

# Malibu East Dialogue

July 2010

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## \$2 MECA Sunday brunch 'eggcellent'

### Brunch review

By Betty Mayian

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The brunch held in the Windjammer Room was another great event at Malibu East, sponsored and planned by the Social Committee. For only \$2 per person — quite a bargain— attendees were treated to the best egg dish ever cooked for a crowd. Jack Winans took off his editor's hat and put on the chef's hat to create this concoction of cholesterol.

In addition to this slice of heaven we had bagels with several types of cream cheeses — plain, lox, and herb. Large fruit trays contained all the best of melons and berries. Mini doughnuts shared the sweet table with coffee cakes, at least five varieties, and small cinnamon rolls, which were topped off with coffee and juice. Not all could be finished, so leftovers were sent down to the lobby and to the garage.

The best part of an event like this is the camaraderie felt by attendees. We had new residents who were quite friendly and got a taste of what we can do at MECA. The other residents already know that we like to plan parties. Let's all think about what other types of events we can plan. The next one will be the karaoke party. It will be the first time we have held one of these in the building. Let's all plan on coming to it and singing with the group. It will be fun.

#### Light and Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

Makes 2-3 servings

- 6 eggs
- 2 TB cream cheese
- 2 TB mayonnaise
- 6 TB heavy whipping cream
- 2 TB butter



- Optional: 2 oz shredded cheese
  - Sea salt and pepper to taste
  - Oven-safe frying pan
  - 1. Preheat oven 450°.
  - 2. Soften cream cheese to blend easily into egg mixture.
  - 3. Break eggs into bowl.
  - 4. Add the mayo, cream, and cream cheese.
  - 5. Blend at a high speed\* with electric blender.
  - 6. Melt butter in a hot skillet.
  - 7. Add egg mixture to hot skillet and sauté until it is starting to set, stirring all the time.
  - 8. Place pan in 450° oven until golden brown
  - 9. Option: add cheese about 2 minutes before taking eggs from oven, and allow to melt over the eggs.
- \*You want the eggs to be whipped at a high speed to infuse air into the egg mixture so they rise in the oven.

*Our condolences to the family and friends of  
Lea Argiris &  
Patricia O'Callaghan*

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# MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans

## MECA board meeting notes Tuesday, June 22, 2010



By Elaine Winans

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Attendance: 10 board members, 2 management representatives and 7 residents  
Not present: Cass Buscher, Richard Strauss

Presiding: President Molins

### OPEN FORUM 1

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Bike room still not cleaned out. *Are giving owners two months to reregister bikes before disposing of unclaimed bikes.*
- 2) Could the carpet cleaning schedule be posted? *Yes*
- 3) Construction noise complaint.
- 4) Not enough security in the bike room; we need a camera there.

### REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- 1) 36E sale
- 2) Construction in units and carpet protection
- 3) Granville Beach parking
- 4) Electricity contract
- 5) Gazebo fire

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Warner

- 1) *Financial statement*  
Balance on hand, cash and reserves  
\$2,373,048.79
- 2) *Delinquencies*  
\$149,850.96
- 3) *MECA- owned 36E sold*  
Net profit from sale — approx.  
\$14,000

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) *Rules and Regulations*  
Cass Buscher  
No report
- 2) *Floor Representatives*  
Eleida Gomez  
Plastic covers on hallway carpet during winter?  
No, unsightly and dirt remains under the plastic.  
No signs on bulk rooms.

- 3) *Security*  
Sandy Chaet  
*Have been 300-400 spot checks of key fobs. No problems reported.*
- 4) *Social and Educational*  
Sandy Chaet  
*(See article, page 12.)*
- 5) *Commercial Property*  
Marcel Molins  
No report
- 6) *Architecture & Aesthetics*  
Daniel Denton  
No report
- 7) *ASCO report*  
Sandy Chaet  
*(See Community Affairs, page 4, and Fireworks, page 8.)*  
As we are expecting many guests for the Fourth of July, a letter will go out to our residents concerning guest parking limitations, conduct of guests, barbequing and balcony manners.
- 8) *Garage*  
Martina Molins  
Re-decaling of autos has started. All garage customers will get a new MECA decal.  
*Standard Parking report*  
Syed Haider, Mgr.  
Claims  
Approved: 3  
Denied: 2  
Pending: 0  
Total: 5  
Waiting lists  
Single self-park: 5  
Tandem self-park: 1  
Second car: 0  
Monthly parkers  
Single: 133  
Tandem: 37  
Valet: 264  
Preferred: 1  
Motorcycle: 1  
Engineer: NC  
Total: 436  
Garage capacity  
Single 144  
Tandem: 72  
Valet stalls: 295  
Valet aisles 20  
Motorcycles: 3

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.

