

Malibu East Dialogue

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ASCO asks condos to fight against sprinklers

ASCO sprinkler meeting

By Elaine Winans

Fifty neighborhood residents responded to an invitation from ASCO to attend a meeting Feb. 10 at the Malibu Condominium at 6007 N. Sheridan Road. Following the annual election of officers (see article, page 5), ASCO President Sheli Lulkin introduced the evening's speaker, Mary Kay Minaghham. Ms. Minaghham is serving as a lobbyist to the Chicago City Council representing the interests of condominium owners and other high-rise residents. At issue are two proposed ordinances concerning the installation of sprinklers and other safety requirements for high-rise buildings.

High Rise Fire Sprinkler Retrofit Ordinance (Ald. Burke)

This ordinance would require all buildings 80 feet (approx. eight stories) or more in height, regardless of occupancy, to install automatic sprinklers by Jan. 1, 2008.

High Rise Fire Safety Ordinance (Mayor Daley)

This ordinance would require buildings over 80 feet in height to be protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

This ordinance varies from Ald. Burke's proposed ordinance in that buildings would have to obtain and implement a life safety evaluation. This evaluation would have to be performed by a licensed architect or engineer and be submitted by Jan. 1, 2005. Depending on the "score" of this evaluation, buildings may be exempted from the automatic sprinkler system requirement. Ms. Minaghham stated that building department sources claim that condominiums "up to date with all building codes" would most likely be exempted.

ASCO has gone on record as opposing any ordinance that would levy additional costs to condominium owners who have already experienced excessive building inspection and repair costs related to other current ordinances. Many buildings are also experiencing major current maintenance and repair costs related to normal aging of the structures. Any future additional costs added to condominium unit owners through the proposed legislative efforts could threaten home ownership, especially those retired or on a fixed income.

ASCO strongly advises that not only high-rise residents, but all those concerned with the plight of high-rise residents should call, write, and email their elected representatives and the members of the Chicago Building Commission and strongly advise them that they oppose any further legislation that will prove costly to high-rise residents.

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MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

MECA board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004

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

OPEN FORUM 1

Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Resident complained of bathroom ceiling water damage. No apparent leak from unit above. ***This could be caused by condensation caused by cold ceiling from the above unit's toilet. Management will look into it.***
- 2) Suggestion from resident: Employees doing cleaning duties in the garage should wear bright clothing for safety.
- 3) Board member requested searchable electronic copy of our declaration. ***Webmaster Larry Rosen commented that it is available on our website, www.MalibuEast.org and is searchable in its PDF format by clicking on the "binoculars."***
- 4) Resident requested that the main entrance to the mall have a single door open on a consistent basis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement

Balance on hand, cash and reserves — \$2,011,213.27.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Rules and Regulations/Legal**
Marcel Molins
The committee continues to move forward slowly. Every section is being reviewed by an additional person for comments. There should be something to present to the complete board for review in another month or two.
- 2) **Floor Representatives**
Tom Vaughan
Next meeting — 7:30pm Mar. 16 in the Community Room.
- 3) **Social**
Sandy Chaet
The Council of Jewish Elderly

would like to present six programs a year at Malibu East. Some activities would be outings. The board gave its approval for the use of our facilities.

4) **Commercial Property**

Marcel Molins

The First Commercial Bank has accepted our proposal to use the former sushi unit for temporary quarters until its permanent space is available. (See Captain's Walk news, page 5.)

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.

5) **Architecture & Aesthetics**

Larry Creter

We are getting a lot of input from residents concerning hallway re-decorating. Planning on starting in May or June. Will be approving design sources soon.

Former sushi space to be used by First Commercial Bank for earlier opening.

6) **ASCO report**

Sandy Chaet

The board will send a letter to Ald. Smith wishing her a full recovery. Sprinkler legislation (see page one) action has been delayed until Mayor Daley can meet with ASCO.

7) **Garage**

Martin Molins

42 cars have been moved to Malibu due to garage construction.

8) **Parent**

Marcia Fishman

Our teens are giving input about their desire for changes in the teen room.

9) **Sports entertainment**

Neil Warner

Committee met Feb. 9. Several new ideas. Perhaps the best location for a basketball court would be the boat dock area. The teen room is not getting much use. The ping-pong table is in bad shape and the lighting is bad — the walls are painted black. We are trying to find someone who will give a demonstration of the proper use of our equipment in the exercise room. Suggested at the meeting was a family game night and an occasional Sunday brunch in the Windjammer Room. We are also exploring the expansion of the exercise room and will coordinate our efforts with the Building Maintenance & Services Committee.

