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**Board of Directors
President, David Tilson**

The May Board meeting was the shortest meeting in history.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



**General Manager
Gusbey Silva**

Restoration of North and South Façade:

In order to proceed with the façade repairs on the north wall of the West Building at the lobby entrance, the contractor installed an overhead protection. This protection will remain in place until the completion of the repairs on the north wall scheduled for September 5, 2004.

Due to a delay of the custom brick fabrication, work on the south wall of the West Building tiers 14, 15, 16, and 01 will stop after the concrete repairs are completed. The rigs will be removed from this wall on June 4, 2004. The contractor will continue working on the north wall tiers 10, 11, 12, and 13 until full completion estimated for the first week of September. He will return to the south wall after Labor Day to complete the flashing

replacement, new brick installation, and the repairs of the balcony edges.

Landscaping Up-Grades:

All landscaping upgrades were completed except for the up-grades planned for the north east corner of the West Building, which will be completed during the fall season after the overhead protection currently in place in that area is removed.

Repair of Garage Walls Vertical Panel:

The project to repair and seal coat the vertical panels of the garage walls was completed on Friday, May 7, 2004. The total cost of this project will be about \$9,500 over the originally estimated contract price due to the increase of quantities for the sealants and the repair of post-tension slabs.

Replacement of Carpet:

The replacement of the carpet in the remaining 18 residential corridors (four in the West Building and 14 in the East Building) began on April 14, 2004 and was completed on Monday, May 10, 2004. The carpet base for some of the floors has already been manufactured and will be installed during the first week of June 2004.

Pool Season:

The pool opened on Saturday, May 29, 2004, and will remain open until Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2004.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HOUSE SPECIAL welcomes brief comments from its readers. Limit your letters to 250 words or less and include your name and unit number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements. Committee reports must be submitted to the Editor by the 23rd of each month or NLT 3 days after mtg.

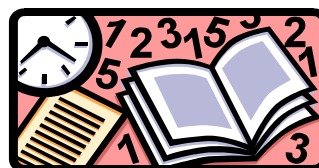
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If you have not already done so, you may pick up your pool passes and a copy of the Pool Rules and Regulations at the Front Desk.

Have a safe and happy pool season!



**Editor
Louise Albin**

MESSAGE FOR THE SKYLINE HOUSE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND VOTES

I wish to thank all of those residents who voted for me and elected me to the 2004 Board of Directors. Unfortunately, I cannot serve on the Board at this time. I have a conflicting commitment on Wednesday nights which precludes me from attending the monthly Board meetings the 4th Wednesday of each month. At the first Board organizing meeting, April 1, 2004, I believed that Wednesday nights would not be a problem for me. However, I have a class that evening which conflicts with the monthly meeting day. As we know, life is dynamic and, as a fulltime employed person until I retire, I have to accommodate my work schedule as well as my off-duty schedule and ~~~ things in life do change.

Whereas, I was asked to make a "personal priority decision," I have no other, reasonable choice but to attend the class which cost me money, in lieu of serving on the Board. I assure you that my decision does not minimize my commitment to Skyline House Unit Owners Association!!

For more than 6 years I have loved serving on the Board and being a part of the governing body and feel that I can provide a service to the community. Over the past several years I have been a cooperative, supportive Board member and unfortunately must tender my resignation. Perhaps in the future, I may again be asked to serve as a part of this Board, if not, then it was meant to be.

Again, I wish to sincerely thank you for your support and votes, and I hope that you will consider me for the Board in the future.

Respectfully,
Linda E. C. Council

The ALEXANDRIA SINGERS will present "Can't Stop the Beat!" on Saturday, June 26th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 27th, at 3:00 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria.

Join the ALEXANDRIA SINGERS for a Song and Dance Spectacular featuring music from hit Broadway shows: *Hairspray*, *Movin' Out*, *Mamma Mia*, *The Boys from OZ*, and featuring the songs of *Norah Jones*, *Billy Joel*, *George Gershwin*, *Elvis*, and **MORE!!**

Call 703-941-7464 for tickets. Visit their new web site www.alexandriasingers.com for more concert ticket information, photos and sound bytes!

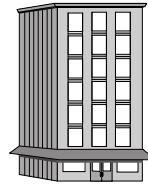
Spotlight by Starlight:

Enjoy another season of open-air concerts from June 2 to August 29, 2004 at the Mason District Park Amphitheater. For a listing of events, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/md/mmspring2004.pdf>. Please note that shows are cancelled in the event of rain. To check, please call the park telephone number 703-941-1730.