Total: 534  
*(Under capacity 98, up 5)*

#### Changes

New monthlies: 0  
Cancellations: 8  
Upgrades 0

- 9) *Public & Community Affairs*  
Sandy Chaet  
No report
- 10) *Pets*  
Sandy Chaet  
No report
- 11) *Parents*  
Marcia Fishman  
No report
- 12) *Sports and Entertainment*  
Neil Warner  
The door for the Auxiliary Fitness Room has been installed. We have three bids for upgrading electrical capacity in this room. Swimming pools have been opened, and water aerobics classes have begun. A new yoga class will begin in July — watch the bulletin boards for details.
- 13) *Finance & Insurance*  
Neil Warner  
No report
- 14) *Long Range Plans & Special Projects*  
Leon LeRoy  
No report
- 15) *Communications*  
Neil Warner  
Dialogue finances improving slightly.
- 16) *Legal*  
Cass Buscher  
No report
- 17) *Building Maintenance & Services*  
Eleida Gomez  
Have samples of material for reupholstering Community Room furniture. Tested with wine and juice stains. Cleaning was satisfactory. Sample colors (dark red upholstery) were tentatively approved. Larger samples will be requested before final decision is made.
- 18) *Cable*  
Cass Buscher  
DirecTV, not USA Wireless, had a problem with HD reception, but it

now appears to have been solved.

- 19) **Life Safety**  
Sandy Chaet  
No report

#### MANAGEMENT REPORT

Chris Chiodo

#### Items requiring

#### immediate board action

- 1) **Captain's Walk restroom build-out**  
**Marcel Molins**  
Plan to upgrade the restrooms to meet handicapped specifications. Passed.
- 2) **Parking for Granville Beach**  
Valet parking at \$130 monthly available for some residents of that building. Passed.
- 3) **Electricity contract for building**  
Substantial savings may be achieved with a new contract beginning in 2011. Management will solicit other bids besides proposal from Constellation Energy, our current provider, whose contract expires at the end of 2010. The Executive Committee has been empowered to sign a contract that will lock in a new rate.

#### Items requiring

#### future board action

- 1) **Unit construction and carpet care**  
The continuous covering of the hallway carpet for a four-week period or longer during unit construction is unacceptable. Other buildings have the contractor put down a covering that was removed at the end of construction every day. Some standards need to be developed for this issue and for moves and delivery of large furniture items. Drop cloths or plastic hallway coverings should not be left out all day.  
Management will prepare a proposal for this issue to be presented to the board at the next meeting. When approved by the board, this procedure will be sent to all residents. Fines for failure to adhere to the new procedure may be considered.
- 2) **Floor representatives**  
Proposed that at each annual meeting, the name of a resident on each floor could be drawn by lottery to either serve as floor representative or find someone else who would, for those floors now without representation.



## What's happening around the building

by Chris Chiodo, MECA Manager

**Assessments:** Assessments are due by the first of each month. A late charge will be assessed for any delinquent account on the close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please send remittance to:  
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8401 Innovation Way  
Chicago, IL 60682-8401

The management office will not accept assessment checks.

**Lifeguards:** I'm very happy to report that we have hired four new lifeguards this year, and I think everyone will be very happy with them. Please welcome Terri Chavez, Tori Unger, Natalie Da Gioia, and Colleen Mackey. Please say hello when you get a chance.

**Swimming pool age limit:** You have to be a person at least twelve (12) years of age, who can swim, to be allowed in the swimming pool enclosure without an adult. If the child is under the age of twelve (12), please do not send them down to the pool by themselves. They will not be allowed entry without adult supervision. The lifeguards will not babysit your children until you arrive. Also, if you leave the pool area, you must take your children with you. They cannot be left unattended.

