety information. Refreshments will be served.

The presentations will be timed closely in order to present as much information as possible in one evening. Questions will be held for a panel of all speakers after each has given their information.

All residents will receive a packet of information containing the emergency plan and other helpful safety pamphlets and information. Plans are being made to videotape the seminar for residents to check out from the management office for future viewing. If the seminar proves to be successful, follow-up meetings will be planned.

Posters and flyers will promote the event.

The committee will also consider conducting an evacuation drill involving one or two floors. The next meeting will be on June 6 at 7:30pm in the Community Room for a meeting open to any resident interested in contributing ideas on security issues.

Communications Committee

by Janice Krzesinski

The Communications Committee recently obtained board approval to accept a Website created by resident Larry Rosen as a Malibu East communication mode in addition to the Dialogue and Channel 95. The address is

Malibu East

CONDOMINIUM

www.MalibuEast.org. It is loaded with helpful information, including: the 'Home' page listing of building amenities and general information; a 'News' page; 'Calendar' and 'Events' pages that provide reminders and answers to "What's going on when?"; 'Services' available to Malibu East residents plus general garage information; 'Resources' such as names and telephone numbers for key contacts from 48th Ward to state level; 'References' includes several useful documents and a Dialogue archive back through 2000; and a 'Links' page of neighborhood and other useful Web sites.

It's a great site and well worth checking out! Feedback and suggestions are welcome as development continues — there's also an 'E-mail' icon to make it easy for readers to respond. Thanks to Larry Rosen for his efforts in providing this vehicle for us to enter the 21st century!

Based upon the results of last year's building survey, this committee is currently researching possible means to improve both the format and the scrolling speed of Channel 95 — the Malibu East information channel.





Photos clockwise from left:
Multiple “no bikes on the sidewalk” signs at Thorndale,
Officers Sacks and Takaki stopping and warning biker at Ardmore,
Mayor Daley’s Bicycle Ambassadors at Granville,
Ambassadors at Ardmore



Mayor Daley’s Cycling Ambassadors

Who are the Ambassadors?

WHO: The City of Chicago and Mayor Daley’s bike-safety and public-awareness outreach team, the Cycling Ambassadors.

WHAT: Mayor Daley’s Cycling Ambassadors promote bicycling safety to all road users—bike riders, motorists, and pedestrians and help all Chicagoans use bikes more.

WHEN: The Ambassadors promote Safety in Motion from May to October.

WHERE: You can find Mayor Daley’s Cycling Ambassadors throughout Chicago at neighborhood festivals, in parks, at libraries, on street corners, in front of retail outlets, and at community meetings.

WHY: Mayor Daley’s Cycling Am-

bassadors help carry out the mayor’s Bike 2000 and 2010 Plans, which have these goals:

- Cut the number of bicycling-related injuries and deaths.
- Help all street users — bike riders, motorists, and pedestrians better share the road.
- Create more livable neighborhoods by helping more people to bicycle.

HOW: The Ambassadors talk face-to-face and give demonstrations to kids, teens and adults by participating in existing community events, and running special Ambassador programs in many Chicago neighborhoods. The Ambassadors will also work with communities to identify and address local transportation safety concerns.

Safety in Motion services provided by Mayor Daley’s Cycling Ambassadors:

- Helmet fittings
- Bicycle safety checks

- Presentations on how to avoid car-bike crashes
- Demonstrations of CTA bus bike-carrying racks
- Distribution of safety materials and bike maps
- Helping non-bikers or novice bikers to bicycle more
- Teaching Chicagoans how to bike to work or school
- Instruction to motorists and bike riders on the use of bike lanes
- Presentation at schools, summer camps and CAPS meetings

For more information

For more information, or to arrange an appearance by the Ambassadors, contact Rosie Newton, 312/427-3325, ext. 25, or heather@biketraffic.org. For an on-line Ambassador request form, go to www.biketraffic.org/ambassador/request.

Source: <http://www.chibikefed.org/ambassador/>

Bike lanes offer safe routes to Lincoln Park



Biker southbound on Winthrop



Biker northbound on Kenmore



Left: Illegal biker on sidewalk



Right under age 12 legal child on sidewalk



Above: Secret Garden Café

Above right: Inside dining overlooking Lake Michigan

Right: Culinary student Anna in the well-equipped Secret Garden Café kitchen

The Secret Garden Café

by Jack Winans

Owner Lisa Jordan and friend Michael Wilkiel have reopened the Secret Garden Café with a new enclosed dining area, new menus and new hours. Lisa will be doing the cooking with some prep assistance from culinary student Anna.

On warm, sunny days you may prefer to dine outside looking out at the lake under an umbrella. In inclement weather, the same view is available under the newly constructed lake-view dining area. In either case, the daily menu, although trimmed to eliminate breakfast is still substantial with a full offering of entrées, salads and sandwiches. Danish and pastry are served weekends. The kitchen opens every day at 11am. Lisa is currently planning to stay open through October, weather permitting.

Location: 6119 N. Sheridan Road inside Berger Park on Lake Michigan

Phone: 312-968-4968

Hours: M-F 11am to 9pm, Sat. & Sun. 9am to 9pm



So now you own a condo, what's next?

by Jack Winans

This is a continuing series on owner responsibilities. (See the January through April 2002 issues for the first 16 items in this series.)

17. Barbecuing rules

It is extremely important for high-rise residents to understand that propane gas barbecues pose an extremely high risk to our building and our owners. For that reason, propane tanks are prohibited here by both our own condominium rules and by Chicago city ordinance. A recent explosion involving a propane tank in downtown Chicago was an example of the damage that a single propane tank can cause.