10) **Communications**

Carol Beatty

The Dialogue continues to post a small profit.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Items not requiring board action

1) **Safety/fire drill**

Management will set up a special meeting for residents with representatives including fire/safety people, firemen and policemen.

2) **Window replacement program**

Management was asked to prioritize this program.

3) **Unit sales**

22F	\$214,000
36J	\$210,000
36F	\$205,000

4) **North wall repairs status**

The cinder block wall is completed except for minor touchups, guardrails and some tuck-pointing. We need samples of bricks for approval so that the brickwork can begin without delay with the onset of warmer weather.

5) **Garage report**

Monthly parkers

Single:	142
Tandem:	54
Valet:	309
Preferred:	2
Motorcycle:	0
<u>Engineer:</u>	<u>NC</u>
Total:	507

The meeting ended at 9:25pm and went into closed session..

Garage meeting

By Jack Winans

The Malibu East Board of Directors convened a special meeting Feb. 3 to answer questions concerning the upcoming garage repairs. These points were discussed during the meeting:



- Malibu at 6007 N. Sheridan will be able to accommodate about 25 of our cars. 6030 N. Sheridan also has some available garage space.
- Shoring will be put in for the area of most needed repairs — the southwest corner of the garage. The shoring in the Captain's Walk will be in the corridor from the cleaners to the bank.
- The construction work will last about four to five weeks; disruption to garage parking service will last about 90 days.
- The total cost of the work is approximately \$468,000. We had budgeted \$500,000 and no special assessment will be required as we have the funds available.
- Almost all parking during construction will be valet. All tandem and most single-space parking owners/residents will be changed to valet. The only exceptions will be single-space parking spots that cannot accommodate aisle parking or take advantage of valet parking.
- The board will discuss reducing rates to valet rates during construction.
- All parking areas will be protected from the construction areas.
- For those whose cars are moved to the Malibu, extra security keys may be programmed to allow access to the elevator in the Captain's Walk that goes to Malibu.
- The Malibu will have space for guest parking.

Citizenship classes

By Jack Winans

At the behest of a resident, this editor has compiled a list of citizenship classes and services. For a free indexed 17-page booklet of citizenship classes and services available in 60 languages at 36 locations on the north side of Chicago, contact the Dialogue editor at 773-334-0680.

Management report

by Chris Chiodo
Association Manager



North wall garage repair

We are happy to report that the first phase of the north wall garage repair is completed. This freed up 24 more parking spots and reduced the number of vehicles that would have had to be relocated to Malibu during the garage construction project.

Garage construction repair

The demolition phase of this project has commenced. Golf Construction will be hammering into the concrete flooring slab to remove all damaged concrete. This phase began Feb. 16 and is expected to have ended by Feb. 26. The tentative date for project completion is Apr. 1. Management would like to thank all the residents who had their vehicles relocated for their understanding and cooperation during this time, making this transition a smooth one.

Happy birthday to you, Dr. Seuss!

By Nicole Heller

Malibu East residents will join millions of people across the country to celebrate the 7th annual "Read Across America Day" Mar. 2 — Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday. This fun day is designed to show America's children the joys of reading — on Mar. 2 and every day.

We invite you to share Seuss books, crafts and birthday cake with your young and young-at-heart neighbors, Mar. 2, from 6:30–7:30pm in the fourth floor Windjammer Room. Please note that young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Research shows that parents' involvement in their children's reading is critical to raising lifelong readers. However, a recent study showed that only 53 percent of children ages three to five were read to daily by a family member.

The Parents Committee sponsors this event. To become a part of this committee, please leave a note for Beth Robinson with the doorman.

Elevator number 3

After a month of being out of order, management is happy to report that the No. 3 elevator has been put back in service and seems to be operational.

Shoring in Captain's Walk

As everyone is well aware, shoring has been installed in the Captain's Walk hallway and in the bank. The shoring will be removed, probably by the middle of March. We have made arrangements with First Commercial Bank to open for business in the office area S7 (the former sushi operation). The bank opened its doors for regular business dealings on Feb. 26 in unit S7. The bank will move into their permanent office space when the garage construction project is complete. The scheduled date for this is Apr. 1.

Special note to the residents from the manager

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome that I have received from the residents and the board of directors. You all have made my transition go so smoothly.

