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ELECTION CALENDAR

NOMINATIONS OPEN	JANUARY 3, 2006
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	FEBRUARY 8, 2006
MAIL OUT TO OWNERS	FEBRUARY 24, 2006
MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT	MARCH 14, 2006
ANNUAL ELECTION	MARCH 28, 2006

**APPLICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE
MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE FRONT DESK
AND**

**RETURNED TO THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE
NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE – WE NEED OWNERS TO GET
INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS OF OUR CONDO!!**

SKYLINE HOUSE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 28, 2006

The Skyline House Annual Election for the Board of Directors will be held on March 28, 2006. Four vacancies will be filled: three, each for three years, and one for two years.

Nominations will open on January 3, 2006 and close at 6:00 p.m., February 8, 2006. Applications may be picked up at the front desk. Completed applications must be returned to the Management Office on or before close of business February 8, 2006.

It takes many helping hands to conduct the election. We urge anyone who can possibly do so to give a few hours to help. We invite new residents to become acquainted with our condominium community by participating in this election. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be at the front desk. You will be contacted to discuss your interest.

Condominium governance affects all of us. Please consider running for office, joining one of the many committees, or lending a hand to help with the election.



**Board of Directors
President, Budd Coutts**

There was no meeting in December. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. However, I wish to repeat how important the following message is to the continued prosperity of Skyline House.

Need Candidates to Run for Election to the Board of Directors:

We will have four vacancies on the Board of Directors to be filled at the annual meeting of the Skyline House Unit Owner's Association on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. I hope we can recruit at least six qualified candidates who will be willing to serve if elected.

As members of a self-governing community, all unit owners must take governance seriously. The elected Board of Directors is responsible for selecting and overseeing Management, approving the budget (which means setting the condo fees), establishing rules and regulations that affect many aspects of life in this community, and approving contracts for the variety of services we need. In other words, the decisions of the Board ultimately affect the quality of life and, to some extent, the value of the property in our community.

We have 556 units in Skyline House. Among the resident unit owners are many well-educated, highly qualified professionals and business people whose knowledge and experience are needed both on the Board and on the key committees on whom we all rely for good governance. Each year we need a few to volunteer for this important community service. If you feel you are qualified to serve, please obtain an application form from the Management Office. Nominations will close in early February.



**General Manager
Gusbey Silva**

We, in the Management Office, wish everyone a peaceful and Happy New Year.

We had a good year in 2005 except for the noise disturbance experienced by the West Building residents that was generated by the façade repairs performed in that building which, unfortunately, could not be avoided.

- Our goal continues to be the preservation of your assets at the highest level possible. Taking into consideration that the building is 27 years old, it requires a lot of effort from all of the Management team to achieve these goals. I personally want to thank Greg, the Association's Chief Engineer, and his assistant, Tettie; Betty, the Association's Housekeeping Supervisor, and her assistant, Gerardo, for the excellent job that the maintenance, painting, and housekeeping staffs are

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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.

Information for *THE HOUSE SPECIAL* may be sent by e-mail to the Editor, dropped off at the Management office or the reception desk.

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constantly performing with their help and supervision.

The following major items were accomplished during the last year:

- West Building, west end of north and south walls façade repairs;
- Completion of the Skyline House computer network upgrades;
- Overhaul of the swimming pool;
- Restoration of the pool deck (except for the coating application).

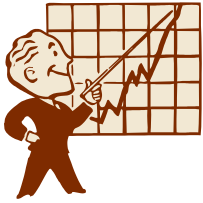
The following major items are planned and budgeted for 2006:

- Coating of the pool deck;
- Coating/Sealing of the elevated garage decks;
- Asphalt resealing of the east and west parking lots;
- Re-keying of common area locks;
- Landscaping and rehabilitation of the circle drive concrete;
- Façade repairs to the north and south walls of the east end of the East Building.

The Board of Directors requested that Management add **the inspection of all emergency keys** to our preventive maintenance schedule. Starting in 2006, this task will be accomplished every five years, same as the re-keying of the common area locks.

