



# IN THE PINK

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The Newsletter of the Edgewater Beach Apartments

June 2016

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Shareholders

I'm delighted and honored to report that the Board of Directors (BODs) has reelected me as Board President and Principal Executive Officer for another term. I am very excited to continue to lead the BODs and the entire EBAC Community.

Last year, we set a few clear expectations that, in part included: 1) reviewing (and acting) on our current infrastructure plumbing system, 2) accessing whether our current governing documents provide the best legal and operational structure for all Shareholders, and 3) refreshing our common areas. I'm happy to report that those expectations continue into the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Although we have made great strides on many fronts, we still have many management challenges before us. With the support of Management, the BODs and the EBAC community at large, I am very optimistic that we will have another great year! During the next several months, I'll be working with Management and the BODs to develop a comprehensive 2016/2017 Plan of Work. We'll make the Plan available as soon as the BOD approves and adopts it.

As you know, on May 3, we elected the following BODs: David Clark and Joe Ferrario. Please give Joe and David a warm EBAC welcome, along with a huge "thank

you" for volunteering to serve our community. It's been my experience over the years that our BODs are highly dedicated and committed to fulfilling their respective fiduciary duties and responsibilities.

I'd also like to highlight the five outgoing BODs: Judith Armbruster, Judy Bertacchi, Eilene Edejer, Bill Johnson and Mary Solt. During their respective terms, they served the EBAC well, with great pride and persuasive conviction. Thank you.

Finally, please join me in congratulating Mike Liposcak on his recent promotion to Property Manager. As you know, Mike has been the EBACs Interim Property Manager for the past several months. Welcome to the EBAC family, Mike!

As always, thank you for your continued support and confidence as we work through another year of progress and positive change.

*Salvatore Bondi*

## FROM MANAGEMENT

Dear EBAC Shareholder/Resident –

I am honored to be named Property Manager of this wonderful building. I would like to take this opportunity to pass along a few notes and reminders about goings on in the building.

Window washing has been scheduled to begin on June 6<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) notices will be distributed prior to the start of the cleaning. Follow up notices will be sent once the cleaning has been completed. We ask that once your windows have been cleaned to immediately check the condition of your screens – if they are damaged we can file a claim with the vendor. But we cannot reach out to the vendor after the windows have been cleaned (and they have left the building) and request reimbursement for damaged screens.

Men's and Women's Locker Room upgrades are tentatively scheduled to begin in the first week in June.

Maintaining your automobiles. Please take a moment to check your parking stalls to ensure your vehicle is not leaking any fluids onto the garage floor. During a tour of the upper and lower garages, I noticed a number of vehicles that appeared to be leaking oil, power steering or brake fluid, particularly in the second floor parking garage which was just repaired and coated at a cost of \$220,000. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in addressing this issue.

Bob McAdow and his crew have recently completed painting the loading dock/trash area – each dumpster can now be easily identified as “trash” or “recycling.” What we now ask is that when you discard boxes (into the recycling container) that you please break them down so they are flat – to ensure the containers are not overflowing.

We have seen whole boxes thrown into the containers. But the containers are not picked up every day. So to ensure that EBA gets the full use of the containers, please break down your boxes.

As gardening season swings into full gear please remember to roll up any hoses you might use to water your individual gardens – hoses that are not rolled up can cause a tripping hazard to our residents and children.

New grills were placed in the Garden area earlier this month, a few reminders – or grilling etiquette – (1) remember to turn off the grills once you have finished grilling – recently the gas valve was left open on all three grills. (2) Please remember to clean up after you have finished grilling and keep the use of any liquids to a minimum. I was surprised at how much accumulated and burnt on sauces/marinades are on the burners as well as the accumulation of burnt food on the grilling area. Wire brushes have been installed. Please take a moment to clean the grilling area before you leave.

“Lobby staff will accept perishables (e.g., food, flowers, medicine) and will notify residents by phone upon receipt. Arrangements should be made for immediate pick-up of such items, as the EBAC will not be responsible for perishable items after notification. **As noted in the Rules and Regulations EBA staff will ask that the resident come to the lobby to pick up their item(s).** EBAC provides reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities who are physically unable to come to the

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lobby. This is the only case where deliveries may be made directly to a Shareholder's door, and in such cases, a consent form must be signed and on file at the Doorman station. Delivery persons must comply with all measures implemented by EBAC, such as fully completing a log entry and leaving a photo ID with EBAC staff, before they will be allowed to make a delivery."