Election year 2004

By Betty Mayian

This may come as a surprise to some of you who have moved into Malibu East recently, but we are a precinct all by ourselves — the residents of this building vote right in the lobby. That's right! Not only is it convenient, but also no one else can vote here except us. No excuse about weather, traffic, long walks to vote or long waits in line.

The next election is the primary Mar. 16. when we choose our candidates for presidential and statewide offices. There are also 143 judicial candidates on this primary election ballot.

By proving that you are a citizen and live here in Malibu East, you will be able to vote in this primary election — even if you forgot to register for this precinct (22) and this ward (48) in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois.

For absentee ballots, due to the tragic fire, go to the temporary location, 33 N. LaSalle, 2nd floor, weekdays from 8am to 6pm, Sat. 9am to 4pm, Sun. 9am to 1pm.

Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



Refreshments will be served.

10am Mar. 27, Free
5358 N. Ashland Ave.
773-907-1872

NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

"A Delicate Balance"

Edward Albee story of the balance of love, family & friendship.

Thru Apr. 4, \$15

8pm Fri./Sat., 3pm Sun.

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

NORTH PARK VILLAGE

NATURE CENTER

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Don't Worry, Be Sappy

Tap a maple tree, get sap and make syrup for your pancakes

1-2pm Mar. 3 & 9

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Maple Syrup Festival

The maple syrup-making process

1am-3pm Mar. 20 & 21

Make a Flake

A close-up look at snowflakes, make clouds, frosty scenes and crystal candy.

1-2:30pm Mar. 7

ADULT PROGRAMS

All about Fungi

Ill. Mycological Assoc. monthly meeting. Bring fungi for identification.

7pm Mar. 1

5801 N. Pulaski

312-744-5472

THEATER/SHOWINGS

CURIOUS THEATRE BRANCH

"Legless"

The story examines our removal from the traditional myth or fairy tale, through a legless heroine's struggle to save herself.

Thru Mar. 21, \$12 or pay what you can

7:30pm Thu./Fri., 7:30pm Sun.

7001 N. Glenwood

773-347-1041

GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

Calo Theatre

"AnGUS, THOnGS AnD FULL FROnTAL SnOGGInG"

Diary of an English girl and her adventures w/her cat Angus, the

perils of wearing a thong, and snogging (kissing). \$20, senior discount.

7:30pm Fri., 3 & 7:30pm Sat, 3pm Sun.

5404 N. Clark St.

773-769-2228

HEARTLAND STUDIO THEATRE

Ubique Theatre presents two one-act plays about language and love:

"The Society for Lost Positives" by Melanie Tenn and

"Gertrude Stein Cubed" by Gertrude Stein, adapted by Beverle Bloch.

Thru Mar. 21

8pm Thu./Sat., 3pm Sun.

Heartland Café

7000 N. Glenwood

773-465-8005

LIFELINE THEATRE

"The Killer Angels"

About the battle of Gettysburg.

Thru Apr. 18, \$20

8:30pm Fri., 8pm Sat., 5:30pm Sun.

"Bongo Larry & Two Bad Bears"

Larry the poetry-reciting, blueberry muffin-eating bear

Thru Mar. 28, \$8

1 & 3pm Sat., 1pm Sun.

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

"That's Weird, Grandma"

Review of short plays based on schoolchildren's stories.

Open run, \$8 adults, \$5 children
8pm Mondays, ages 8-15

5153 N. Ashland Ave.

773-275-5255

PLAYERS WORKSHOP

RAVEN THEATRE

"Mr. Peters" Connections"

One-act play by Arthur Miller. Mr. Peters, a retired airline pilot in a suspended state of consciousness, stumbles into a gloomy and all but abandoned nightclub.

Thru Mar. 28, \$15

8:30pm Sat., 3:30pm Sun.

"The Man Who Had All the Luck"

Arthur Miller's very first professional play

Previews, \$12: 8pm Mar. 6, 9, 10, 11 & 3pm Mar. 7

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

BERGER PARK

Mad Shak Dance Co.

Performs "Eye Cycle"

7pm Mar. 12, FREE

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

EDGEWATER

BRANCH LIBRARY

CAPS 24th Dist. Beat #2433

Come meet our beat police.

Mar. 3, 7pm

Saturday Book Club

11am 1st Sat. month

Chess open play

6:30-8:30pm Mondays

Homework help

3-6pm Mon./Thu.

