

The House Special



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ATTENTION ALL UNIT OWNERS

Your Association recently sent to you, via U.S. Mail, an important 2007 election package. Do not discard as it contains your **only** ballot and proxy (both weighted to the size of your unit) for this election. There is also a small envelope to ensure the secrecy of your ballot, and a pre-addressed envelope for submitting your ballot and notarized proxy.

There are two Board of Director positions to fill, each for three years. Four owners have volunteered to run for those two positions. Please acknowledge their volunteerism by taking a few minutes to cast your ballot for any two of them. **YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED.**

You DO NOT Need To Wait Until The March 27th Election to Vote
It Is Preferable If You DO NOT Wait Until March 27th To Vote
Vote As Soon You Are Ready To Do So. Below Are Easy Ways To Vote

(1) If you are ready to vote after reading the four candidates' applications included in the mailing, simply **bring your ballot and proxy** to the Management Office **at any time, but as soon as possible.** Management will notarize your proxy (FREE) and you can place the envelope containing your sealed ballot and notarized proxy into the Accounting Office Drop Box off the main lobby. **YOU ARE DONE.**

(2) If you want to know more about the candidates before you vote, **bring your ballot and proxy** to the Meet The Candidates program, March 13th at 7 PM in the West Party Room. Immediately following the program, Management will notarize your proxy (FREE) and you can submit your completed and sealed ballot/proxy. **YOU ARE DONE.**

(3) It will be a great help to your Association if you vote early however, as a last resort, you can **bring your ballot and proxy** and submit it on the evening of the Annual meeting/Election on March 27th between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM in the West Penthouse.

(4) If you are a nonresident owner and unable to drop by Skyline House in person. As soon as possible, take your ballot and proxy to a Notary Public. Cast your vote on the ballot, have your proxy notarized and mail both to Skyline House. **YOU ARE DONE**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Norman Baker

February Board Meeting

The Board met on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. During the meeting, the Board declined to pursue a PPOC recommendation to hire a consultant to determine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of solar panels for common area energy use. Vice President Schacknies volunteered to research for sources that might provide a similar service free of charge or might be able to provide additional information pertinent to future action on this matter. The related discussion resulted in the Board also instructing Management to investigate sources that might be able to provide an overall energy audit of our buildings to better determine how and where our major utility costs are being incurred and how they might be better controlled. Management will report its findings. There were no other action items. There was discussion about the upcoming election, the annual audit currently underway, and how the Board can be better prepared to determine whether or not to act (table, decline, or approve) recommendations from its committees.

New Co-Chairs for the Recreation Committee

I am pleased to announce that Betty Turner of the East building and Nadyne McKelvey of the West building have volunteered to serve as co-chairs of the Recreation Committee. They conducted their first meeting on Tuesday, March 20th. Their report is in this issue. Please show support for Betty and Nadyne and their efforts to keep the Recreation Committee afloat by making a point to attend their next meeting. Your input will help reinvigorate social activities at Skyline House. Your community needs your involvement.

Resident Vehicle Registration

Rule 18 E. 6. Of the Rules and Regulations states "All vehicles...parked in the garage or outside spaces on a regular basis, shall display the Skyline House registration decal issued by the Association." **If you park inside or outside on Skyline House property, register your car with the Association and display the sticker on your vehicle window as instructed or risk having your vehicle towed at your own expense.**

Noisy Chairs

Please be aware that when chairs are pulled back and forth across uncarpeted flooring such as that in your kitchen and also in some dining rooms, the noise of that chair being dragged on the floor can be loudly heard not only in the unit below you but also in the units all around you. This can be quite disturbing and annoying to your neighbors. Please remember to lift chairs when you move them and instruct your children to do the same.

Another solution is to obtain small pieces of felt or other material and glue them to the bottom of the chair legs so the chairs slide across the floor smoothly and QUIETLY.

SKYLINE HOUSE E-MAIL NEWS DELIVERY

More than 160 residents/owners have now signed up for electronic e-mail delivery of Skyline House information items including bulletin board notices, under the door notices, Committee announcements and The House Special newsletter. It is so easy to do! Just stop by the Management Office and register your e-mail address. It will be used only for sending you notices like those described above. Don't miss any announcements ever again. Receive them in the convenience of your own home. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



Management

General Manager, Gusbey Silva

East Building North & South Façade Restoration

The remaining brick installation needed on tiers 3 & 8 is estimated for completion by the middle of March 2007, the sealing of the brick and cleaning of balconies and windows on tiers 3, 4, 8, 9 & 10 will be done immediately after.