Finally, my thanks to all of you for your patience and understanding as well as the kind words and support in helping me get settled into EBAC. I have enjoyed working, albeit for a short time, with the prior board members and look forward to the new challenges that face the recently elected directors. Yours is a unique building filled with many wonderful residents and I look forward to a long stay at EBAC.

*Michael Liposcak*

<b>NEW SHAREHOLDERS</b>	
Shelby Richardson & Marguerite Horberg	1107
Brandon & Dominic Trumfio	1114
Robert Lawson & Jane Norling	1009
Mary Alleruzzo	238
Dan Koteski	228
John Makowski	715
Dennis Dernbach & Maureen O'Farrell	506
William C. Morro	140



## Shout-Outs !!

### March 2016

On March 18, we reopened the upper garage to great fanfare. The project was a huge success! We could not have done it without the full support of our amazing staff...from Mike, dk General Manager to Bob McAdow and his painting crew to Tiburcio Gonzalez and his maintenance crew. Thank you for your endless commitment.

### April 2016

Thank you to Eilene Edejer and Karen Goldberg for volunteering for the 19th Floor Open House. We had a great turn out and your participation made it all the better. Again, thank you!

### May 2016

Thank you to all the (new and seasoned) 2016/2017 EBAC Committee volunteers for serving a cause greater than yourself; your volunteerism makes our community thrive!

*Salvatore Bondi*

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## “BOCCE AMONG FRIENDS – READY TO ROLL”

The laughs, cheers and groans of bocce ball play made us the envy of the ‘hood last summer. This year we get serious about recruiting more social players/fans who want to learn/watch the game and spend some pleasant nights relaxing in the beautiful EBA garden. Think about this:

- Even if you don’t play, you’ll enjoy watching the games and socializing with your neighbors. BYOB and belly up to the conveniently located court-side “bar.”
- Bocce ball is a draw for family and friends. Slip some shrimp on the new barbies and follow up with a postprandial game at the south end of the garden.
- No special feats of strength are required and you can learn the basics in 10 minutes. Let us know if you’d like a quick, informal lesson.
- EBA game rules are available on site and can be emailed to you on request.
- Just bring yourself. Equipment, rules, and scoreboard are conveniently kept in the green box near the court.
- And, finally, why not enhance your meals from Food Truck Fridays by dining courtside with friends and neighbors?

Every weeknight in June, from 6 to 8 PM, you’ll find hosts at the court to welcome you and show you the ropes. June greeters include: Claire Whitaker, Judith Irle, Ruth Kurczewski, Bob Mills, Ruthanne Mills,

Fresh Taste invites you to  
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Janet Cheverud, Jim Cheverud, Angela Just, Melanie Tillmanns, Dan Stanzel, Jayne Deiters, Phyllis Raine, Roshan Mawani, Ellen Wood, Jane Hardick, Karen Lehman, Barbara Zweifel and Pam Seaman. Check the lobby desk, mailroom (and your email if you sign up!) for the schedule of hosted dates/times.

We are always looking for volunteers. A special need this year: if you have had experience organizing team play of any kind, we need your help shaping EBA’s summer bocce ball tournament. We already have four teams organized by floors (3, 4, 7, 10) and would like to add at least four more.

Questions or comments to:  
[ebabocce@icloud.com](mailto:ebabocce@icloud.com) or [arjust@mac.com](mailto:arjust@mac.com)  
(or place a note in Mailbox #254).

*Angela Just*

### WHO KNEW??

Bocce ball is commonly perceived as a game spread by Italian immigrants. Yet a similar game was played by the Egyptians in 4000 BCE. Bocce is portrayed in an ancient Greek tomb painting.

There are variations in rules, playing surfaces, and the name of the game among countries. While a bocce court has a playing surface of sand or ground oyster shell, the English prefer a closely cropped lawn. The push lawnmower was patented in 1830 to achieve it. The French named it Piquant or Boules. The English call it Lawn Bowling.

