



# IN THE PINK

The Newsletter of the Edgewater Beach Apartments

September 2016

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## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As stewards of the Edgewater Beach Apartments Corporation, the Board of Directors greatly values its engagement with our shareholders. Our goal for the next several months is to continue to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to a strong corporate governance framework that incorporates input from our shareholders.

We have a strong, independent and diverse board, including top governance, financial and infrastructure expertise, along with real business leadership. The Board is engaged and challenges management in a thoughtful, open-minded way in service to all of the shareholders of the Corporation.

We deeply value the continued interest of and feedback from our shareholders, and are committed to maintaining our active dialogue with shareholders to ensure a diversity of perspectives are thoughtfully considered. We invite you to visit and/or write to the Management Office with your feedback on any and all building matters. Also, please free to contact any Board Member or me personally at [president@ebachicago.com](mailto:president@ebachicago.com).

Thank you for the trust you place in us. The Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to serve the Edgewater Beach Apartments Corporation on your behalf.

Sincerely, *Salvatore Bondi, President*

## STEP RIGHT UP!

Did you try the food trucks this summer? They were definitely the “go to” place for EBA residents and our neighbors in Edgewater. On two Fridays I played roving reporter to check out the response to the trucks. It was overwhelmingly positive. People liked the variety, the sense of community that developed and the opportunity to meet up with friends for an easy dinner. It was also a great place for children of all ages. It is lots easier to satisfy varied tastes, and also kids can run off some steam in the parkway. One couple told me they thought it was particularly fun because there were different trucks every week. They said they love the neighborhood and would rather spend money here than go somewhere else. Some favorites from the trucks included the lobster roll, pizza, pierogies and Korean sandwiches.

Of course a particularly popular stop was in the old Anna Held space where Lickity Split set up a pop-up store on Food Truck Fridays. On the day I stopped in a group of pre-adolescent girls visiting their friend in EBA enjoyed all the gooiest offerings. And another group of older folks had walked all the way from Uptown to test out the frozen custards.

By and large most people came from a few blocks away. Some, however, hopped the El or drove over with their little ones. But on

one rainy Friday (July 29), fifty pediatricians attending a downtown conference hopped on the #147 bus to dine on the food trucks and check out the beautiful EBA.

I discovered that the food trucks were a project of Edgewater Development Corporation (EDC). EDC is a delegate agency funded by the City of Chicago. (Delegate agencies are a program initiated in the Harold Washington administration to foster neighborhood businesses and jobs.) Jennifer Borchardt, the executive director of EDC, explained: “The main goal of the Food Truck events is finding a long-term tenant for the soda fountain space. It is such a key corner, and I think of EBA as Edgewater’s eastern ‘welcome mat.’ Also, with residential density of over 10,000 residents in a four block radius we know there are customers for whatever business EBA finds to be a fit.” She explained that EDC handles administration and pays EBA \$100 a week for use and storage of the picnic tables and benches. The Alderman’s office and Park District supply the garbage cans.

Additionally, EDC and Lickity Split share the cost of the soda fountain space weekly rental of \$100. Each month one local charity has received a small donation (usually about \$200). Care For Real was charity partner for June, Edgewater Singers for July, and Edgewater Historical Society was the partner for August.

Although people were told that there were no toilet facilities on site, this did present some problems. People were directed to the Osterman Beach House, and although there was some discussion of using port-a-potties, Jennifer explained she didn’t think residents would want one on their property.

Wouldn’t it be great if EDC locates a tenant for the old Anna Held space?

*Paula Baron*

P.S. EDC would welcome your feedback on the food truck project. If you go to

[www.edgewaterdev.org](http://www.edgewaterdev.org) there is a link to the Food Truck Survey.



## MEET DARLA MORENO



Got a problem? Need to check on a bill or just wondering about things in the building? Stop by to see our new assistant manager, Darla Moreno. She loves interacting with residents and has an “open door policy.” She wants to get to know all the EBA residents.

Darla was born in Munster, Indiana. She came to Chicago to go to Columbia College to study marketing. She met her husband here. When they moved to Los Angeles, her husband started his own business in commercial real estate. Darla mostly ran the office, taking care of getting the leases, etc. When her daughters were born she became a stay-at-home mom. Darla kept busy with various volunteer activities, including serving on a committee for the school board, overseeing a \$150 million reconstruction modernization program.