Book sale!

10am-4:30pm Mar. 27

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

EDGEWATER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Endangered Edgewater"

Slide program, presented by EHS President Kathy Gemperle at EHS museum. Refreshments will be served.

7:30pm Mar. 11, Free

"Fashionable Edgewater"

Celebration of fashion from roaring '20s to Disco '80s. At Charlie's Ale House, 5308 N. Clark St. Dress according to the style of your favorite era.

Costume contests, appetizers, entertainment, silent auction and a cash bar. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Send checks made out to the EHS to Elizabeth Mayian, 6033 N. Sheridan - 36K, Chicago, IL 60660. For additional information, leave a message at 773-506-4849.
6-9pm Mar. 24

"The Last Days of the Edgewater Beach Hotel"

Slide program, presented by LeRoy Blommaert at the museum.

Opens Mar. 12, \$20, \$25 Sat.
8pm Thu./Sat., 3pm Sun.
A special afternoon at the theatre with Arthur Miller
Sponsored by Bridgeview Bank
ALL IN ONE EVENING —
Mar. 14
3:30 The Man Who Had All The Luck
5:30 Dinner in the Lobby, Catered by Corner Bakery
6:30 Mr. Peters' Connections
7:30 Desserts, Coffee and Post Performances
Discussions with cast members, directors and Professor Paula Langteau, founding Vice-President of the Arthur Miller Society
Total seating 65, \$75
Call to reserve
6157 N. Clark
773-338-2177

COMMUNITY EVENTS/

MEETINGS

11th Bangladesh Day Commemoration March 27
Parade May 8, Devon Ave. from Damen to Western
Senior Benefits Checkup
Wednesday, Mar. 3
9:30am — 4th floor Party Room
Malibu Condominium
6007 N. Sheridan Rd.
Rummage sale
10am-5pm Sat., Mar. 6 &
Noon – 3pm Sun., Mar. 7
St. Andrews Greek Church
5649 N. Sheridan Rd.

MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Dr. Seuss children's party
Tuesday, Mar. 2
6:30-7:30pm — Windjammer Room
Dialogue Committee meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 16
7:30pm — Community Room
Thursday afternoon discussion group
Thursday, Mar. 18
(every 3rd Thurs. of month)
2:00pm — Community Room
MECA board meeting
Tuesday, Mar. 23
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

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

ASCO elects officers

ASCO elected the following officers and directors at its annual meeting Feb. 10 in the Malibu Hospitality Room, 6007 N. Sheridan Road.

President: Sheli Lulkin, East Point
Vice-President: Belle Mest, The Malibu
Secretary: Noureen Broecker-Alper, Shoreline Towers
Treasurer: Sandy Chaet, Malibu East
Directors:
Dorothy Denzler, 6118 N. Sheridan Road
Gayle Lang, Edgewater Beach Apartments
Roberto Martinez, 6300 N. Sheridan Road
Lorraine Meyers, Park Tower
Ron Simon, East Point

Source: info@edgewater.com

Back issues available

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Buying club for seniors

By Betty Mayian

The Council for Jewish Elderly's "No Place Like Home" group brought some help and literature to Malibu East's senior residents Feb. 4. The literature was geared to showing how seniors could save money on prescription drugs; the Illinois Circuit Breaker application; credit card fraud; "movement in motion" group exercise; and other programs that might interest these seniors. eighteen residents showed up to get this valuable information. Three of the council's staff people present showed why they are the people to call if you are a senior (any race or religion) and have questions concerning prescription drug costs, tax savings, and help in preparation of almost any form regarding senior assistance that you may need to fill out. They would like to help whenever you have senior-care questions, so call them at 773-508-1089 and see what they can do for you.

Clip & Save

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MECA Doorman's Station 271-1769
MECA Garage Office 271-5193
MECA Management Office 271-1732
MECA Receiving Room 271-2608
Sudler (Management Co.) 312/751-0900

CAPTAIN'S WALK MALL

Dr. Bastani 506-9600
Dr. Horbal 275-0110
First Commercial Bank 564-4123
Live Life Fit 343-8041
Sheridan Hair & Body Studio 561-6595
Malibu Cleaners 728-6023
Malibu Convenient Store 769-5440
Wagner Realty 334-0200

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Chicago Transit Authority 312/664-7200
Chicago Park District 312/747-2200
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Com Ed 800-334-7661
Consumer Services 312/744-4006
48th Ward Streets & San 312/744-2130
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Police/Fire Non-emergency 311
RCN 800-746-4726

Captain's Walk news

Bank opens in mall

By Jack Winans

After a much too long absence, a bank has finally come back to our Captain's Walk mall. The First Commercial Bank has made the ATM available and now is opening its full-service bank in the mall.