The demolition on tiers 12, 13, 14 & 15, began on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 and is estimated to be completed by the end of March. The demolition on tiers 01, 11 & 16 is scheduled to start by the middle of March and to be completed by the end of April, weather permitting.

Access Control System

The installation of the wiring needed for the Access Control System will be completed this week except for the wire needed for the east stairway of the garage which requires an underground conduit from the East Building to the garage. This task should be completed the following week. The contractor will begin installation of the hardware on each door included in this project by the end of that week. This phase of the project is estimated to be completed by the end of March.

75% of the residents have already picked up the new key/fobs. Residents must have the new fob after all Access Control readers are installed and activated because, at that time your blue key will no longer work. Management will post notices at least two weeks in advance to notify all residents of the estimated date for the activation of the new System.

Recycling Pick up

Implementation of the new recycling procedures in the East Building will be completed by mid-March after the necessary containers are delivered by the waste management contractor. The company representative will be here after the containers are delivered to ensure that they fit properly. Having a different method for the recycling pick up in each building will not increase the pick up charges. Notices will be posted at least two weeks in advance notifying residents of the new procedures.

Garage Card Reader/Remote Control

In November 2006 I included an article requesting residents who have not purchased a garage remote control to do so. The price for a garage remote control was lowered from \$35.00 to \$16.00 effective October 2006. As of November 2006 there were a total of 80 units using the card reader as their only means to access the garage. As of the end of February there are still 40 units who have not purchased a remote control. I encourage these unit owners to purchase a remote control as soon as possible.

Even though, the removal of the card reader has been planned for the near future and notices will be posted well in advance notifying all residents of the removal date, residents should be aware that, if at any time, the card reader fails to properly operate, Management will not proceed to repair the card reader. Instead it will be immediately removed. There is no reason to spend Association funds to repair a duplicate system used by only 8% of the residents. Such a repair would not only result in unnecessary expenses but also in the need to leave the garage door open until that repair is completed, as has been the case in the past.

Please understand that garage remote controls are sold only to unit owners. Renters are not allowed to purchase a remote control and/or a common area key / fob. If you are the owner of rental unit, please contact Tania Saib at the Management Office or at tania@shuoa.org to arrange the purchase of the remote control needed for your unit.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chair, Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on February 26, 2007. Total income for the month of January was \$298,213 with expenditures of \$177,154. Total income less expenditures amounted to \$121,059. The Reserve Contribution was \$98,331, leaving a net deficit of \$22,728 before taxes. We expect to receive the draft audit report shortly which will indicate the exact surplus amount for 2006 that will be added to our reserve accounts to help defray the facade repair costs.

Much of the discussion of the FMC dealt with how to report some budget items. The FMC also considered whether the annual insurance premium could be paid in advance in December or earlier for the coming year and whether the premium could be charged to the working capital fund. As the general manager explained, the auditor confirmed that neither was permissible. As a result, there would be no change in our practices covering the insurance premium as we should follow the auditor's guidance.

There was no new business to discuss. The FMC's next meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2007. As always, we welcome Board members and other residents to join us.



COVENANTS

Chair, Joe Livingston

The Covenants Committee met on January 17, 2007. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2007. By that time, you will have been mailed a packet containing your proxy, ballot and instructions for the 2007 election for two members to the Board of Directors. The election will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association. However, you may cast your ballot earlier if you wish. In fact, it is preferable that you do so. Just follow the instructions in the election materials mailed to you and cast your ballot at anytime you are prepared to vote.

As you were notified in the February House Special Newsletter, you will have the opportunity to meet the candidates on Tuesday March 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the West Party room. Please come and bring a neighbor. You will also be able to cast your ballot at the conclusion of the program that evening.

Much work has been done in preparation for the election. Much more remains to be done. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers who have worked many hours preparing for the election. These volunteers, members of the Election Committee, have carefully reviewed all applicable records and procedures to insure transparency and accuracy in our election. They are to be commended. While this expression of our appreciation is most appropriate, a more meaningful expression of our thanks can be made by casting your vote in the upcoming election,

At the March 21st meeting of the Covenants Committee, we will critique the "Meet the Candidate" program and seek additional suggestions to get out the vote. All are welcome.

