

The House Special



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Skyline House

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Norman Baker

The Board of Directors met Wednesday, May 28, 2008. At its meeting, the Board approved two contracts.

A contract to Mason and Mason for a Condition Assessment and Reserve Fund Study

A contract with Goldklang, Cavanaugh & Associates to perform the audit of the Association's accounts for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2009.

The Board also approved three recommendations made to it by the Covenants Committee and its Election Committee as follows:

Include in the Management Office's orientation for new owners the importance of owners exercising their right to vote in Association elections.

Again retain, for the 2009 election, Ms. Debbie Ribis, Budget Analyst and Independent Vote Administrator.

Consider making notary services available outside of the Management Office at some point during the 2009 election process as a possible means of encouraging more owners to cast their vote.

For more information on these contracts see the Physical Plant and Operations and Financial Management Committee reports in this issue.

Once again, Management and staff have ensured our beautiful pool opened as scheduled and in great condition on Saturday, May 24th (I am aware of one quite luxurious condominium in Arlington that will, for the second year in a row, be without a usable pool for the entire summer). Be sure you enjoy ours.

Over the same Memorial Day weekend, the 600 car migration out of our garage was conducted with incredible precision and I am pleased to report that the garage power-washing, shot-blasting, sealing, and re-striping (where removed by shot-blasting) were fully completed on schedule and our consultant engineer has okayed the entire project. For the record, Management had to tow nine cars out of the garage Friday evening. And yes, there were a few obnoxious calls to our wonderful staff with angry hang-ups when

they were told there was no option but to move their car. And, unbelievably, there were even some who were completely, entirely unaware of the project and its requirements.

I extend congratulations and thanks to General Manager Gusbey Silva and Deputy General Manager Tycia Haight and their entire team for the amazing effort and a job well done. Thanks also to Maria Elena Schacknies for the initial contact she made with Vornado Corporation that enabled all residents to park conveniently across the street rather than in the Community College garage behind Skyline.

I also wish to thank Bob De Mayo, Charley Roberts, Hanna Jones, Judith York, Rugger Smith, Orlando Gamarra, Tosca Prather, and Ernest Loyola for their community spirit and volunteerism which went far to assist residents to endure this project with as little distress and inconvenience as possible. If I missed anyone specifically, please accept my apology for the oversight and my thanks for your efforts.

I also wish to thank the many, many residents who faithfully read all the communications and quietly adapted to the dislocation and other demands required by this project. It is they who make condo living work well.

Finally, I regret to have to inform you that on May 26th, the Board and Management received the sudden resignation of our Resident Services Coordinator, Luz Stella Gomez.

I am pleased, however, to announce that Noemi Najera will begin working full-time as our new Resident Services Coordinator on June 16th. Many of you probably already know Noemi as she has worked as a receptionist at our front desk in a part-time, weekend shift, since January 2001. She is also currently employed as the Front Desk Supervisor at Skyline Plaza. She works both their Front Desk and in their Management Office where she prepares work orders, resale packages and enters information on new owners and residents into their database system. Please drop by the office later in June (or if you see her at our front desk over the next couple of weekends) and congratulate Noemi and welcome her full-time to our "House."

Congratulations and Thank You, Front Circle Landscaping Committee

WOW! The front circle looks wonderful. I have heard many compliments and many of those are from individuals who do not routinely speak out about our surroundings. Thank You, Maria Elena Schacknies for Chairing the committee and thank you to all the members for all their efforts – especially Phil Cohen and Heide Fechtman (and, although not a committee member per se, Evelyn Haught as well). The committee brought to the entry way of Skyline House a simple, elegant, lovely, and welcoming octagon garden enhancing our modern, luxurious buildings. As always, thank you Gusbey Silva and staff for supporting the committee's efforts, bringing the project to a successful completion. Thanks and Congratulations to All.



MANAGEMENT

General Manager, Gusbey Silva

Garage Repairs and Maintenance Project

The first phase of this project included the concrete deck and beam repairs, the wheel stops replacement/repair and the replacement of the damaged sections of the expansion joints. This phase was completed on May 22, 2008

The last phase of this project was the application of the Seal Coating. The preparation, sealer application and cure time required three days and it was completed during the Memorial Day weekend. In order to avoid any damage to cars parked below the area being treated due to water and debris generated from the power washing and the shot blasting of the upper levels, all cars were removed from the garage prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday May 23rd including the cars parked in the D Upper and Lower levels. Nine cars were towed from our garage between 5:00 and 5:30; while the construction crew was already performing the power washing of the edges of the garage elevated decks.

The contractor crew and their subcontractors worked through the entire weekend, including night hours, to complete the re-striping of A, B and C levels in time to allow for the necessary cure time prior to the re-opening of the garage. The garage was re-opened at 3:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon, earlier than anticipated; notices were posted in the main and mail lobbies to inform residents that the garage was open.

