

MALLARD LAKE REFLECTIONS

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YOUR FRIENDLY STAFF AT MALLARD LAKE

LEASING TEAM

SHELLY, APRIL, KELLY,
JACKIE, DIANE, STEFANIE

MAINTENANCE TEAM

KEVIN, JIM, ADAM,
ANDREW, HELEN, IRENA,
MAREK, MIGUEL

OFFICE HOURS

MON-WED: 9AM - 7PM
THUR-FRI: 9AM - 5PM
SAT: 10AM - 5PM
SUN: 12PM - 4PM

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER

LEASING OFFICE &
MAINTENANCE
(847) 398-1200

Call the leasing office
for emergency
maintenance and follow the
prompts.

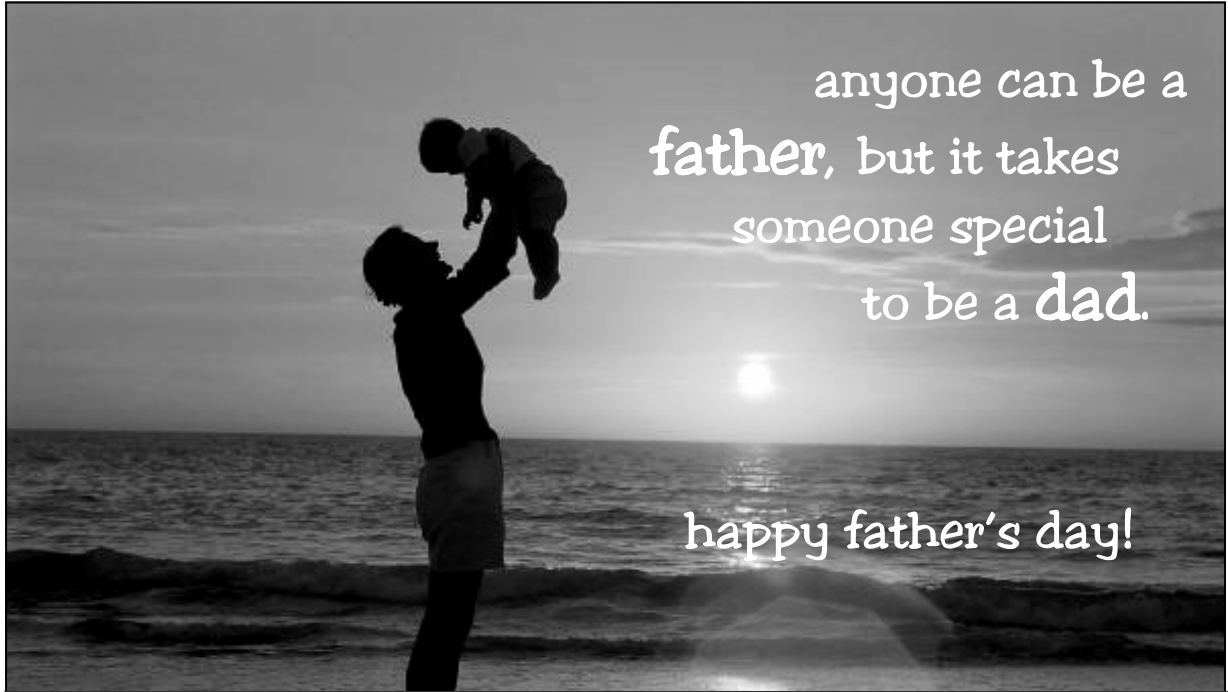
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MALLARDLAKE
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**DON'T FORGET TO
RECYCLE THIS
NEWSLETTER
WHEN YOU ARE
FINISHED WITH IT.
THANK YOU!**



anyone can be a
father, but it takes
someone special
to be a **dad**.

happy father's day!

Mallard Lake News & Notes

KEEP YOUR CARS OFF THE SIDEWALK

It has recently been brought to our attention that our residents are pulling their cars onto the sidewalk for ease of loading and unloading belongings as well as to clean their cars. Mallard Lake would like to give a friendly reminder that this is not permitted. Not only does it block the sidewalks, it also causes damages to our landscaping.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

During a recent property inspection, it was noted that several residents have charcoal grills on their patio or balcony. Please be advised that

our Community Policies prohibit the use of this type of grill and only permits one gas grill per apartment. The use of charcoal grills increases the risk of fire and we would like to ensure everyone's safety. If you are in violation of this policy, please comply immediately. Thank you!

COMCAST

If you require Comcast Cable Service in your home, please call our Mallard Lake Comcast representative, Lawrence, at **(847) 344-8265**. Lawrence can get you better pricing and faster scheduling. For information about Comcast services and pricing, visit their website at www.comcast.com.

June Rent Giveaway Magnetic Chip Clips

Be one of the first people to pay your June rent in the Leasing Office starting May 26 to receive your free rent gift! (Limited supply available.)

Junk Mail and Newspapers



Recently the Mallard Lake staff has noticed a lot of residents leaving their unwanted mail in front of the buildings near the mailboxes. This mail is piling up each day and spilling onto the floor beneath.