All emergency keys will be tried out to ensure that they work. The Chief Engineer and his assistant will be trying them out on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 10th, 11th, and 12th 2006**, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. **They will not enter the units, just try out the keys.** Any keys that do not work will be put aside, and the owners will be notified to provide a working key.

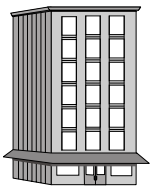
This year we will also continue with the painting of the garage interior walls. The lower D level was painted by an outside contractor in 2000. The upper D level was painted in-house in 2003. Also, our in-house staff will complete the C level during the summer months.



Financial Management Committee Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee did not meet in December; therefore, there was no written report submitted.

Because the third Monday in January, our regularly scheduled date, is a holiday, the January session of the FMC is scheduled for Monday January 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. We are inviting residents to join us in the West Card Room. We need your ideas and advice.



Physical Plant And Operations Committee George Beams And Kurt Bedenbaugh

There was no meeting in December; therefore, no written report is submitted. The next meeting of the PPOC will be on Thursday, January 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



Covenants Committee Joseph Livingston, Chairman

The Covenants Committee did not meet in December; therefore, no written report is submitted. Our next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.

Security, Fire and Safety Committee



The Security Fire and Safety Committee did not meet in December.

We would like to wish each and every one of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the Skyline House celebrates 26 years of existence, we would like to congratulate everyone for making our community safe with all of their community involvement.

We would also like to remind everyone that security is everybody's business. Be involved in your neighborhood, introduce yourself to your neighbors, know your neighborhood and its surroundings, and report all suspicious persons and activity to the police. We invite you to join your neighbors in helping to keep your community safe by joining the Security Fire and Safety Committee. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. Please plan to attend. Currently, the Security Fire and Safety Committee is without a chairperson. If you would like to Chair this committee, please contact the President of the Board of Directors, Mr. Budd Coutts, at the listed information. Your volunteerism is greatly appreciated.



Neighborhood Watch Judith York, Coordinator

We warmly welcome the Negash family to our Neighborhood Watch Program and thank them for walking the East and West Buildings and Skyline House grounds. I hope that the New Year brings health and happiness to all and that this year will be a good one.

One resident left apartment keys in the apartment lock late last month. The volunteers reported it to the front desk, the resident was found, and the keys were returned.

Other reports were:

1. A construction crew on the 11th floor of the East Building left debris in the hallway;
2. At least 12 cars in the garage are missing Skyline House decals;
3. A door was propped open to run an electrical cord on the penthouse level deck of the West Building to the outside causing loss of heat (and probably increasing utility bill);
4. Also, same building and level, carpet at the elevator and marble at disposal room entrance is in need of replacing or deep cleaning;
5. Cigarette butts and marks in the 12th and 14th floor disposal rooms and stairwells;
6. The hallway vent on the 8th floor (end towards the shopping center) sending out black fumes; and, finally,
7. The A10 stairwell door sign is loose and missing a screw.

The 2006 Neighborhood Watch meetings, which take place at the Mason District Police Station on the first Tuesday of each month (except for summer) will appear in the February *House Special*.

This is my Neighborhood Watch "Wish List" for New Year resolutions:

- 1 DO NOT speed in the garage; one minute saved could be one life lost;
- 2 Cars going DOWN have the right of way so drivers going up please yield;
- 3 Check at the front desk if you need a Skyline House STICKER for your car; it's quick and enables the desk to get in touch with you if you leave your lights on or there is an emergency of some sort;
- 4 Take boxes, newspapers, and items too big for the trash chute on your floor to the trash room downstairs;
- 5 Report in the monitoring log anything that needs repair; and

- 6 Wait one or two seconds after you've entered the building to make sure the door locks behind you.

Just as I am delighted to welcome the Negash family to Neighborhood Watch, I am also hoping to have more newcomers volunteer for our important program. Skyline House is our home and we need to keep it as secure and attractive as possible so it is enjoyable to live here and a beautiful place to come home to. We are fortunate to have a hardworking and efficient staff and friendly residents and renters. Please let me know if you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the Neighborhood Watch Program by phoning me on 703-671-2267.