Unfortunately her husband passed away suddenly about twelve years ago, so Darla decided to move back to the Chicago area where she had friends and family. By that time her daughters were both out of college, and living and working in New York, one at NYU student services and the other as a director of social media and content. She decided to go into management because she had a real estate background, and she enjoys people. "I started off part-time in a building on the Gold Coast, and then moved to another building at 1400 Lake Shore Drive. It was another vintage building, built in 1926. (That makes it even older than EBA!) We had all the same problems, i.e., plumbing, risers, elevators. And then I met Dave Barnhart, the assistant vice president at dk Condo. He kept trying to get me over to EBA. He told me it was a great building, so I decided to give it a try."

When I asked Darla to describe an assistant manager's job, she told me she manages all the bills, accounts receivable and payable. She addresses residents' needs and concerns and does some projects. She's very proud that she was able to get a great resolution of an insurance claim from Waste Management. Apparently, one of their trucks backed into our wall and smashed the façade. It will soon be repaired. "I like working with people so this is a perfect job. I get to see the residents and talk with them. Property managers don't really see the residents, because they have a lot to deal with in the building itself. This is a great building. The people who own here, live here, as opposed to many buildings where there are mostly renters. The building where I worked before was 80% owner investor. That makes a big difference.

For fun Darla likes to read and get together with friends. One friend has little bottle boats that they race in the park lagoons, one on the north side and one on the south side. And she said, "politics is kind of my hobby. When my husband was alive we worked with Grey Davis (a former governor of California) when he was running for controller. He

would come to the house with his VHS tapes of commercials, and he would say: "If they say this, I'll run this commercial, if they say this, I'll run this commercial." In real estate one needs zoning changes etc., so it helps to be politically active. In Malibu we wanted to build a pool for the school, and had only half the money, so we partnered with the city, and we each gave half. It worked out great because when the city needed it, the school wasn't in session. We had a great new community asset, and the school had a great new pool. It takes years, and you have to work with the politics. I kind of lost interest after my husband died, but I still love talking about it and watching what's going on."

Welcome to EBA, Darla!

*Paula Baron*

### NEW SHAREHOLDERS

Evelyn Haller

1716

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## Shout-Outs !!

### June 2016

An extraordinary thank you to the entire EBA staff for your continued commitment to the residents, their guests and our ICONIC building, especially during the months of repairs to the upper garage. In the last issue of In the Pink, we thanked a few staff by name...we should have been more inclusive. The upper garage would not have been such a great success without the dedication of our entire staff. Again, thank you!

### July 2016

A huge thank you to Karen Goldberg and Tim Jackson for committing to “restore” our three main lobby sconces; they are meticulously cleaning and hanging crystals.

### August 2016

A very special thank you to the EBAC Events and Community Outreach (aka ECO) Committee Events for bringing us many new and existing events and for the continued community outreach that makes us all so proud! The ECO Committee members are Janet Cheverud (Chair), Lina Cramer, Jason Kennedy, George Mac, Brandon Trumfio, Dominic Trumfio.



## IT'S FOR EVERYONE!

Have you seen the small herb garden that's available to all of us? It is located in front of the upper garage just to the east of the stairs leading to the terrace.

Basic herbs such as basil, mint, rosemary and chives are available for you to clip and use. These have been planted and maintained by the Garden Committee for your enjoyment.

*Ruthanne Mills and  
Karen Clausen*

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

The Social Committee is looking for some **strong volunteers** to assist in carrying/moving **heavy** items for some of our activities. This would include, but is not limited to:

- Transporting wine, beer, coke and other heavy items to the Social Room Closet and/or outside venues
- Filling ice chests and transporting to outside events
- Assist with any other heavy lifting as needed
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Your name would be placed on an “as-needed” list, and you would be called to assist when muscles are required—which is quite often!

Can't wait to hear from YOU! Please contact Ruthanne Mills,  
robertandruthanne@gmail.com

or call: 240-675-6614.

## CHECK OUT THE MIDDLE EAST BAKERY AND CAFÉ

Thirty-two years ago Mr. Hisham Khalifgh, from Ramallah, Palestine, started a grocery store, its shelves lined with canned and pre-packaged foods - Middle Eastern delicacies. As time passed he started making fresh foods himself. He prides himself on the fact that all his food has no preservatives, additives, artificial flavorings or colors. All the pies, breads and pita chips are made in house. He prepares twelve kinds of hummus, and he sells over 700 lbs. each week of hummus alone. The Middle East Bakery and Grocery Store has thrived at its location at 1512 W. Foster. His many customers were delighted when in April of 2016 he opened the café located at the NW corner of Clark and Foster (5200 N. Clark).