**Laundry room:** Management has been receiving complaints about missing laundry. Please understand that management takes no responsibility for articles left in the laundry room. Please stay with your clothes at all times. If left overnight, they will be removed from the machine by the maintenance department. The laundry room is under video surveillance. If you feel items may have been taken, we can review the video to see if they were stolen. If this is required, you must set up an appointment with management, and you will be charged an hourly rate for the time taken to review the video.

**Cable TV:** For any cable TV questions, please contact the USA Wireless office at 847-831-4561 or 800-433-4558. Emergency after-hours number is 847-923-6004.

**E-mail:** You may contact the management office or the board of directors for any reason, with requests, concerns, problems, etc. E-mail to:

malibueast@awbworld.com

**Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult to enter the swimming pool**

#### Items not requiring board action

- 1) **TV status**  
No report
- 2) **Façade ordinance repairs**  
A covering is up over the entrance to the pool. Work will continue in these tiers.
- 3) **Garage construction**  
Waiting for proposals for replacing covering on the tennis court.
- 4) **Laundry Room**  
A committee will start looking into the kind of machines we should have when our current contract expires.
- 5) **Unit sales**  
43C                      \$235,000 pending
- 6) **MECA-owned units**  
18D asking price \$235,000

36E sold  
41K leased  
28E asking price \$235,000  
07M asking price \$165,000

#### **OPEN FORUM 2**

#### **Resident comments and questions:**

- 1) Problem with not understanding the USA Wireless instruction booklet for getting standard definition reception when HD reception was lost. A tech talked him through the procedure. Need better support from USA Wireless. Some credits for lack of contracted HD service are still due.
  - 2) When will the laundry room contract be up? **March 2012.**
- The meeting ended at 9:55pm and went into closed session.

## Community Calendar

By Betty Mayian

### COMMUNITY AFFAIRS EDGEWATER

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

##### Third Saturdays, July 17

Pop-up art gallery, "Galleries de Granville," on Granville from Broadway to Kenmore. Edgewater Arts Festival at Berger Park with a juried art show. Osterman Family Fun Day in the Broadway Armory parking lot — a bouncing castle, face painting, games, and snow cones. Strolling musicians and entertainers throughout Edgewater and of course sidewalk sales.

#### EDGEWATER

#### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

##### Old-time radio performances by the Those Were The Days Radio Players.

Jul. 31 2-3pm  
5358 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-506-4849  
edgewaterhistory.org

#### FARMER'S MARKET

##### Edgewater Green Market

Thru Oct. 18  
7am to 1pm Saturdays, rain or shine.  
Broadway and Norwood

#### FURRY FRIENDS SUMMERFEST

Open-air market for pets and pet organizations.  
SE corner Broadway & Thorndale.  
5:30-8pm Wed, July & August

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS

Join neighbors for music, games and snacks.  
Mondays: 1100 block of Thorndale  
Wednesdays: Winona & Winthrop

#### THIRD SATURDAYS ON

##### BROADWAY

11am-3pm July 17 & Aug. 21.  
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#### THEATER/SHOWINGS

#### GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

"Little Brother" by Cory Doctorow  
A vision of the future when a 17-year-old hacker decides to fight back against a government out of control.  
Thru Jul. 19

Athenaeum Theatre  
2936 N. Southport  
800-982-2787  
griffintheatre.com

#### LIFELINE THEATRE



#### "Neverwhere"

About a nightmare shadow world beneath the City of London.  
Thru Jul. 18  
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6912 N. Glenwood Ave.  
773-761-4477  
lifelinetheatre.com

#### RAVEN THEATRE

"The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon  
The classic comedy of ordinary men who are extraordinarily irreconcilable.

Thru Jul. 18  
6157 N. Clark  
773-338-2177  
raventheatre.com

#### REDTWIST THEATRE

"Equus" by Peter Shaffer  
This unique psychological thriller explores the boundary between passion and normalcy.

Thru Aug. 29  
1044 W. Bryn Mawr  
773-728-7529  
redtwist.org

#### VICTORY GARDENS THEATER

Mainstage at the Biograph  
"A Guide For The Perplexed"

Kevin Anderson plays a newly released convict who takes up residence with his sister's husband, teenage son, and a tank of fish.  
2433 N. Lincoln Ave.  
773-871-3000  
victorygardens.org

#### MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS

##### Dialogue Committee meeting

Wednesday, Jul. 21  
7:30pm — Community Room

##### MECA board meeting

Tuesday, Jul. 27  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

##### Karaoke party

Saturday, July 31  
7:30pm — Windjammer Room

##### White elephant sale

Saturday, August 28  
Time – TBA — Captain's Walk mall

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

#### JULY HOLIDAYS

##### July 4

##### Independence Day

Americans celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress in 1776.