According to Malibu East President Marcel Molins, the bank opened temporarily on a part time basis in the Captain's Walk on Feb. 26 using the space previously used by the sushi operation.

According to a First Commercial Bank source, the bank will be moving into its permanent quarters some time in April.

The bank numbers are:

773-564-4123
773-564-4126 FAX

Preschools to open in 48th Ward

Program combines pre-kindergarten and all-day daycare

Tuition-based preschools will open at McCutcheon and Goudy schools this fall. The program is a 48-week, full-day, school-based educational program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Children may be dropped off as early as 7:00 a.m. and picked up as late as 6:00 p.m. Tuition is \$150 per week. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are provided.

Each classroom is staffed with a teacher holding a State of Illinois Early Childhood Certificate and two teacher assistants with at least 30 hours of college credits in early child. Two additional adults are on duty during early morning and late afternoon hours. There is a minimum of three adults in the classroom for most of the day. Class size is a maximum of 20 children.

Children are eligible as of their third birthdays, provided they are toilet trained. There are no residency boundaries. Goudy School is on Foster and Winthrop, McCutcheon at 4900 N. Sheridan.

For additional information, contact Nancy Meyerson in the 48th Ward aldermanic office at 773-293-8415 or via e-mail at nancy@masmith48.org. Parent handbook and application forms are available at Ald. Smith's office, 5533 N. Broadway.

Source: Nancy Meyerson, 48th Ward office.



This postcard and an expensive telescope were given to all original owners.

My favorite things

By Betty Mayian



Some of you may have read my reviews of the local eateries. This winter has been a "stay at home and cook" season. We have been out of town, also. So, before the spring blossoms appear and we begin venturing out once more, here is a sample of my favorite things at some restaurants, coffee houses and bakeries around Edgewater (and beyond.) For fear of choosing one place over the other, or trying to categorize them into types of food, these are arranged alphabetically by name of restaurant.

The best pita bread – free, on the table, at: Andies Restaurant – 5253 N. Clark – (773) 784-8616 – Be very careful, because they keep bringing baskets of the stuff and you need room to eat their other great food. Best place in the area for Greek food. <http://www.andiesres.com/>

Mexican breakfasts and friendly service, at: Angel's – 5403 N. Clark – (773) 271-1138 – On Clark Street, where parking is at a premium, there is usually some space here, then you walk south to get the shopping done after breakfast.

What about those cinnamon rolls at: Ann Sather – 5207 N. Clark – (773) 271-6677 – Again, watch out for the amount of carbs you consume before the meal. When you get a roll, muffin or biscuit with the meal – it really means TWO of them. <http://www.debbiescatering.com/>

Ribs at a bargain price, at: Calo Ristorante – 5343 N. Clark – (773) 271-7725 – Family-run and a local hangout.

Believe it or not, it's the crab cakes, at: Carson's Ribs – 5970 N. Ridge – (773) 271-4000 – They are really good and there is parking. <http://www.ribs.com/>

Shrimp and lobster puffed pastry pot pie, at: Charlie's Ale House – 5308 N. Clark – (773) 751-0140 – Wow, it's good. They have an extensive beer menu; an English pub-style décor, with fireplace, wood paneling and neighborhood pictures on the walls. <http://www.charliesalehouse.com/>

It's the grits and/or the fried green tomatoes, at: Dixie Kitchen – 825 Church, Evanston – (847) 733-9030 – I had to do it, even if it is in Evanston. Those things give it my special rating that I have to share with others. Evanston has some very good restaurants.

Not any one meal, everything is good, at: Edgewater Beach Café – 5545 N. Sheridan – (773) 275-4141 – French/Vietnamese family-owned and run in this historic building. Parking is subsidized by café.