Out of respect for your neighbors and for the appearance of Mallard Lake, we ask that you properly dispose of any mail that does not serve your interests. If you are receiving mail for former residents in your apartment, please bring it to the Leasing Office so that we can forward it to them.

Also, we have seen newspapers stacking up outside many of the buildings. Not only does this cause an unsightly mess, but it also creates additional work for our staff and related charges can contribute to rent increases! We need your help to keep Mallard Lake uncluttered!

Former Resident Referral Bonus \$250

Are you moving out soon, but love Mallard Lake Apartments? We want you to know that you will be missed, and we wish you the best of luck in your new home. Since you enjoyed your stay in our community, maybe a friend or relative would enjoy our community as well. To show our appreciation, if you refer them to our property and they move in, you will receive a \$250 former resident referral bonus! Call the Leasing Office for more information about this bonus.

Keep Those Toys Cleaned Up!

The weather is nice and we are all having a good time playing outside. Now is the time of year when we make the best of our great patios and balconies, but there are rules we have to remember!

Please remember to keep your patio and balcony clutter-free. If you have small children, please make sure they put away their outdoor toys when they are finished playing with them, and store them on your patio in an orderly fashion. If you have a patio, do not leave toys, patio furniture or other belongings in the grass surrounding your patio.



We will be checking to make sure your patios and balconies are clean, organized, and follow all Mallard Lake policies during our monthly inspections. If you have any questions regarding the patio and balcony policies, please call the office or download the Patio and Balcony Policy in the Forms section at www.mallardlakeapts.com.

Flower Basket Hooks Free for Residents

Mallard Lake Apartments wants to give a gift to our residents in an effort to improve the overall appearances of our patios and balconies. We are now installing up to two hanging-flower pot holder hooks as seen in the picture on the left. If you have a patio or middle floor unit, we will install the hooks at the lower end of the balcony overhang. If you are in a top floor apartment, one hook will be installed on the wall of each side of the patio door.

If you are interested and would like to receive this great summer patio/balcony addition, just call our office! Maintenance will professionally install the hooks in their designated areas. All we ask is that you allow up to fourteen business days for installation. Let's all take a step to improve our home and our community for all to enjoy!

DON'T FORGET OUR PATIO/BALCONY BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST! JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE IN JULY. CALL THE LEASING OFFICE TO ENTER (847) 398-1200.



Still Under Construction: 1659 Woodduck Lane

Mallard Lake is pleased to announce that we are expecting 1659 Woodduck Lane—the building where the fire occurred in October 2008—to be completed restored by August 1, 2009. Thank you so much for your patience during this process. The building will look beautiful upon completion!

In fact, we would like to offer the eight upgraded one-bedroom units to our current Mallard Lake Residents first. The building will be a pet friendly (cat only) building, but it will also be our first "Smoke-Free" building as well, meaning that cigarette or cigar smoking in the unit and/or on the patio/balcony will be prohibited.

All of the units will have upgraded kitchens, bathrooms, new appliances and carpeting, a ceiling fan in the bedroom, two-tone paint, remodeled hallways and a new fire and smoke safety system! They will basically be 100% new construction.

I would like to offer these units to our current residents first at the un-renovated market rents with no transfer fees. This is a great deal! Please contact the leasing office for details if you are interested.

Coming Soon! New Roofs

Mallard Lake will begin installing new roofs around the property in June 2009. We hope to complete all of the buildings during the next 24 months. Each building will take 4-7 days depending on the weather.

The first seven buildings that will be under construction are 1659, 1671, 1647, and 1635 Woodduck Lane, followed by 648, 650, and 672 Lakeview Drive. Please watch your building bulletin boards and door postings for details. We will need your cooperation during the process, as the workers will be in and out of the buildings beginning at 8am daily. The front building door may be inaccessible for a day during shingle tear-off, and workers on ladders may be on or around your bedroom windows or balconies during this process.

Your cooperation in advance is very much appreciated! Please contact Shelly directly with any questions or other concerns.



Apartment Cleaning Tip of the Month!

Kitchen Light Fixture Cleaning

First turn the light off, then push straight up on the cover gently. Second, move the cover to one side—right or left—gently. Third, slowly lower your arms and the cover should lift on one side only. Fourth, lift cover again on suspended side and cover will come off light fixture. Lastly, clean with any general purpose cleaner and reverse directions to re-cover.

**FOR EXTENSIVE APARTMENT CLEANING AND REPAIR SERVICE, CALL
LUIS & COMPANY (630) 973-3828 FOR A QUOTE!**



RESIDENT ACTIVITIES

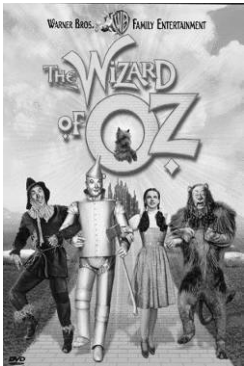
Oh Yes, It's Ladies Night

Due to the overwhelming popularity of our Ladies Night and Men's Night, Mallard Lake has decided to roll out ROUND 2! On Thursday, June 18, we need all the women to come out to the Mallard Lake Clubhouse and enjoy an evening of movies, games and refreshments! The fun will start at 7:00pm.