Other business will be included in the agenda to be posted. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on March 21, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the West Card room.



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

Chair, George Beams

The Committee met on February 8, 2007. Due to a lack of action items and the brevity of the meeting the Committee has no report.



SECURITY, FIRE, & SAFETY

Chair, Robert De Mayo

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee (SFSC) last met on Wednesday, January 10th. I didn't make our February House Special issue with a report but I feel the need to summarize for you our well-attended and lengthy meeting -- especially the very animated discussion on the West Lobby door.

“Beware the Ides of March” became an annual, superstitious warning after Julius Caesar met his demise during those days in ancient Rome. But since those dreaded *Ides* are now upon us at Skyline House - *when have you last checked your smoke alarm to verify if it's working?* When is the last time you took the long shaft of your household broom and used it to reach up to the ceiling and gently depress the clear TEST button on your condo ceiling smoke alarm to hear the reassuring screech tell you it's on the job protecting you while you sleep? If you can't remember when you've done it last – *hurry!* Do it today before those dreaded *Ides of March* pass you by!! And, that folks is your *Fire Safety Tip* for this month. (Editor's Note: See Engineer's item on smoke detectors in this issue.)

Recap of January 2007 Meeting The opening question posed was: “Is there a *security* issue concerning the West Lobby door?” Many attendees believed that the real issue is one of environmental (i.e., cold West Building Lobby and mailroom due to automatic door assist mechanism holding door open too long, wind/rain/snow/weather deteriorating lobby carpeting due to unnecessary usage and door staying open too long, and not enough heat in lobby area). Mr. Hall informed the Committee of a tentative proposal to construct an interior vestibule in that area. (Editor's Note: Recall that the Board, at its January 2007 meeting, unanimously declined the PPOC recommendation to build an interior vestibule at that door). Other lively discussion from attending residents and committee members ranged from, change the West Lobby door to “exit” only, make it an “Emergency Exit” only, or seal it off completely and rely only on the Main Lobby entrance. As Chairperson, I determined to refer all environmental related proposals to PPOC for further discussion and then attempted to drill down to the core of any extant “security and safety” issues.

From ensuing discussion between residents, committee members, and our management rep, the *perceived* security concern appeared to be that non-residents and/or unauthorized individuals are regularly gaining access to our building complex through the West Lobby door. While some perceive this unauthorized entry happens as sidewalk loiterers scoot in *unchallenged* behind *incoming* residents using their access keys, it is perceived to happen much more frequently – almost on a daily basis - as residents/guests *exit* through the West Lobby door (i.e., the automatic door assist mechanism holds the door open for a period of time as the resident exits; then the nonresident(s)/unauthorized individual(s) who are loitering outside can quickly scoot inside before the door slowly closes – and remain *unchallenged* by the exiting residents/guests).

More background and mitigating factors on this security/safety perception surfaced during continued discussion: (a) most attendees generally agreed that the perceived security concern regarding unauthorized access via the West Lobby door is no different than similar concerns about most other keyed entrance/exit doors in our building complex, save the overhead garage doors, but *it is the most visible*; (b) cameras, mounted

over most entry/exit doors and monitored by our security force at the front desk are a *viable deterrent*, but not 100% effective nor timely; (c) the automatic closing delay on the West Lobby door, and perhaps on other doors, *can be adjusted to close more quickly*, thereby truncating the timing for unauthorized access/entry; (d) tenants – subletting just rooms or entire condos – were voiced as a possible underlying cause since some, when challenged in the past, gave the reply “I live here but I don’t have a key”; (e) similarly, over occupancy was voiced as a possible underlying cause (i.e., not enough keys authorized per unit versus occupants). In the final analysis, the fact remains that *sidewalk loiterers are indeed gaining uncontrolled, unchallenged access to our building complex*, whether they come through the West Lobby door or other doors in our complex (e.g., West Building rear door, East Building garage, East Building rear exit, etc).