Recreation Committee Tony DiSalvo Chairman

The Committee would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Holiday Party on December 10th. There was a very large number of people and from what I have heard, they all enjoyed themselves. Now if we can just get them to come to the monthly TGIFs, we would be happy. I would be remiss if I did not mention that the food was in abundance and very good. The desserts were great also. Again, thank you.

I would especially like to thank Margaret Jaffie, Diana and Ralph Huppert, and Betty Turner for assisting in decorating the party room. And many thanks to Joan Coutts, Diana and Ralph Huppert, Charlene Loyola, Rudolph Coutinho and, of course, my wife Nancy, who helped with the clean-up and taking down the decorations. Without their help, we would not be able to continue.

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 Post Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m. in the East Party Room.

Here are Jean Orben's comments: "The condo's annual holiday party was delightful! Nancy and Tony diSalvo and the other Recreation Committee members produced, with staff help, an attractive Party Room, full of the warmth and decorations of the season. A sizable number of residents nibbled on a wide variety of food offerings, topped by a truly tempting array of desserts. Although the holiday party produces a lavish display each year, the Recreation Committee's monthly party is certainly no slouch when it comes to offering good food, good fellowship, and a genuinely felt good communion of Skyline House residents. See you in January!"



Good Neighbors Committee Co-Chairs

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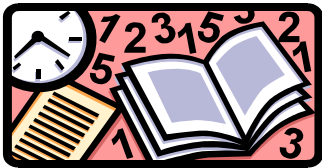
Ernest Loyola 703-671-0384

Good Neighbors for January 2006:

Ernest Loyola 703-671-0384

Geraldine Naveau 703-931-4643

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.



Editor Louise Albin

The following article was sent to me by Anna Marie Calhoun:

"Like everyone else, I am flat broke from overspending at Christmastime. But I need to go shopping again soon because I am completely out of self-respect. I've said something I wish I could take back, and I am not feeling too good about myself.

I also want to exchange a load of self-righteousness I picked up during the year for an equal amount of humility. I hear it is less expensive and wears well. And while I am at it, I am going to see if there is any tolerance available in my size.

I must remember to try to match some patience with the little I have left. My neighbor is loaded with it, and it looks awfully good on her. I was told the same department has a repair shop for mending integrity. Mine has been become frayed around the edges from too much compromising and not enough self-discipline. If I don't get refurbished soon, there won't be any left.

I almost forgot the most important thing of all – compassion. If I see some, no matter what the color, size, or shape, I'm going to stock up heavily, regardless of the price. I have run out of it so many times and always feel ashamed when it happens.

"I don't know why it's taken me so long to get around to shopping for these items. They don't cost nearly as much as some of the frivolous things I bought at Christmastime, and I'll get a lot more satisfaction from them. I'm going shopping today, and I can leave my checkbook and credit cards at home." Author unknown, Pueblo, Colorado.

Tony DiSalvo received the following letter from INOVA Alexandria Hospital:

"Dear Mr. DiSalvo:

I just wanted to take this opportunity during the holiday season to thank you for your contributions to Inova Alexandria Hospital. I realize that you faithfully collect magazines from the community members in your complex to share with us in the hospital.

These magazines are a delight to our patients and visitors alike. We have a volunteer who distributes the magazines to the various waiting areas and to the patients directly. This helps us in our mission to provide excellent customer service to all that we serve in the community.

Please extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributes these magazines.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Ken Kozloff Administrator"

SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE

January 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 LIBRARY CLOSED	3	4	5	6 TGIF 6:30 P.M. ECR	7
8	9 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	10	11 SECURITY 7:00 WCR	12 PPOC 7:00 WCR	13	14
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY LIBRARY CLOSED	17	18 COVENANTS 7:00 WCR	19	20	21
22	23 FMC 7:00 WCR LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	24	25 BOARD 7:00 WCR	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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