Our rules also call for grilling only in a fully covered grill (see the cartoon on page 11). You should also ignite the coals with an electric starter — this eliminates the odious odor that permeates all adjacent units when starter fluid is used. When disposing of coals, make **absolutely** sure that they are cold, double-bag them and then put them in the bulk room.

The below rule for barbecuing is on page 4 of our Malibu East Rules and Regulations.



II. BARBECUES

Barbecuing is permitted only with a fully covered grill and may be ignited only with an electric starter. Propane or other bottled gas as a fuel is prohibited.

CPD cancels budgeting of Berger Park playlot

by Lillian LaPalio, President
Berger Park Advisory Council

The children and families of this community have no place to play other than the Berger Park playlot, which has deteriorated over the years.

David Doig, Chicago Park District (CPD) superintendent, is aware of the situation. When touring the playlot Feb. 28 with four children from Sacred Heart, he commented that the playground was "getting a little old" and promised follow-up communication.

The playlot was established in 1988 and has had no improvements other than new swings that were installed after the superintendents' visit.

The following promises have been given to the Berger Advisory Council:

- 11/4/96 CPD Finance Committee budgets a new playground for 1997.
- 4/7/97 Tire swing removed with promise of new equipment.
- 6/2/97 The park will be renovated starting in July '97.
- 4/4/98 Joe McCord, CPD advisory supervisor will look into refurbishment of the playlot.
- 9/7/99 CPD budget hearing, promise of an update of playlot.
- 4/10/00 CPD budget hearing, playlot budgeted.

Early 2001, both the regular and "baby" swings were coming loose from the ground, and children were getting hurt. The swings were removed and not replaced until October 2001.

The CPD vendor measured the premises, and equipment was selected with a promise of installation in the spring of 2002.

In March of 2002 we were informed that Berger Park is **not** in this year's budget for capital improvement. We were also informed that any playlot improvements must be 50% financed by the community. Our share could be as much as \$100,000. Neither the Advi-

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Adults must accompany children under 16. Waivers must be signed before bikers can join the route to Margate. Park personnel will escort the bikers from Berger Park along Granville Avenue to the southbound bike lane at Winthrop where they will be joined by personnel and bikers from Loyola Park. The bike parade will go onto the lakefront bike path at the Ardmore bike path entrance.

Berger Park
6205 N. Sheridan Rd.
312-742-7871

Source: CPD Berger Park flyer

sory Council nor the community has these resources.

During this year's Ward realignment, although "both" sides of the commercial area of Granville Avenue were placed in the 48th Ward, Berger Park, which is on Granville, remained in the 49th Ward.

I am requesting that citizens of this community raise their voices in protest and send letters and e-mails to:

Mayor Daley, 48th Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith, 49th Ward Ald. Joe Moore, The Chicago Sun-Times, the Chicago Tribune and other potentially influential parties.

To our pungent neighbors

by Jack Winans

It is great to have our own personal access to the great outdoors. Here at Malibu East we are fortunate to have ample balconies. Many of the buildings in our Sheridan Road condo canyon do not have this amenity. But, as good and responsible neighbors, we must come to terms with the fact that we share that great outdoors air with a few hundred other residents. Too often our savory BBQ smoke becomes our neighbors' pungent pollutant.

There are condominium rules and regulations covering the use of BBQ grills, and they are based on common sense and the golden rule.

1. Never use starter fluid. It is not only dangerous, but the fumes will pollute many of your neighbors' apartments. No one should have to feel trapped into shutting up their apartment to keep out unwanted fumes. Use an electric starting probe.
2. Propane grills are not only dangerous, but also illegal in high-rises.
3. Keep your grill covered while cooking to contain smoke and odors. A covered grill also is best for optimum flavor, tenderness and juiciness.
4. Never put your used charcoal down the garbage chute even if you 'think' it's out. After cooling, double-bag it and place in the bulk room.

• **Tip**

The BBQ flavor develops from the fat dripping onto the coals and the resulting vapors permeating the meat. You can accomplish the same thing with an electric grill and lava rock. Our balconies all have electrical outlets.

• **The advantages are:**

- Temperature control with the touch of a dial.
- No charcoal to buy and lug upstairs.
- No charcoal-lighting problems.
- And, especially, no charcoal mess to clean up!

Have a great summer, but please follow the rules so your neighbors may enjoy theirs.

'Town Crier' announcements by Betty Mayian



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Balcony Man by Scott Virzi





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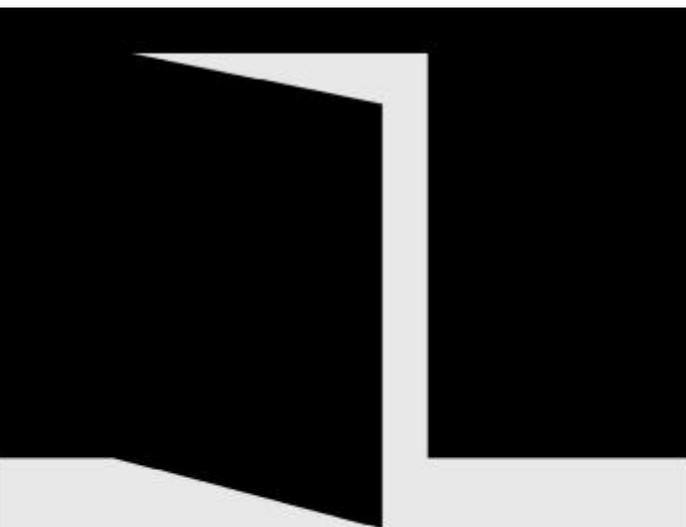
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