I think it germane here to ask, if this is so, “so what”? Are these sidewalk loiterers simply residents/tenants/family members without keys or somebody more sinister? One attended stated she has lived here 27 years and there have been no criminal incidents attributed to any person gaining unauthorized access to our building complex. Mr. Hall reaffirmed that *as a fact* from a Management perspective. It was also noted that we are roughly 80% owner-occupied and owners here are very interested in keeping the premises safe and secure. We have a roving security guard, keyed access only, 24-hour from desk/controlled lobby, functioning security cameras, our own *super* Neighborhood Watch roving volunteers, restricted garage door access/exit, and are about to go to a computer-registered key fob door access. That’s quite a bit of security we pay for out of our condo investments, monthly fees, and even resident volunteer time!! However, all my years of experience in security tell me that there is just one important piece missing to make this very beautiful physical security and personal safety mosaic at Skyline House as perfect as it can be. That is to exercise our civic, individual responsibility for the common good of everyone who lives here. Each of us has inherent family responsibilities and duties that we clearly recognize as important and perform, no questions asked! As good citizens of our community and good neighbors, we also have inherent responsibilities/duties to maintain the common safety of Skyline House – folks, it’s where we live! So, re this perceived security/safety concern, let each of us... *take action!* Pledge to not let anyone we don’t clearly recognize as a neighbor “scoot into” our Skyline House home through an open door, whether it be the West Lobby, East Building garage, or any rear building access door. I suggest three things you can do to fulfill your *good neighbor* responsibility so our home stays safe from possible intruders loitering just outside our access doors:

(1) Don’t open the access door if someone is loitering outside, itching to get in. Wait until they go away or verbally direct them to our Front Lobby to register/call their resident sponsor. If you don’t know them, why trust them and let them inside?

(2) If someone attempts to “scoot in” as you begin to enter, stop! If you don’t feel threatened physically, challenge them verbally on why they don’t have and use a key/key fob; direct them to our Front Lobby to register. Men! Time for us to step up here.

(3) Shut the door quickly behind you when you enter/exit, or block it until it closes when you enter/exit, then leave.

General Manager Silva has informed me that the closing timer on the West door assist mechanism has been shortened. That door will close much faster now as residents enter/exit. Heating coils in the West Lobby area have been fixed and activated; the lobby is markedly warmer. That might alleviate some of our SFSC and PPOC concerns. Let’s see how that works out.

Vehicular Speeding/Pedestrian Safety: The March edition of *Mason Matters!* the television show that brings you news and information about our Fairfax County Mason District community, hosted by Supervisor Penny Gross, features Doug Hansen, senior transportation planner, and Chris Wells, pedestrian program manager, both with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. The program focuses on options available to communities, like ours, to alleviate speeding on neighborhood streets, and improve

vehicular and pedestrian safety. **Mason Matters!** is aired on Cox Cable Channel 16 every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and every Friday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m., and daily on the Web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason. If you have any recommendations for pedestrian safety on our Skyline House grounds, or concerns on vehicular speeding in our immediate neighborhood or garage, please bring them to my attention (SFSC Chairperson) on e-mail at jusbob2u@verizon.net.

Additionally, I most heartily welcome your presence at a meeting of your very own Skyline House Security, Fire & Safety Committee (SFSC); check our bulletin boards for time and place of our meetings which I and my committee members are working hard to make relevant and enjoyable.

Skyline House/Plaza/Square Teaming: I met with my counterpart chairpersons at Skyline Plaza (Carol) and Skyline Square (Fred) last month. We agreed to try to work together and better as a Skyline community team and Carol has now forged ahead. On March 14th, she is scheduled to host our new Mason District Community Police Officer Kinney who will give a formal presentation at the Plaza which wraps up crime and policing trends in 2005 versus 2006 in our area. Skyline House Board members, Committee Chairs and members, and the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator have been invited to attend and must RSVP since room space will be very limited and Carol has invited her own folks from the Plaza as well as Fred's from the Square! I will e-mail all of you a week before the event; RSVP to me, I'll collate and forward to Carol. At the very least, I will attend and will report back to everyone next month!