I find myself going to the café at least once a week because of the fresh and tasty food. The babaganouj has a distinctive smokey flavor; the lentil soup is deliciously lemony; the tabouleh salad is the best I have ever had. You won't be disappointed with the reasonable prices either!

Currently the café hours are: Sunday through Thursday, 11AM to 9 PM; Friday and Saturday 11 AM to 10 PM.

Enjoy!

*Karen Clausen*

## HERE'S THE BUZZ

Residents will enjoy attending Dr. Tony's Bees, a program at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Dr. Tony Vancauwelaert began beekeeping at his Indiana vacation home as a hobby. When the hospital installed an eco-friendly green roof atop their newest building, Vancauwelaert convinced administrators to permit beehives there and to offer public tours.

Dr. Tony stood behind the hive wearing no protective equipment, leaning his bare arms on the stack of white boxes that is the beehive. Our group stood on either side of the hive to keep the flight path clear. Vancauwelaert wears protection only when he is going into the hive or when his bees signal through increased activity that they are distressed, such as when the hive is overcrowded.

I saw no railing, and the plant material has an uneven surface, so I recommend this program to adults only and only to those steady on their feet.

Coming down from the roof, we gathered in a conference room where Dr. Tony made a Powerpoint presentation about honey and beekeeping, its history, its importance to agriculture, and the expected health benefits. He invited us to sample honey he had harvested.

Like other hospitals that serve our neighborhood, Swedish Covenant hosts community outreach programs that are free or low-cost. They include cooking demonstrations, chats with a physical therapist, a diabetes support group, and more. The AARP Smart Driving Program can lower driving insurance rates for seniors. Dr. Tony's Bees is a free program offered three times a year. To join the mailing list, phone Dawn Carlson, community relations coordinator, at 773-878-8200.

A bonus to being on the roof was the stunning view to the east, Sheridan Rd. high-rises framed by a blue Lake Michigan, our pink tower in the center of the scene.

*Larry Lesperance*





Here are some of the good vibrations I've been picking up on in our special building this summer. Darla Moreno would be first on my list, a welcome, professional, positive presence at the EBA. She and Robin making the office a tempting place to linger -- but not too long, for they always have tons to do. Mary Landsman and Ruth Ann Mills must be thanked for having created a wonderful, well received and highly praised garden party. Angela Just and a few ardent Bocce fans have put together a tournament drawing ever more shareholders to our beautiful Bocce Court. Its promise of a place to gather and enjoy one another's company has been fulfilled. Thanks to Eric Okeson and his dedicated volunteers we can mingle around the food trucks every Friday before retiring to our ever more gorgeous garden with a Lickity Split treat. And who doesn't like spending time in the garden, amazing, restful and full of good folks? I chatted with a new shareholder recently and asked what attracted them to our building, and high on their list was the garden Topiary. Thanks, Karen Clausen, for all the time, effort and artistry you put into that topiary! Meanwhile Janet Cheverud and her Events and Community Outreach Committee are hard at work putting together a jazz program in our corner space that promises to bring the building alive on Friday night September 2nd...got your tickets yet? Helping to make that and many future musical events and parties sound much, much better Alice Casey has donated her late husband's piano to the EBA. This a gorgeous instrument and generous gift that will make Donald's legacy live on with every note. And speaking of sparkling, Karen Goldberg and Tim Jackson took the time to polish the crystals in our lobby sconces. If you noticed that everything

seemed cheerier in the lobby, now you know why. Thanks to Sal Bondi, Tiburcio and staff for turning a ceiling collapse in the mail room into a vastly improved space complete with a whimsical chandelier. I'm sure I have missed many other positive events, but help me out and look around. The place is great.

*Dan Stanzel*

## **EBA October Fest September 18th - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are asking for more volunteers for the Oktoberfest which will take place on September 18th - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m..

This applies to men and women AND, we need some younger people who can do some heavy lifting.

Please contact Ruthanne Mills, apt. 702, box 204 tel. 240-675-6614 or email:

[robertandruthanne@gmail.com](mailto:robertandruthanne@gmail.com)



**THE GREEN LINE**

## **SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL**

Flushing pills results in contamination of municipal water systems and Lake Michigan wildlife. **Dispose** of your expired or unwanted pills and tablets in an environmentally appropriate manner

Our local **Walgreens** at Ridge and Broadway recently added a Safe Medication Disposal bin (look near the pharmacy/clinic waiting area). Medications may remain in container with personal information removed from label. Unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter pills and ointments **are accepted** but no liquids, inhalers, or syringes please.