Financial Management Committee Wynfred Joshua & Chuck Ruby Co-Chairmen

There was no meeting of the Financial Management Committee in May because more than half of its members were out of town. Inasmuch as there were no projects requiring a recommendation to the Board, it was decided to cancel the FMC's May session. The next meeting of the FMC will be on Monday, June 21, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend. We need your ideas and support



Physical Plant And Operations Committee George Beams And Kurt Bedenbaugh

The PPOC met on May 13, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. The following subjects were discussed:

a) The Covenants Committee sent a message to the PPOC regarding the use of second doorbells. Some concern was expressed about the appearance of the second doorbell, lack of uniformity, color and size, etc. The Covenants Committee requested the PPOCs thoughts and recommendation on the matter.

The question asked by the Covenants Committee is whether the second doorbells should be standardized, and, if so, then the Covenants Committee believes that the PPOC should be involved in the specifications. Mr. Beams asked what would be done about the ones already installed as they are grand-fathered in. Gusbey Silva said they could be changed so that all could be uniform at the Association's expense. The PPOC agreed that before making a decision at this meeting the Committee should do a walk-around to check the second doorbells and locks and come up with options.

b) Management presented a proposal to the PPOC to have Gardner Engineering prepare the scope of work to develop the specifications and documents for constructing a new retaining wall to support the existing wall that has slowly been pushing outwards over the years and separating from its original vertical position. The wall is located south of the bus stop along South George Mason Drive. The PPOC agreed that a walk-around was necessary to understand the options. This was fully explained the following week during the walk-around. Management will execute a directive to Gardner Engineering to proceed with the specifications of the job so that the timeliness of obtaining a bid can be made for approval at the July meeting.

c) A Motion was passed to recommend to the Board the approval of replacing the existing floor

finish at the six (6) passenger and six (6) garage elevators in the amount of \$4,248.50.

Security, Fire and Safety Committee

Terry G. Sakellos, Chairman



As the warmer weather approaches, we are confronted with new and different safety concerns. We all love to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather, and one of the ways we have to do that is the use of our balcony. Please exercise caution and safety when using the balcony. Do not leave young children alone, and please refrain from throwing anything from your balcony.

We have had complaints of cigarettes landing on other residents' balconies after being tossed from above. This is a very dangerous practice, as one landed on a mulch pile and started a fire. Another very important concern is the window screens; with windows open, we all must exercise caution around the open window.

We plan to have a safety talk in the near future with a presentation from the Fairfax Fire Department. This will be posted as soon as a date can be arranged with the fire department.

Many thanks for your great efforts at keeping Skyline House safe and secure.

The next Security, Fire & Safety Committee meeting is July 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



Covenants Committee **Joseph Livingston, Chairman**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Covenants Committee was unable to conduct its May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

At the May 2004 Board of Directors meeting, it approved the publishing of the proposed

amendment to Rule 25 of the Rules and Regulations of the Skyline House Unit Owners' Association. The proposed amendment is as follows:

"...Card Room and Exercise Room.

5a. Users of the exercise room shall wear appropriate cover-up or "Workout" clothing and footwear while in the facility. At a minimum, the upper torso shall be covered and trousers or shorts must also be worn.

5b. Persons using the sauna or steam room must also wear clothing appropriate for those facilities."

During the required notice period (60 days, commencing with posting in *The House Special* for two issues) comments may be sent to the Board or the Covenants Committee. Your comments will be considered before the Board's final decision.

Again, please mark your calendar for the next meeting on July 21st.



Neighborhood Watch **Judith York, Coordinator**

Neighborhood Watch Volunteers reported several instances of doors left ajar, both inside the building and leading to the outside. With workers repairing the buildings throughout the week and during stormy weather conditions, it is important to take a few extra seconds to make sure doors close behind you; this will prevent unauthorized people entering Skyline House and also keep damage to carpets to a minimum. We received several reports of freight elevators not being in service but unable to be used by residents, which seemed to be the result of contractor/resident users finishing using the elevators without releasing the freight elevators.

Other issues reported on the monitoring forms by Neighborhood Watch Volunteers concerned

several storage room doors left open; a couple of door knobs loose or difficult to turn; trash left on the floor of several disposal rooms; dirty wallpaper and doors on the Penthouse level of the East Building in the disposal room corridor; a broken phone compartment panel in one of the freight elevators, and vehicles without Skyline House decals. The volunteers reported all these in the maintenance logbook or to the Management office. If you recently changed cars, please take a moment to visit the reception desk to complete a new form to update your vehicle information and obtain a Skyline House decal for that vehicle.

If you are interested in volunteering an hour a week to the Neighborhood Watch Program at Skyline House, either by walking or undertaking administrative work, please contact Judith York at 703-671-2267. We welcome new volunteers and returning volunteers and – yes – you can make a difference by joining us to help keep our community safe and attractive.