Great grilled veggie sandwiches, and ribs are the specialty, at: Fireside Pub – 5739 N. Ravenswood – (773) 878-5942 – Extensive bar and outdoor dining, where this restaurant is open for lunch and dinner every day of the year. <http://www.fireside.ws/>

Lentil, spinach and goat cheese appetizer, at: Francesca Bryn Mawr – 1039 W. Bryn Mawr – (773) 506-9261 – Ara gives 4 stars to the grilled salmon sandwiches. Menus change daily, but you can ask for these, and others, even when not listed on menu. <http://www.miafrancesca.com/>

Ladies luncheon and weekend brunches, at: Greenhouse Inn: Buffet & Bakery – 6300 N. Ridge – (773) 973-6300 – A

working arm of Misericordia. <http://www.misericordia.com/visit/dining.htm>

Best pasta in the neighborhood, at: La Donna Restaurant – 5146 N. Clark – (773) 561-9400 – They sometimes do a trio of pastas in an all-you-can-eat meal. <http://www.ladonnaitaly.com>

Pecan-encrusted skate fish, at: La Tache' Bistro – 1475 W. Balmoral – (773) 334-7168 – Intimate dining, great food and bar.

Summertime is the perfect time for their super large ice-cream sundaes, at: Leona's Daughters – 6935 N. Sheridan – (773) 764-5757 – They have the largest menu in the area. You will be able to find something you can eat and enjoy. <http://www.leonas.com/>

Best new breakfast/lunch menu, at: M. Henry – 5707 N. Clark – (773) 561-1600 – Worth stopping by to see. Nice décor, as well.

Spicy mushroom appetizer plate at: Mei Shung – 5511 N. Broadway – (773) 728-5778 – It's not on the menu, but make sure you are understood which dish you want by asking Jen, the owner. Say Betty and Linda sent you.

French-brewed Rooibos Teas from South Africa at: Metropolis Coffee Company – 1039 W. Granville – (773) 429-6582 – And they roast and grind their own coffees, too. Friendly neighborhood guys; they should ask Viva Java for their scones, though. <http://www.metropoliscoffee.com/>

The garden spot, under the trees, best neighborhood burger at: Moody's Pub – 5910 N. Broadway – (773) 275-2696 – It's the atmosphere, not the food. <http://www.moodyspub.com/>

Creamy scrambled eggs at Pauline's Diner – 1752-54 W. Balmoral – (773) 561-8573 – And I do mean creamy. I asked the owner why their eggs taste so much better than other restaurants, and he told me. It's cream, and lots of it. Yum.

It's the best new restaurant in the neighborhood. For unique dishes and desserts, try: Speakeasy Supper Club – 1401 W. Devon – (773) 338-0600 – Almost all of their dinner menu can be ordered in a smaller size that helps the pocket-book. Often there is a famous or neighborhood pianist playing the Baldwin. <http://www.speakeasysupperclub.com/>

Bramble Berry Tea (in a bottle), at: Starbucks – 1070 W.

Bryn Mawr – (773) 271-1998 – This is Ara's pick, because he doesn't drink coffee anymore. Go figure. <http://www.starbucks.com/>

Lemon roll cake, at: Swedish Bakery – 5348 N. Clark – (773) 561-8919 – (But you can't go wrong with anything there. Try the Swedish Blonde cookies or the Seven Sisters coffee cake or . . .)

Imported from Denmark, maple-pecan danish, at: Tre Kronor – 3258 W. Foster – (773) 267-9888 – Corned beef hash is the best, too. Wonderful food and service and they have opened the upstairs, so you don't have to wait long. Outdoor dining in summer.

Lahmacun (Turkish style pizza), at: Turkish Cuisine & Bakery – 5605 N. Clark – (773) 878-8960 – It's addictive, and once you've tried it, you will want this version over most "pizza" dishes around. Ara calls it Armenian style pizza, though.

Triple Berry Muffins and the best raisin scones ever, at: Viva Java – 1147 W. Granville – (773) 274-8040 – Our Saturday mornings are torn now between this old standby and the new Metropolis Café.

Oatmeal with all the trimmings, at: Tweet – 5020 N. Sheridan – (773) 728-5576 – Just stop by and see what all the fuss is about, and why it gets all the favorable newspaper reviews. The owner is always there and wants you to be satisfied. <http://www.tweet.biz/index.html>

Just had to put this one in, even though it is in Wilmette. Coffee with heavy cream, at: Walker Bros. Original Pancake House – 153 Green Bay Rd. – (847) 251-6000 – This is for those who love standing in line while trying to get a weekend breakfast.