Mason District Citizens Advisory Council (CAC): On February 8th, I attended a Neighborhood Watch Training Session and follow-on CAC meeting at the Mason District Police Station on Columbia Pike. It was a highly informative and lively training hour dedicated to Cyber Security and Forensics presented by a really talented and entertaining Fairfax Cyber Investigations detective. Many folks like I were computer challenged and had no idea that so many dangers lurked in cyberspace for the unwary adult – like identity theft!! I walked away with some good lessons learned about how to secure my computer from hackers and thieves. The follow on CAC session centered on a presentation of an award to two of our Mason District Police officers who went “over and beyond” their normal duties. Through solid police work over many weeks, they tracked down and apprehended a serial burglar who had been targeting small businesses in our area for over a year. I even got to shake their hands and thank them for all of our Skyline House residents for being so conscientious and dedicated. At this same meeting I met Carol and Fred, my two Security/Safety counterparts from Skyline Plaza and Square.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Coordinator, Judith York

One of the residents in Skyline House voluntarily attended the February 6th Neighborhood Watch meetings at the Fairfax County Police Department, Mason District Station, and was very enthusiastic at how well the meetings were conducted, how many relevant issues, such as present crime statistics, were covered and how interesting it was to meet our local community police officers. These meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend any - or all - of these meetings. The next several meetings at the Mason District Police Station are as follows:

Tuesday, March 6 7:00pm Neighborhood Watch Training session
 7:30pm Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting

(Officer Brendon Murphy will be presented with a plaque this evening for his work with the CAC and neighborhood watches. Snacks, desserts and beverages will also be served.)

Tuesday, April 3 6:30pm Neighborhood Watch Coordinators meeting
 7:30pm Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting

Our Mason District representative, Mr. Ernest Loyola, kindly collected several papers regarding a variety of issues at the last meeting and I have filed these in the green neighborhood watch binder at the front desk. Please take the time to sit and read through this binder as it is filled with topics relevant to our community. Topics include information on:

(a) 2006 Year in Review with a profile of Fairfax County, history of the Fairfax County Police Dept. (FCPD) officers and staff, major crime statistics, stolen autos, burglaries, pedestrian fatalities, etc.;

(b) frequently asked questions such as the crime statistics in our neighborhood, police department's website on "weekly incident activity report," and how to reach someone at the Mason District Station for a non-emergency policy matter;

(c) how to file a police report online and also how to report non-violent crimes;

(d) S.A.F.E. brochures (Sexual Assault Free and Empowered) regarding women's self defense courses offered once a month at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly, VA, and Traffic Safety Watch brochures giving statistics on child passenger safety facts (motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 5 to 14), what to do about aggressive drivers, and how you can help when you observe situations where adults are ignoring traffic safety rules and putting children at risk.

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) of Fairfax County Police Department is offering a 10-week CPA course (12th Session) from March 15 to May 19, 2007. It is a 35-hour program designed to give the public a unique "glimpse behind the badge." Courses will be held (nine) Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm, with the exception of the final class, which will be held on a Saturday from 8:30am to 12:30 pm. Topics are wide-ranging and cover gangs, special operations, patrol, crime scene investigations, the 911 call center, animal control, etc. If you are interested, please call 703-280-0713 for an application or more information, or e-mail CPA at CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

If anyone living in Skyline House would like to join the Neighborhood Watch Program, feel free to call me on 703-671-2267. I will be happy to give you a rundown of our program, go on a "walkabout" with you and answer questions you may have. Thank you.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Good Neighbors will assist residents in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency.

MARCH GOOD NEIGHBORS*

TOSKA PRATHER 703-379-7849

DAVID SHANDLOFF 703-820-3673

(*GOOD NEIGHBOR CONTACT INFO CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE CALENDAR PAGE)

Good Neighbors always welcomes new members to assist those in need. If you are interested in serving your neighbors, please call Coordinator Toska Prather or Ernest Loyola. Their contact information is listed in the newsletter directory on the calendar page.

MAGAZINES FOR ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

This is just a reminder to bring your magazines to the front desk so Tony DiSalvo can deliver them to Alexandria Hospital. Please do not hold the magazines for long periods of time before doing so as they become outdated. The magazines are much appreciated by the Hospital volunteers. Any questions call Tony at 703-824-1958.



INFO FROM THE ENGINEER

Chief Engineer, Greg Grimm

Air Conditioner/Heater Air Filters

When is the last time you checked your air conditioner/heater unit air filter? Eliminate a service call to your unit, take notice of your air filter and change it regularly. Many service calls are generated because the air filter is so dirty no air can flow through it, causing the heat pump unit to shut down. You should check your filter monthly, even if the manufacturer's instructions state it is a three month filter. New filters can be purchased at the front desk for **\$1.50** each (make sure you note the size of your filter). The Management Office also has limited sizes of 3M filters (which collect even more fine dust particles than those filters at the front desk) for around \$20.00 each.