The Neighborhood Watch Coordinators' meetings for 2004 will be held on June 8, September 14, and December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mason District Police Station at 6507 Columbia Pike. (The Citizens' Advisory Committee, or CAC, meeting follows at 7:30 p.m.). The Open Training Sessions for watch patrol members are at the same location but at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, July 13, October 12, and December 14. Fairfax County Police officers conduct both meetings. and they are open to the public. Please call Mason District Police on 703-354-5889 if you would like further information.

There is a sobriety checkpoint held somewhere in Fairfax County each week, usually on a weekend evening. At the last one, just over 400 cars were stopped between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Each driver received a notice that explained what the checkpoint was about and the reason why driving under the influence is a serious matter. Four drivers were arrested for driving while intoxicated. In 2003, more than 60 people were killed in Fairfax County. and alcohol was one of the main factors in these fatalities.



Recreation Committee

Tony DiSalvo

Chairman

It was good to see that a lot of the missing returned to the monthly TGIF, but there still are lots of missing faces. We are still waiting for new Skyline residents who have not attended the TGIF. Please join us.

If you are a resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors. To make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

The next committee meeting will be June 9th, West Card Room, 7:00 p.m. And, of course, the June TGIF will be Friday, June 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the West Party room. Come join us.



Good Neighbors Committee

Co-Chairs

Toska Prather 703-379-7849

Ernest Loyola 703-671-0384

Good Neighbors for June 2004:

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Helen & Law Henderson 703-578-0189

The Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency. We always welcome new members to assist those in need. If you are interested in serving your neighbors, call one of the co-chairs listed above and join us.

News from Supervisor Penny Gross

Mason District - June/July 2004

MATURE OPERATOR'S DRIVER

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MODIP):

The Fairfax County Police Department offers residents 55 years of age and older enrollment in

the Mature Operator's Driver Improvement Program (MODIP). This eight-hour course, which provides safe driving information, is sanctioned by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and is presented by certified Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Officers. Upon completion of this course, drivers are eligible for the Virginia State mandated insurance premium reduction (check with individual insurance carriers for the amount). The classes are held the second Saturday of each month at the Franconia District Station. The next MODIP class will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is required and can be done by calling the MODIP reservations line at (703) 924-6588. The cost for this course is \$10.00 per person for books and materials.

Support your Local Farmers' Market:

The Annandale Farmers' Market is back until November 4th on Thursday mornings 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Seasonal produce from local growers is available, along with plants and baked goods.

Directions: Beltway Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike, Rt. 236) east 2 miles to left at John Marr Drive and right on Columbia Pike to park entrance on right just before Sleepy Hollow Road (703-941-1730).

Receive News and Updates by E-Mail:

To receive information and updates about Mason District by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For district calendar of public meetings and other information, go to the Mason District Web site at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/md/homepage.htm.

Fairfax County, Virginia is a diverse and thriving urban county. As the most populous jurisdiction in both Virginia and the Washington metropolitan area, the County's population exceeds that of seven states. The median household income

of Fairfax County is one of the highest in the nation, and over half of its adult residents have four-year college degrees or more educational attainment. Fairfax County also is home to an extensive commercial office market and is a major employment center

Tune in to Fairfax County Government cable Channel 16 in June for the latest edition of "County Magazine" and see how residents of the Providence District celebrated the recent re-opening of the James Lee Community Center, and learn about pool safety and responsible fatherhood.

In Fairfax County, the start of summer means the start of fun, sun and street fairs. One of the first town festivals of the season, the Herndon Festival, begins on Thursday, June 3, at 6 p.m. in the city's historic downtown.

Smog season is officially here, and Fairfax County residents can help reduce our region's air pollution. In fact, residents must do their share, because Fairfax County and the entire Washington-metropolitan area are under federal orders to clean up the air.

On Tuesday, June 8th, Fairfax County will host a community issues scoping forum to obtain citizen input on issues to be addressed in the watershed management plan being developed for Cub Run and Bull Run Watersheds. The forum will be held in the cafeteria of Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

Celebrate Fairfax! Visit the County Expo during Celebrate Fairfax! See how county agencies are working for citizens. Several agencies will have interactive exhibits, including the Department of Finance which, will help you find out if you have any "unclaimed money" from Fairfax County government or Schools. Celebrate Fairfax! is June 11th-13th at the Fairfax County Government Center

SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE

June 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 TGIF 6:30-8:00 WCR	5
6	7 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	8	9 RECREATION 7:00-8:00 WCR	10 PPOC 7:00-8:00 WCR	11	12
13	14 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 FIN MGT 7:00 PM WCR LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	22	23 BOARD 7:00-8:00 WCR	24	25	26
27	28 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	29	30			

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