Friday fried fish, at: Wikstrom's Deli – 5247 N. Clark – (773) 275-6100 – Everyday, best side salads: tabouli, American potato salad, kidney bean, marinated carrot salad, etc. Swedish meatballs, too, to take home and pretend you made them. Get the gravy. <http://swedishfoods.com>

Large, breaded butterflied fried shrimp, at: Wing Hoe – 5356 N. Sheridan – (773) 275-4550 – They have always brought them to our annual holiday party, along with the great egg rolls. Try them for delivery, as well.



Senior Citizens Fair By Jack Winans

275 residents attended the all morning 2nd annual Senior Citizens Fair hosted by Rep. Harry Osterman at the Broadway Armory, Feb. 13. Rep. Osterman was joined by political candidates and state and city department representatives. Thirty vendors ranging from the Arthritis Foundation to the Widowed Ministry, offered information. Ann Sather's Restaurant provided refreshments.

Local business news

By Jack Winans

Ethiopian Diamond

The Ethiopian Diamond restaurant was recently featured on Channel 11 — WTTW. Sisay Abebe owns the restaurant and his wife, Almaz, is the chef. Almaz is the Ethiopian word for diamond. The restaurant has also received the Best of Edgewater Award for vegetarian and ethnic foods and the award for Best Community Support.

Bark Bark Club

Patti Colandrea, owner of the Bark Bark Club, is participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. You can make a donation at: <http://www.avonwalk.org>, click on "Support a Walker" and search for Patti.

Loyola sells Granville/Broadway Properties

A private development company purchased about ¾ of a block of property on the NE corner of Granville and Broadway from Loyola. The project will include 27,000 sq. ft. of retail space, 144 2-BR condominium-housing units with balconies, a common-area green space and 220 parking spaces.

Smoke-free restaurants

The City of Chicago and the State of Illinois have congratulated three Edgewater restaurants that have voluntarily adopted a 100% smoke-free policy:

Jimmy John's, 6153 N. Broadway
Mei Shung, 5511 N. Broadway
VeeVee's African Foods, 6232 N. Broadway

Snow Removal

CODE: 10-28-030

It shall be unlawful for any person to shovel or throw upon the public way any amount of ice or snow which is obstructive to the moving or parking of vehicular traffic.

Any person found in violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense, and each day such offense shall continue shall constitute a distinct and separate offense.

(Or as we say in Edgewater, don't shovel your snow into streets & alleys, or onto the sidewalk from your parking lot.)

CODE: 10-8-180

Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground in the city abutting upon any public way or public place shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of such building or lot of ground.

If the sidewalk is of greater width than five feet, it shall not be necessary for such person to remove snow and ice from the same for a space wider than five feet.

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(Don't just shovel a 12-inch path through the snow. It must be 5 feet wide. Don't wait till the snow stops falling to shovel, it is easier on your heart to shovel a couple of times during a daylong snow all. Your snow must be removed by 10:00 a.m. but many of our customers are going to work, so try to shovel earlier.)

Liability

Some property and business owners are mistakenly under the impression that they should not shovel their sidewalks because they then will be liable if anyone slips and is injured. They are wrong.

City ordinance not only requires the shoveling of a 5-foot wide path clear of snow, it also protects the person who shovels. Thanks to our 48th Ward Streets and Sanitation Superintendent Conrad Suerth for providing us with this information.

Section 10-8-190

Liability for civil damages.

Any person who removes snow or ice from the public sidewalk or street, shall not, as a result of his acts or omissions in such removal, be liable for civil damages. This section does not apply to acts or omissions amounting to willful or wanton misconduct in such snow or ice removal.

Courtesy of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce email notices.

Miscellaneous misconduct



By Norm Cratty

You know something is amiss in our society when your church bulletin has to include parking-lot etiquette and rules! No wonder I still see people waiting for the elevator in the lobby standing in the middle, blocking those that exit when they should really stand along either wall. Why do I still see people grab their mail, then head to the freight elevator because they live closer to that tier? I want to see those offenders fined. Why do I see Malibu East shopping carts used as laundry caddies in the laundry room? Why do I witness a car parked in the atrium, not in the designated 15-minute zone, but facing toward the building entering on the Glenlake curb cut instead of from the Sheridan Road entrance? This person was completely inconsiderate and unaware of what effect their parking position had on those trying to exit our garage and make that turn onto Glenlake to exit properly. When we pointed out their wrongdoing and the fact that they should pull into the 15-minute parking spot, they just shrugged their shoulders. They should be fined for being inappropriate. I would have loved to see our security come out and correct the situation.