##### July 5

**Birthday of Guru Hargobind (Sikh)**  
Guru Hargobind (1595-1644) was the sixth of the Sikh Gurus.

##### July 9

**Martyrdom of the Bab (Bahai)**  
Anniversary of the Bab's execution in 1850 in Tabriz, Iran.

##### July 14

##### Bastille Day

French national holiday commemorates the storming of the Bastille, which took place on July 14, 1789, and marked the beginning of the French Revolution.

##### July 15

##### St. Swithin's Day (Christian)

Swithin (or Swithun) was a Saxon bishop in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Legend has it that the weather on his feast day will determine the weather for the next 40 days.

##### July 19

##### Tisha B'Av (Jewish)

A solemn day that commemorates a series of tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people over the years, many of which have coincidentally happened on this day.

##### July 20

##### Jamshedi Noruz (Qadimi) (Zoroastrian)

Zoroastrian New Year's Day in the Qadimi calendar.

##### July 23

##### Birthday of Guru Har Krishen (Sikh)

Guru Har Krishan (1656-1664) was the eighth of the Sikh Gurus.

##### Birthday of Haile Selassie I (Rastafari)

Haile Selassie was the Emperor of Ethiopia. Rastas believe Haile Selassie is God, and that he will return to Africa any members of the black community who are living in exile.

##### July 24

##### Pioneer Day (Mormon)

Commemorates the arrival in 1847 of the first Latter Day Saints pioneers in Salt Lake Valley.

##### July 25

##### Khordad Sal (Qadimi) (Zoroastrian)

The birthday of Zoroaster, celebrated on this date in the Qadimi calendar.

##### July 26

##### Asala - Dharma Day (Buddhist)

The anniversary of the start of Buddha's teaching — his first sermon, "The Wheel of Truth," after his enlightenment.



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L–R: Ara Mayian, Neil & Debbie Warner, Jack & Elaine Winans, Tracy Poyser, Dorothy Doherty, Beth Robinson and Betty Mayian

### Sun Wah BBQ review *Betty and Ara Mayian*

This is going to be a most unusual review. The Dialogue staff decided to go out together Friday, May 28, and enjoy dinner as a group. I thought we could also review the restaurant as a group.

Only Neil and Debbie had been there recently and we were all excited because Peking Duck was the menu feature. In fact, for \$32 a duck, it is meant to be shared — and ordered at least a day in advance. What Sun Wah does is prepare this wonderful duck and serve it off the bone (sliced to perfection by one of the staff), mixed in a fried rice dish, and have it also in the soup broth ladled out to us after we have finished the entrées. We were encouraged to order vegetable dishes and other things to supplement the duck. Chinese broccoli and bok choy were our choices (both superb). I also ordered barbecued pork lo mein. The pork was good, but the noodles were lame.

I have to say that the side dishes left a lot to be desired — even the duck soup. The stupendous duck could be shared by two or three people, with some veggies on the side. What I most enjoyed was being with the group and passing the food around the large lazy Susan. We had a wonderful time, drinking a glass of wine or a cup of tea. It is a marvelous group of volunteers, and the building should be proud to have them all.

### *Dorothy Doherty*

Thoughts while chewing on a Peking duck leg at 4pm the next day.

When you walk in the front door of Sun Wah Chinese restaurant on Broadway, the cacophony of sound meets the ears immediately as I and the eyes adjust to the dozens and dozens of folk sitting and eating, which reaches your senses with aromas and appetizing sights.

We were seated in the rear of this very large, unadorned room, at a table for 12 with a beautiful Lucite lazy Susan in the center. Although we looked at the menu it was predetermined that we would have the house specialty, Peking duck. Oh my! Having seen them hanging in the window as we entered, my mouth was already watering.