So leave the husband and kids at home, and come out for a night of amusement with your neighborhood friends. Alcohol will not be served, but you are welcome to bring your own. Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 15.



Thursday, June 18 | 7:00pm | Mallard Lake Clubhouse | BYOB



MOVIE DAY

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Friday, June 12 | 3:00pm | Mallard Lake Clubhouse | Everyone Welcome!

MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Don't worry, guys! We haven't forgotten about you! Start practicing your tennis skills because in July we are going to have a MEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT! The date has not been determined, so keep your eye out for details!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



HOME OF THE SPARROW

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the Home of the Sparrow Open House held in April. The organization and the women it serves were extremely grateful to the generosity of Mallard Lake's residents—who contributed nearly \$300 in monetary donations and other items such as 15 large bags of women's clothing, shoes, books, kitchen and dining ware, children's toys and furniture, among other things! Mallard Lake Apartments donated \$1,000 on behalf of its staff.

POP TAB COLLECTION

Did you know that 63,360 pop tabs stretched end-to-end is equal to a mile in distance? So far, Mallard Lake has collected around 1,500 pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charities. We now have a large jar in the Leasing Office where we are collecting the tabs. Please save your pop tabs and bring them into the office whenever you have a bag stored up! Let reach that mile-marker and help local families who need housing while their loved ones receive critical care in hospitals.

COMING SOON...MALLARD LAKE BOOK DRIVE

Mallard Lake will be teaming up with the Indian Trails Public Library Foundation to sponsor a used book sale and raise money for the foundation. The foundation supports activities in the Wheeling community that encourage reading and ensures that quality books and materials are available to the greater Wheeling community. Watch upcoming newsletters and the bulletin boards for more information regarding this great event!

DRAWING & CRAFT CLASSES FOR KIDS

Looking for something fun and creative for your child to do over the summer? Why not try a Drawing or Craft Class provided by a Mallard Lake resident?

AGES:

Drawing: 3.5 years - 12 years

Crafts: 4 years - 12 years

TIMES:

9:15am - 10:15am

10:30am - 11:30am

4:00pm - 5:00pm

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Materials provided for all classes.

Classes meet 2 or 3 days/week.

For more information or to enroll your child in the class, please contact:

Mrs. Mallela

1581 Teal Lane, Apt. #1D

Wheeling, IL 60090

(847) 818-8157

(248) 990-8150

Note: This is not a Mallard Lake sponsored event or class. Please contact Mrs. Mallela for all inquiries.

SUMMER SESSION STARTS SOON! ENROLL TODAY!



BBQ RUB

This spice combo is so good it may be the only BBQ rub you'll ever need! Sprinkle seasoning over chicken, fish, pork or beef before grilling. Makes about 2/3 cups.

- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 Tbsp Kosher salt
- 1 tsp oregano
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 2 tsp onion powder
- 1 Tbsp paprika
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

Now that summer is here, we are all trying to eat a little lighter. Try this variation of a summer sandwich favorite!

INGREDIENTS

- ◆ 1 lb thick-sliced bacon
- ◆ 2 large heads of romaine lettuce—washed dried and chopped (about 16 cups)
- ◆ 3 large ripe tomatoes (1-1/2 lbs) cored and cut into bite-size pieces
- ◆ 1 cup whipped salad dressing (such as Miracle Whip)
- ◆ 1 tsp salt-free seasoning mix

DIRECTIONS

Cook bacon in a skillet about 6 minutes, until crispy. Drain on paper towels; crumble when cool.

Place half of the lettuce in a 14 to 16-cup salad or trifle bowl. Sprinkle half of the tomato pieces and half of the crumbled bacon over the lettuce. Press to compress ingredients.

Spread with half the salad dressing. Sprinkle with half of the seasoning mix. Repeat layering with the lettuce, tomato (reserving some for garnish), bacon and dressing. Sprinkle with remaining seasoning and tomato.

Cover and chill for at least 2 hours.

TASTY BLT SALAD

June 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 RENT DUE	2	3	4 SOX VS. OAKLAND, 1:05PM	5	6 RENT LATE
7	8 HAVE A FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! SEE WILL FERRELL IN <i>LAND OF THE LOST</i>	9	10	11	12 MOVIE DAY 3PM CLUBHOUSE	13 26TH ANNUAL CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL
14 DANE COOK LIVE AT THE UNITED CENTER, 7PM	15	16 CROSS-TOWN GAME! CUBS VS. SOX, 7:05PM	17 ERIC CLAPTON IN CONCERT, UNITED CENTER, 8PM	18 LADIES GAME NIGHT! 7PM CLUBHOUSE	19 ELGIN BREWFEST, 5PM, FESTIVAL PARK	20 CUBS VS. INDIANS, 12:05PM
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	22	23 SOX VS. DODGERS, 7:10	24 <i>TRANSFORMERS 2</i> IN THEATERS TODAY!	25	26 CROSS-TOWN GAME! CUBS VS. SOX, 3:05PM	27
28 CROSS-TOWN GAME! CUBS VS. SOX, 1:05PM	29 TASTE OF CHICAGO BEGINS!	30				