Not everyone approved. The Roman Catholic Church banned bocce as gambling. Monarchs and legislatures in many countries

  
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issued bans. They imposed fines and imprisonment on players because bocce weakened the state, taking time away from archery practice and other military exercises. England allowed peasants to play bocce on Christmas Day in the presence of their masters. The Puritans disavowed sports. That didn't deter George Washington from installing a bocce court at Mt. Vernon.

Worldwide, only soccer and golf have more players. There are international competitions. The United States Bocce Federation sponsors a national competition annually.

You Tube videos can explain the rules or a friendly resident will teach you. But watch out lest some officials enforce the past and say you broke the law.

*Larry Lesperance*

**CARE FOR REAL.  
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COMPASSION, COMMUNITY AND  
COMMITMENT**

This year, Care for Real will provide free programs and services to 100,000. Seniors are the fastest growing food-insecure population in America. Every day, 10,000 Baby Boomers turn 65, and unfortunately many are retiring with less in savings than they expected, bringing them face-to-face with hunger for the first time. And now that summer is here and kids out of school (where many typically receive two meals a day), thousands of families will be turning to Care for Real to help stretch their limited dollars. Seniors and families with kids under the age of 18 represent the majority of our neighbors in need. Now, more than ever, Care for Real is asking for your support. Please consider making a contribution online at [www.careforreal.org/donate](http://www.careforreal.org/donate) or by mail: Care for Real, 5339 North Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60640 Attn: Lyle Allen.

*Eleanor Odden*

**SCOTT FREEMAN  
BRYN MAWR JEWELRY CO.**



Horse drawn trains ran up and down the street in 1918 when Ernest Samuelson opened his jewelry shop at 1125 W. Bryn Mawr. Much has changed in the neighborhood on Bryn Mawr, but there is still a jewelry shop there. When Scott Freeman bought the jewelry store in 2004 he was only the 4<sup>th</sup> owner.

Scott told me that, "The first two guys made quite a go of it. Then the neighborhood changed. The third owner, Uri Turnovski, ran it like a pawnshop because that was what the neighborhood demanded. I didn't want to have anything to do with that when I took over. I wanted to bring it back to what it was, because it was always a nice jewelry store."

"It didn't change overnight. I had worked in a jewelry store in the suburbs so all I knew was suburban style. Here people ask for different things. I literally had to flip over the inventory and that took a few years to determine that people here like more vintage and estate pieces. Recently we've done a little remodeling. We painted all the walls and painted the tin ceiling to gold so that you can see the detail from the original. With the new LED lighting everything sparkles."

I wondered where Scott got his customers. "They really come from all over. I've had

people come all the way from the South Side (35<sup>th</sup> street) Wicker Park, etc. It's all because of the Yelp thing and the Internet. It's amazing. People reach out as far as the suburbs and out of state. I have a quite wealthy customer from Texas who found me on Yelp. He likes coming to Chicago, so he flew up here, parked his limousine outside and bought a piece for \$25,000. And he's still coming to me to this day."

"And this neighborhood, you never know what you're going to get. It's a United Nations over here. To me this is like Chicago in a nutshell. I love the opportunity to have people come in here who speak all different languages. It's actually fun for me. I am a people person 100%. That's how you have to be in retail. You have to know how to talk to people. And people get to know me. It's like your doctor, lawyer, your jeweler. I hope to have these customers for life."

Scott explained that this is a full service jewelry shop. They do everything you can possibly think of, wedding bands, mainly custom design, jewelry repairs, full service of watches, batteries, bands, engraving and appraisals. Seventy percent of their business is in wedding and bridal. Scott went on to say that, "A wedding band is one of the most expensive purchases in your life. Most people spend a lot of time studying and making sure they make an educated purchase."

Three years ago they had a break-in, but fortunately the robbers were caught. Since then there is a police presence on the block all the time. Scott noted that a lot of the crime element has moved out of here. He says he doesn't see as many drug dealers walking up and down the street.