We had a wonderful selection of veggies, bok choy, Chinese broccoli, jicama and carrot strips, duck sauce, two sauces I could not identify, barbecued pork served on noodles, and at the end of the feast, a bowl of clear duck broth and a scoop of sherbet to clear the palate. And, of course, a fortune cookie.

I would recommend this delightful restaurant despite the noise. The service was superb; the chef who cut up the ducks did it with a large carving knife — amazing to watch! Our waitress was most attentive. I had one of the best times I have enjoyed in a very long time with my lovely and charming dinner companions. Would like to do this again in the near future.

### *Debbie and Neil*

The highlight of the Dialogue Committee's meal at Sun Wah was the Peking (or Beijing) duck, with tender slices of duck — each with a prized piece of crisp skin attached — tucked into a rice flour pancake with shredded scallions and carrots, pickled daikon radish and hoisin sauce.

The soup with duck meat was prepared after they took the carcass from the carved duck back to the kitchen. Being served the soup after the Peking duck pancakes was different from the usual order of things, but it actually was a nice change of pace in the middle of the meal.

We also enjoyed stir-fried Chinese broccoli, and duck fried rice with peas and bean sprouts (again made from our duck carcass). It was less greasy than some versions of fried rice we've tried. The raspberry sorbet made for a light palate cleanser at the end of the meal.

The only downside of the evening was the elevated noise level in the crowded restaurant, making it difficult to hear conversations around our large, round table. Yet, all things considered, it was a very enjoyable evening with very good food and friends.

### *Beth Robinson*

I hadn't been to Sun Wah BBQ recently and was pleasantly surprised to find the restaurant in a new spot on Broadway around the corner from its old location. The new location has a large, modern

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dining room with exposed brick and a loft ceiling. The restaurant was filled with diners and lively conversation.

We had the Peking duck, which Jack ordered in advance. Eating this dish is a satisfying ritual which takes some time to carry out. While we waited for the duck to be ready, we ordered several other dishes to share, including stir fried Chinese broccoli, stir fried bok choy and lo mein with BBQ pork. The vegetables were tasty, and given the number of vegetable and seafood dishes on the menu, I think that vegetarians would enjoy the restaurant even if they didn't try the barbequed meat that is the specialty of the house.

The waiter brought out three whole ducks and carved them at a side table. They were served with chopped vegetables, sauce and spongy pocket buns. We made little sandwiches with the sliced duck meat, the gooey sauce and the crunchy vegetables. The duck meat was a real treat with crispy seasoned skin and tender, flavorful meat. After some time, the waitstaff reappeared with duck soup

followed by duck fried rice. The meal ended with scoops of sorbet and fortune cookies. The food was plentiful, and I went home with enough duck meat to make a good lunch the following day.

**Tracy Poyser**

Sun Wah is surely the duckiest place I've ever seen, even though the first glimpse into the display window in front also features a succulent spit-roasted pig and a bunch of other goodies that will make vegetarians shudder and run! The menu's straight-on and doesn't fuss with lyrical descriptions: it's duck, duck, duck — and delicacies like fried innards, kidneys, and anything from fowl and pig that's cookable in some way. I normally take pride in being a light eater, but that duck skin made a glutton out of me — and the contrast of that crisp, delicious, non-greasy meat and skin on a steamed bun drenched with extra plum sauce and covered with crunchy veggie strips was impossible to resist. It really doesn't need any side dish other than some green vegetables for contrast. I thought our stir-fried baby bok choy and Chinese broccoli

were ideal, if only to make me feel justified in eating even more duck to balance them.

It didn't matter that the serving sequence was like a movie in reverse — with the duck appearing first and the soup at the end, together with a dessert sorbet. We were way too happy and greasy-fingered to worry about formality.

My doggie bag turned into a great wok dinner for one the following night. I stir-fried a little brown rice with cubed duck pieces and chopped veggies, a bit of tomato and onion, and a good dose of Trader Joe's General Tsao's stir-fry sauce. Sun Wah is definitely a keeper, and I'm planning to get a couple of take-out ducks for a holiday meal this year.

**Jack and Elaine Winans**

My thanks to a wonderful staff who deserve a night out. We should do this more often. We wish that more residents would join us in creating the monthly Malibu East Dialogue — many hands make for light work — and great friends make for great times.