*EBA Green/Recycling Committee*

## HIGH RISE SAFETY: WHAT TO DO

If fire breaks out at EBA, the key to staying safe is familiarity with the building and the do's and don'ts of residential high rise safety.

It is simple: if the fire is not in your unit, stay in your unit unless directed to leave by the fire department. Nationally 94% of high rise fires are contained in the unit or room of the originating unit; rarely will the fire travel because of the fire resistant materials used in high rise construction, including fire-rated doors. Every fire in the eighty-eight year history of EBA has been contained in the unit in which it started.

To be certain that the fire stays contained, keep your unit doors and windows closed as oxygen will fuel the fire. If smoke is infiltrating your unit, place a wet towel at the bottom of your doors to the hallway. If you still find that it's difficult to breathe, phone 911 and explain your breathing difficulty, then crack open your window to get some fresh air to breathe. Avoid going into the hallways unless the fire is in your unit.

As part of EBA compliance with city's life safety requirements, red speakers are installed on each floor so that the fire department can communicate with residents on each floor. Also, phones are installed in the stairwells for the exclusive use of fire personnel. Smoke detectors are installed in the hallways on each floor and there is an automatic recall system by which any fire notification in the building will direct all elevators to the lobby level for the exclusive use of the fire department.

All of us should know where the stairwells are located, and how they are identified by direction: north, south, east and west of the building. This is important because in certain circumstances, fire personnel may instruct residents to evacuate their units via specific stairwells, so you should familiarize yourself with the location so that you can find it in a smoke filled hallway.

To remember what to do in case of fire, remember the word **CALM** that stands for

1. **Call**..... 911 first.
2. **Alert** ..... the doorman and other residents.
3. **Listen**..... for instructions from fire officials.
4. **Move**..... to safety or evacuate only if you're in immediate danger.

The list of don'ts in case of fire includes:

1. Don't take the elevator.
2. Don't open your windows (unless necessary to breathe).
3. Don't break a window.
4. Don't leave door open to hallway for your pet to escape.
5. Don't go to the roof as it may be more difficult to rescue you from this location.

Each unit should have an EBC fire extinguisher that is kept in the kitchen where 59% of residential high-rise fires originate. They are inexpensive, generally last for ten years and can be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores.

### SAFETY TIPS:

1. Have a working smoke detector in your unit, and change the battery whenever daylight savings time begins or ends. Last fall EBA did it for all residences.
2. Before entering a hallway or stairwell check it for heat, and for smoke. Place the back of your hand against your doorknob to check for heat in the hallway before opening your door.
3. Keep a spare unit key, and flashlight near your bed and or your doorknob.

Let us make EBA the ultimate safe haven for all our residents and for the generations to come.

*Sam Abdullah*





**Building Contacts:**

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Front Desk: 773-907-2148  
Lobby Desk: 773-907-2158  
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Garage: 773-907-2153

**Management Office Hours:**

M.T.W. & Fri.: 8 AM- 5 PM  
Thursday: 8 AM-6 PM  
Saturday : (Third of the Month) 8 AM-12 PM

General Manager:

Asst. Manager: Darla Moreno  
d.moreno@dkcondo.com

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**Dates to Remember**

Board of Director Meetings  
Fourth Thursday of every month  
Scarborough Room  
September 22, 2016  
October 27, 2016

Recycling Committee Movies  
Scarborough Room First Monday of month

September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Final Food Truck Friday  
Inner Bryn Mawr

Jazz Afterset

A very special resident-sponsored event after Chicago's Jazz Fest with Jazz greats playing in the Soda Fountain Corner Space  
9:00 PM – 11:30 PM  
Tickets are \$15.00

September 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM – 7 PM

EBA Oktoberfest in the garden

October 15<sup>th</sup> Open House Chicago

EBA lobby, garden and pool terrace open to the public as part of the Architecture Foundation's annual tour of special Chicago buildings.

**2016 Holiday Schedule:**

Labor Day:

Monday, Sept. 5, 2016 Office Closed

Thanksgiving:

Thursday & Friday,  
November 24 and 25 Office Closed

**Arcade Business Contacts:**

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Frank Event Design: 773-2275-6310  
EBA Foot and Ankle Clinic: 773-271-0807  
Edgewater Beach Café: 773-275-4141  
Direct Access Therapy: 773-944-0484  
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