*Paula Baron*

### **REPAIR DON'T REPLACE! Edgewater's Community Glue Workshop**

We live a stone's throw away from Chicago's one-and-only volunteer-based "Community

Glue Workshop"—and, indeed, Community Glue is one of the few "fixer collectives" in the entire country. At 1130 W. Thorndale, on the third Sunday evening of every month, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (June 19 and July 17 up next), you and your broken possessions will be warmly welcomed by a group of volunteer fixer-uppers, who bring their own hand tools, sewing machines, know-how, and innate curiosity about how things work. Volunteers pool their resources to fix—free of charge—practically anything that neighbors carry to the small Edgewater Workshop storefront, a few doors east of Broadway (with free street parking on Sundays).

Here's how Community Glue Workshop's website describes itself: "We offer opportunities for people to have their weathered or broken belongings rehabilitated by their neighbors at no cost. Our goals are to get people thinking twice before discarding objects that need a little elbow grease, and to bring people together." The Community Glue volunteers are up for the collective challenge: lamps, jewelry, ceramics, toys, housewares, bike tires, shoes, purses, clothing of all types, and much more—anything that needs a bit of attention to be whole again. The time spent in the camaraderie of Community Glue is well spent among a group of people dedicated to (in their words) "keeping stuff out of the landfill." And if, among us, there are some handy folks who would like to volunteer their time and skills occasionally, contact [info@communityglue.org](mailto:info@communityglue.org).

*Marilyn Halperin*

### **BLOWFISH CONTEMPORARY**

Blowfish Contemporary Sushi Restaurant opened at 1131 W. Bryn Mawr in March 2015 to little fanfare. Since then it has become a very popular go-to place for sushi and other Japanese cuisine. Blowfish Contemporary Sushi is the brainchild of brothers Puje and Tuvshin Sukh, who were born in Mongolia about thirty years ago. They have been chefs for over twelve years

both in traditional and creative cooking techniques.

The name Blowfish is somewhat humorous since the fish is poisonous by USA law and is only sold in the Far East. Blowfish offers a very extensive menu including ramen and classic rolls with a variety of interesting fillings and a full vegetarian menu. In addition they provide many choices in their sushi and sashimi bar. A full menu is available on their website:

[www.blowfishchicago.com](http://www.blowfishchicago.com)

The Sukh brothers have a philosophy of chef driven concepts focusing on tightly executed cuisine and highly personal and devoted service. They have certainly become very popular on Yelp. Check out the Yelp reviews for customer favorites and special offers. Blowfish is open Monday through Thursday from 4 – 10 p.m., Friday 4-11 p.m., Saturday 12-11 p.m. and Sunday 12-10 p.m. It is BYOB, and they also offer take-out and delivery service.

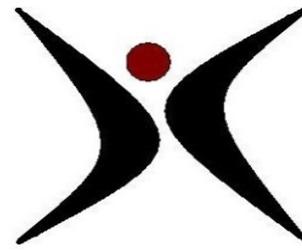
*Bill Harmon*

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**Dates to Remember**

Board of Director Meetings  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month  
 Scarborough Room  
 June 23, 2016  
 July 28, 2016  
 August 25, 2016

Food Truck Fridays: Inner Bryn Mawr  
 June 3 – Sept. 2

June 4<sup>th</sup> Edgewater Sidewalk Sale

EBA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Viewing on the Terrace

EBA Summer Garden Party date TBA

Recycling Committee Movies  
 Scarborough Room 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month

**2016 Holiday Schedule:**

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

As you have seen, the June 2016 issue of *In The Pink* introduces two new features. First, there are now paid advertisements from many of the businesses with offices in our building. We are seeking to increase the number of paid ads from businesses and individuals in our building as well as the surrounding community, who want to market their services. If you would be interested in using this medium, please contact Paula Baron at [plbaron@rcn.com](mailto:plbaron@rcn.com) or Dan Stanzel at [stanzeld@gmail.com](mailto:stanzeld@gmail.com). Current rates are \$40 for a business card size space (1 5/8 x 2 3/4), \$75 for a quarter of a page (half a column), \$150 for a half page (one full column) and \$300 for a full page. Second, *In The Pink* has begun to carry a back page listing EBAC contact numbers as well as EBA businesses and their phone numbers.

**THE GREEN LINE**

Check out the Recycling Committee's posters in the freight elevators and laundry rooms with tips for recycling.