## City moves fireworks up north

**Sheli Lulkin,**  
**ASCO President**

**350,000-400,000 expected to view.**  
**Will it be fun or a fiasco?**  
**Fireworks from 9-9:15pm**  
**Sunday, July 4 — NO rain day**



A crowd of over a million people is hard to handle, so this year the City of Chicago has decided to do away with the Grant Park fireworks and concert. There will be three synchronized shows: Navy Pier, 59th Street and — oh yes, right off the shoreline between Foster and Lawrence. The barge will be anchored 2,000 feet offshore under the watchful eyes of the US Coast Guard, making sure that all boats and swimmers stay out of range. The fireworks will be synchronized with music played over 101.9 FM.

The production is under the supervision of MOSE — the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

According to reliable sources, planning meetings began in January and included CTA, police, fire, state and federal agencies and Ald. Shiller (46<sup>th</sup> Ward) and Ald. Smith (48<sup>th</sup> Ward). However, community organizations were not consulted or included. The 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Police Districts are responsible for policing the area. Cmdr. Moy did make a point of meeting with her CAPS groups.

The Lincoln Park Advisory Council and various nature groups have expressed concern about the safety of the migratory bird area and the delicate native plants near Montrose. They are concerned that watchers will enter the fenced-in area in

order to get a good spot for the fireworks. Special security is being assigned.

### **ASCO meets with Cmdr. Moy.** **Fluid plans for 4th of July discussed.**

**You might be able to get home.**

Cmdr. Lucy Moy of the 20<sup>th</sup> Police District attended the June 1 ASCO board meeting and briefed the board on plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She gave us two pieces of advice: (1) Relax and enjoy it; and (2) Have your entire staff on duty. The latter is truer for ASCO buildings south of Hollywood.



We learned that plans are still fluid but include:

- Margate Park Fieldhouse will be the command post for police, fire and emergency services.
- Marine Drive will be cleared, by tow truck if necessary, 24 to 48 hours in advance.
- Marine Drive will be the staging area for CTA buses.
- Plans are in place to protect the nature areas.
- Extra tow trucks will be on the scene for immediate tows. This includes attempts to double-park.
- Cmdr. Moy has worked the downtown fireworks for 12 years and brings this experience to the table. Deputy Chief Bruce Rottner, one of our neighbors, is in charge of the operation.
- Although the 20<sup>th</sup> Police District extends North to Thorndale, the planning is only up to Hollywood.
- Lake Shore Drive and Hollywood westbound will remain open, but during the fireworks themselves, LSD might be shut down.
- There will be traffic aides on duty and they will be empowered to write tickets.
- East-West streets between Broadway and Marine Drive will be closed down about an hour before the fireworks start.
- Snow fencing will be put up along Lake Shore Drive to prevent watchers from crossing the road.
- There will be a residential pass plan in effect, but as of now this will not be in effect north of Hollywood.

### **ASCO board dissatisfied with lack of July 4 protection north of Hollywood**

A bone of contention between the ASCO board and the July 4 planners is the lack of traffic and trespasser plans for north of Hollywood. We have two new parks. We have a well-documented history of gridlock which makes entrance and exit from our buildings virtually impossible.

We believe that northbound holiday traffic will probably flow but that southbound traffic should be diverted down Broadway at Devon. We asked that the cross streets east of Sheridan be closed but this was felt unnecessary.

We also feel that the snow fencing does not extend far enough north. Our LSD median plantings have matured and look very good this year. We do not want them destroyed. For years we had no plantings north of Irving Park Road and it was only after the ASCO president spoke to the mayor directly that we got them. But the only medians being protected are near Irving Park Road. Also, there is a safety problem at Osterman Beach, whose new beach house should be open. We do not want people running across the drive to use it.

### **CTA to add trains, buses, shuttles; 147 to continue running.**



We have been guaranteed that the 147 bus will continue running during the festivities although its route might be diverted during the fireworks show.

The CTA will increase the number of cars on its Red Line trains from 4 to 6. In addition it will cut the interlude between trains from 13 to 9 minutes.

A shuttle bus service will start at Marine Drive and take people to public transportation junctions, where they can ride out of the area on a bus or train. There will also be cooling buses if the temperature is hot.