Smoke Detectors

Some units still have the original Honeywell smoke detector installed. These smoke detectors are long past their useful life and although it might sound an alarm when you test it, the replacement of it is long past due as it might not work in a real emergency. The Honeywell name is very clear on the cover. If you have an original Honeywell detector in your unit, the Management Office can arrange to have it replaced for a modest fee.

Hot Water Heaters

It's hard to believe, but there are units with the original hot water heater installed. This is a big problem just waiting to happen. If the brand of your water heater is "STATE", it is time to replace it, before it starts to leak. "STATE" heaters are no longer manufactured, so if you have one, it is almost 30 years old. These old heaters are highly susceptible to leakage and when they leak, it causes serious water damage to your unit and to units below. If you have any suspicion your water heater might have reached the end of its useful life, don't wait until it springs a big leak to confirm that. Schedule an appointment with in-house maintenance to check your water heater before its too late.

Water Leakage Alarm

Just a reminder

You can purchase in the Management Office an alarm to place on the utility closet floor?
The alarm will sound whenever it detects water leaks.

Dryer Vent Cleaned At No Charge

The Association schedules cleanings for dryer vents for all units in tiers 5, 6, and 14, and for all units on the 17th floors. Dryer vents for all other units will also be cleaned at no charge; however, you must schedule the service with the Management Office. Your dryer vent is located right above the balcony door on the outside. You can tell if it needs cleaning simply by looking to see how much lint is caught in the vent.

A clean vent will reduce drying time and thus your utility costs.
More importantly a clean vent will reduce the possibility of a dryer fire.

Save your money and be safe. Schedule a dryer vent cleaning.



RECREATION

Co-Chairs, Betty Turner and Nadyne McKelvey

The Recreation Committee met on Tuesday, February 20th, as scheduled. There were three (3) committee members and two (2) residents in attendance. The two February events were reviewed. Those events were: The Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb 4th and the TGIF (Thank Goodness It's Friday) gathering which was held on the second Friday, February 9th. The attendance at both of these events was low. After some discussion the committee decided to move the TGIF socials back to the first Friday of each month with the exception of April (a holiday conflict) and the December Holiday Party which is traditionally held on a Saturday night.

The committee discussed various events suggested over the past few months, i.e. "Movie Night", "Game Night", "Bingo", etc. and determined that with the current level of committee membership these events should be tabled until more residents become active with the committee.

The current leadership of the Recreation Committee is seeking more resident participation. We encourage anyone interested in any social activity here at Skyline House to become involved. Skyline House is our home and we need your help in making it a place where we can all enjoy the benefits of condo living. Your involvement in the activities of this committee is necessary to make this happen!!

We need your ideas, suggestions, and willingness to join the committee and/or sponsor an activity. These activities should focus on making "The House" a friendlier and more sociable community. Many residents have offered ideas for activities. However, until we have more committee members we realistically cannot provide these functions. Recreation Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. We invite you to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, April 17th.

We would like to thank West Building resident Rudolph Coutinho who purchased and donated decorations for the children's Halloween party. The children will benefit from this donation and enjoy seeing it for many years to come. Thanks, Rudolph.

MARCH TGIF* Gathering

6:30 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2007
East Party Room

If you have not attended one of the monthly TGIF gatherings before, make March 2nd your first. To make it easy, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'ourves, just your own liquid refreshments.

ALL ARE WELCOME

***Thank Goodness It's Friday**

APRIL TGIF* Gathering

6:30 p.m., Friday, APRIL 13, 2007
West Party Room

If you have not attended one of the monthly TGIF gatherings before, make April 13th your first. To make it easy, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'ourves, just your own liquid refreshments.

ALL ARE WELCOME

***Thank Goodness It's Friday**



SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

MARCH 2007

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 TGIF 6:30 p.m. E. Party Room	3
4	5 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	6	7	8 Physical Plant & Operations Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	9	10
11	12 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	13 MEET THE CANDIDATES 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	14 Security, Fire & Safety Comm. 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	15	16	17
18	19 Financial Mgt. Comm. 7:00 pm W. Card Room Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	20	21 Covenants Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	22	23	24
25	26 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	27 Annual Mtg and Election 6:30 p.m. W. Party Room	28	29	30	31
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