Lately I've noticed people waiting for rides in our entryway and they are standing right in front of the revolving doors! People! Don't block these entrances and exits. All it takes is one time to be standing in the revolving door waiting for your ride and someone coming into the building will enter, and guess what? You're going to be the one that gets whipped around in the door. At one of my former places of employment, I've actually seen a little girl lose a finger in a revolving door accident because her parent(s) allowed her to play there. She was standing in the door, her hand against the frame, and someone came into the doorway and pushed. The accident could have been prevented.

Until next time, see you around the building. And yes, I will be watching for various misconduct.

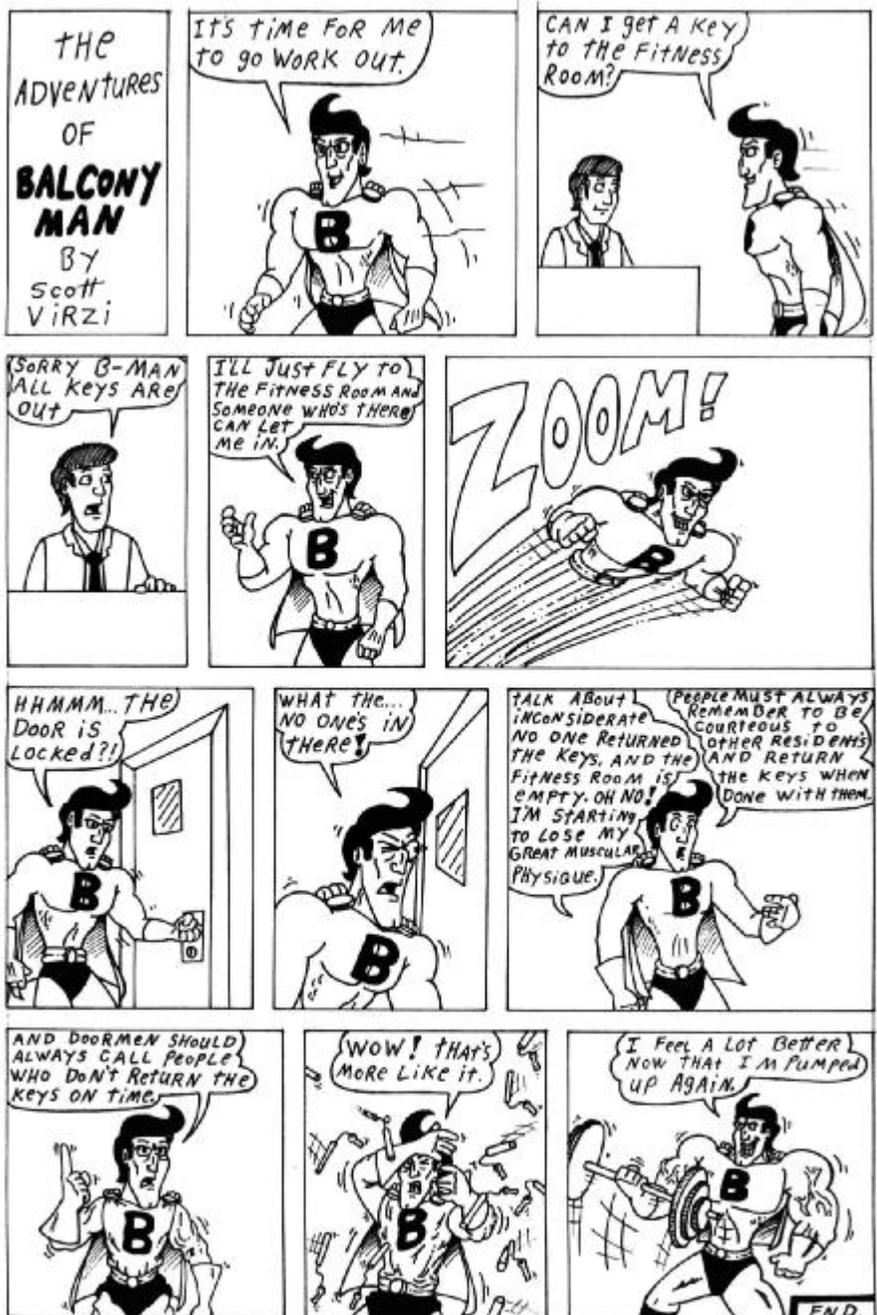
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