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### 'Neighborhood Nights' in Edgewater

By Kim O'Neal



"Neighborhood Nights" is an event on Monday nights at Thorndale and Broadway and on Wednesday nights in Uptown at Winona and Winthrop from 6-8pm, hosted by The Neighborhood First Organization (TNHFO). These events started June 7 and run through the month of August. The June 7 event had "Know No Limits Gym" teaching an aerobics class, live music, free coffee and hot cocoa, as well as a free barbeque.

The event on June 14 had several neighborhood people enjoying free grilled hot dogs, a musical puppet show from a bike, games from Chicagoland Games, and socializing with neighbors. Several tables were set up with games for the kids and a trivia contest planned for the adults.

I spoke with Regina DeGuzman with The Neighborhood First Organization, who said that several businesses in the area contribute to the event, including St. Andrew's Pub, the Chicago Park District,

Bunz, Castle Liquors, a volunteer from Harry Osterman's office, and many others.

Dan Kleinman (MECA resident) started TNHFO and planned "Neighborhood Nights" as a way to get people in Edgewater to come out and enjoy the neighborhood. "The event is much like a block party," DeGuzman stated. "The event has been getting bigger and bigger each year."

Come out and see what's new each week and meet your neighbors. You can see a full calendar of both the Edgewater and Uptown "Neighborhood Nights" events at [theneighborhoodfirst.org](http://theneighborhoodfirst.org).

### July 4 parties

By Jack Winans



Fourth of July parties are popular at Malibu East due to our wide balconies with north and south views of fireworks and ample space for guests. We have, to the north, an excellent view of Evanston's fireworks, city views of local, albeit illegal, fireworks, but not a good view of the downtown extravaganza.

This year's Fourth will be extra special as Mayor Daley has added both a south and north show. The north show will be only 15 minutes long, starting at 9pm, but bedazzling and synchronized with music on 101.9 FM. The fireworks from a barge 20,000 feet off shore between Foster and Lawrence will be visible from east and south patios and from our fourth-floor deck.



If you are having guests, please remember:

1. If there is a crush of guests, our garage may not be able to serve all.
2. Please advise your guests that as the night goes on, your neighbors would appreciate some quiet time later in the evening.
3. It is very important to stress to your guests not to throw anything off the balcony.



Dear Etta Kitt,

I am forewarned that my downstairs neighbor will be calling to complain about water spilling from the balcony. I need to wash my windows and screens twice a year, and it requires a great deal of cleaning with water. I also water the plants, and occasionally the water overflows.



I am trying very hard not to cause ill will below; however I am not perfect, and water tends to spill over. Can you offer any suggestions, as it happens to me too, and I try to understand? What do others do as they garden and clean their windows? Is there a time that we can water in the late evening so we don't disturb our neighbors? I want to be a good neighbor and need advice.

I did send an apology letter to her, acknowledging her frustration. I am truly sorry.

Sincerely, Dripping Wet

Dear Ms. Wet,

Well you could wait for a rainstorm to contrive an excuse for the excess water, but that's not practical. The apology is a nice start, but please reassure her that in the future, you will follow the below suggestions.

Privately employ an off-duty employee to have the screens removed and washed.

Wash your windows with a brush and soapy water and squeegee them dry. Use a broom to spread excess water on the balcony floor to dry. **The use of a hose is a definite no-no!**

Place all flower pots and planters in drip pans to catch excess water.

Remember, your patio floor is someone else's roof.

Page 7 of our MECA Rules & Regulations reads:

III. INDIVIDUAL UNITS

B. Balconies, Water Heaters and other Fixtures servicing Units.

4. Wastewater may not be allowed to flow over the edge of the balcony.

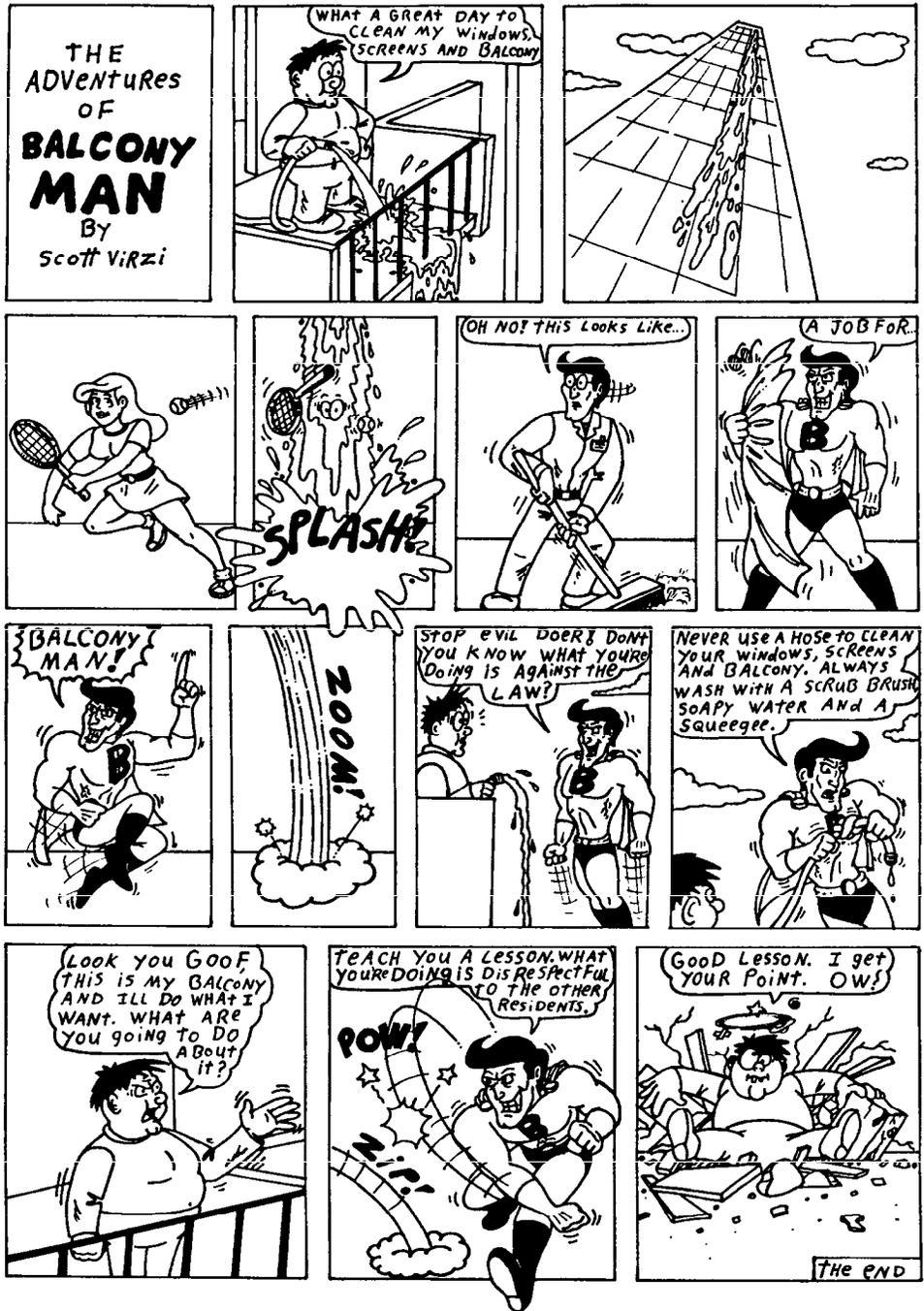
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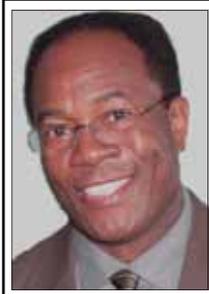
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### Sandy Chaet

There will be a karaoke party in the Windjammer Room Saturday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m. We will have a karaoke machine so that you can perform popular songs with prerecorded music. Please join us whether or not you want to sing. It's as much fun to watch as participate! Soft drinks and snacks will be provided but can bring your own 'bottle.'



We are also thinking of having a talent show. If you are interested in performing, please leave a note for the Social Committee with your name, unit, and telephone

number in the management office.

A special thanks to Jack Winans for making eggs for our brunch on Sun. May 17 so terrific. Jack made an scrambled eggs that everyone enjoyed that day along with the other food served. Thanks to the committee members for all of their work also.



The White Elephant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 28 in the Captain's Walk mall. Only Malibu East residents may reserve space and they must provide their own table and chair. A White Elephant Sale is for used items. There will be a \$5 fee and the flier in early August will give other necessary information.

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