



Esplanade Community Group

ECG Update 10.6.20

Dear Readers,

As we mentioned in our last *Update*, we at the ECG are planning several ways that residents at the Esplanade can safely network. Our first event on **October 22 at 5:00 PM** will be a conversation with [Larry Tye](#), author and Esplanade resident, who will join us for a discussion of his widely acclaimed book *Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy*. [October 22 Zoom link here.](#)

Our second fall event, a **Zoom Get-Together and Celebration** is on Thursday, **October 29 at 6PM**. At this meeting we will ask residents to introduce themselves and give a special welcome to newcomers to the building. We will also invite all the candidates (as soon as their names and bios are distributed by the BOT, who runs the election) who are running for the Board of Trustees to the October 29 Zoom Celebration and Get-Together. This will be an opportunity to meet the candidates who join us for that evening.

[October 29 Zoom link here.](#)

We will also have a virtual toast to the Esplanade's 31st Anniversary! (Read about the Esplanade's architecture [here.](#)) It's a perfect time to connect with new and old friends.

And just a note about the **annual election** on Tuesday **November 17** -- the Board of Trustees, as the Esplanade's governing body, has critical fiduciary, oversight, and strategic responsibilities and is accountable to the owners. Involvement by the owners is critical to its success. To fully participate in this important election process, our responsibility as owners is to make informed choices when deciding for whom to vote. To that end: (1) Become informed about the candidates' experience. (2) Ballots and proxies are distributed to owners by the Board of Trustees in mid-October. Owners can vote for their preferred candidates on their ballots directly or owners can vote by Proxy. If using the Proxy, give specific voting instructions to the person who exercises your Proxy so that your vote reflects your own choices. **Remember: your vote counts!**

Another date to put on your calendar: on **December 3** we will have our traditional Holiday Pot Luck non-traditionally organized by Zoom.... another way to safely network and connect with new and old friends. More details to follow.

In this issue, there are inviting reviews from our book clubs and

couple of interesting items listed on the Beg, Borrow, Barter, or Buy column. Enjoy!

As always, we welcome news, suggestions, and feedback. Send to [Mary Jo](#).

Reading

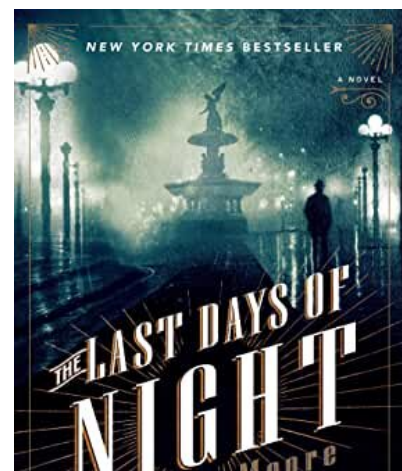


The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz by Erik Larson

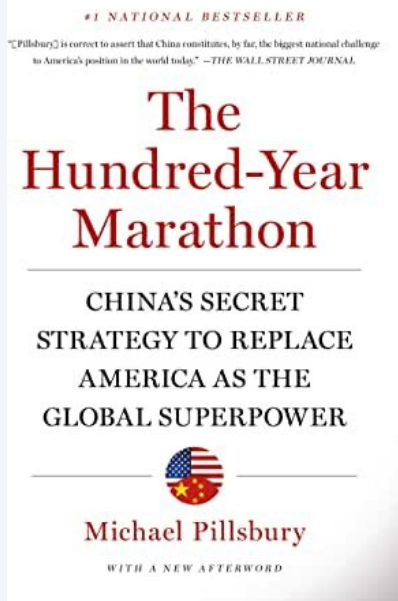
“Larson has transformed the well-known record of 12 turbulent months, stretching from May of 1940 through May of 1941, into a book that is fresh, fast and deeply moving.” [Read more](#) (reviewed by Bernie Aserkoff)

The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

It was still light outside when the Esplanade Book Group convened on August 27 to discuss this book, loosely a historical novel and largely a legal thriller that chronicles the competition



between George Westinghouse and Thomas Edison to patent the light bulb. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Jane Gould)



The Hundred Year Marathon: China's Secret Strategy to Replace America as the Global Superpower by Michael Pillsbury, Hudson Institute

One of the few areas of bi-partisan agreement in Washington these days is the relationship we have with China has to change significantly. Michael Pillsbury is a conservative hawk and this book lays out the conservative view of China today. [Read more](#) (reviewed by Ash Rao)

Beg, Borrow, Barter or Buy

Neighbor **Katherine Nahum** passes on a **condo rental opportunity in the Berkshires**. She writes: "This is condominium in Lenox owned by my friends who ordinarily live in Paris. The apartment is spacious, has a new kitchen, and generally the place is beautifully done up." If you're interested, you can contact Katherine Nahum for details at khnahum@gmail.com

Selling a like-new Sole E25 elliptical purchased new in April 2020 from Dick's Sporting Goods. The machine is a more compact model at 70" in length, 24" in width, 64" in height, and 212 lbs. in weight. It is fully assembled and includes the unused heart rate monitor and audio cord that came with it. Some other features include various pre-programmed workouts, a variety of resistance levels, built-in fan, Bluetooth capabilities, and wheels/handle to allow for easy positioning. The elliptical is currently in unit E1107 and can be delivered within the condo building to outside the buyer's front door. Transportation to locations outside the condo building must be arranged by the buyer. Selling only because it turns out I can't use it due to an old injury. Payment accepted via cash, check, or Venmo. Asking price is \$450. Please contact Alyssa at AlyssaCohen01@gmail.com if you are interested. For more information on the elliptical, [you can click this link.](#)

Offering **sourdough starter** to anyone interested in giving this traditional and tasty approach to bread making a try! I can provide care instructions and my go-to recipe as well as suggestions for tips and tools to get started and find success. Sourdough may have a reputation as a complicated and difficult method but I can assure you that is decidedly — and deliciously! — not the case! If interested, please email Alyssa at

Where Are You?

Where is this lovely terrace? Paris? Venice?



No! Linda Felter's deck at the Esplanade.

Where is the modernist view? A midwest art museum?



No! Under the Zakim bridge, as captured by Bob Kagan.

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