2008 Pool Season

The pool opened on Saturday, May 24th. The pool passes are available for pick up at the Front Desk. Any unit owner with a past due amount over 30 days will not be issued the pool passes until all amounts due are paid in full.

Please be considerate of your neighbors when playing or congregating by the west side of the sun deck, this area is adjacent to the west 14 tier units and the noise will disrupt the residents in these units.

We have already received complaints regarding kids playing with a football inside the pool and on the deck area against the pavers, generating a loud noise, disturbing the residents located next to the pool and sometimes damaging window screens on units that are located on the lower level units by the sun deck. Please remember that ball playing in the pool area is strictly prohibited, also boisterous or rough play and running at any swimming facility is prohibited by Fairfax County Code. Unit owners/residents are held responsible for the actions of their children and guests. The cost of any property damage will be charged to the responsible unit owner/resident.

Parking in the Garage

It has been noted that several vehicles parked in the garage are still leaking fluid despite the owners being notified earlier this year to have the vehicles repaired or removed from the garage. The Association spent \$138,000 on the garage repair project and it is unfortunate that several spaces are already presenting leak spots. Management will strictly enforce the rule prohibiting leaking vehicles from being parked in the garage. Residents will have 48 hours to repair their leaking vehicle or it will be towed from the garage without any further notice.

During the garage repair project we learned that many owners had rented their garage parking spaces out without providing Management with the relevant paper work. It is very important that you inform the Management Office when you rent out your parking space. We can only contact the resident that is registered in our database, so please make sure to provide us with the information so that our records can be updated. This measure also applies to the privately owned outside parking spaces if rented to another.

Window Rollers

We recently completed the spring window washing project. There are many residents that have windows in need of roller replacement. This makes it very difficult for in-house staff to open the windows when a resident has signed up to have the screens removed before the window washing project. If you are interested in replacing your window rollers, please contact the Management office to obtain the information for the company that we contracted for window pane and window roller replacement. Please keep this in mind the next time window cleaning is being performed; if your windows are not easy to roll open, the staff may not be able to remove your screens and the window-washers will not be able to clean your windows.

Carpet Cleaning

Common area carpet cleaning is performed every other year in each building however, the ground floor, first floor and penthouse corridors are done on an annual basis. The carpet cleaning of the West Building has been scheduled to begin on Tuesday, June 10th and should be completed no later than Wednesday, June 11, 2008. This service will be performed by the same company that we have used the last couple of years. The East building carpet cleaning was performed in November, 2007.

“HOUSE” HINTS

OLD BATTERIES AND FLOURESCENT BULBS?

Standard batteries and fluorescent light bulbs can now be brought to the front desk for safe and environmentally friendly disposal/recycling.

SKYLINE HOUSE E-MAIL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Many residents/owners have now signed up for e-mail delivery of The House Special newsletter. It is so easy to do! Just stop by the Management Office and register your e-mail address. It will only be used for the newsletter delivery. Don't miss any House news ever again, even while traveling. Receive your copy conveniently via email before the hard copy even returns from the printer. SIGN UP TODAY.

AUTOMOBILE OIL LEAKS

Our garage decks were just cleaned and treated. Not only are oil leaks on our property unsightly, the oil eventually makes its way onto other parking spaces, onto the roadway, and into our buildings. It also deteriorates the concrete. If your car is leaking oil you are urged to have your car repaired at once and contact Management to have your space cleaned. If you are routinely witnessing ongoing leakage in a parking space, please report it to Management as soon as possible.

USE YOUR HEADLIGHTS

Always remember to turn on your headlights while driving in the garage. This will not only help you more easily see other cars and pedestrians, it will also help others to see your car. Thus, with such a small effort, and, not exceeding the 5 MPH speed limit, you immensely improve your odds of avoiding an accident in the garage.

GARAGE REMOTE CONTROL

If your remote control is more than a couple of years old, and you have never changed your battery, you should do so soon in order to prevent being left stranded outside the garage entrance door. The remote control uses a standard nine-volt battery that can be easily replaced via the small compartment on the back of the remote.

FREE DRYER VENT CLEANING

Several residents have had their dryer vents cleaned, and some vents were so clogged with lint, that their dryer was certainly not working well and thus increasing their utility bill every month. This service is free of charge. The cleaning is performed on the balcony at the vent opening above the balcony door. Call the office for an appointment today. **If you live in tiers 5, 6, and 14 or on floor 17 of either building**, your vent is on an exterior wall that is not easily accessible. The Association hires a contractor to clean all of these wall-based vents every 3 or 4 years based on overall need.

WATER LEAKAGE ALARM

Just a reminder that you can purchase (for \$13.80 in the Management Office) an alarm to place on the utility closet floor? The alarm will sound whenever it detects water leaks.

PEST CONTROL

The Association contracts for weekly pest control service for all common areas and also, on a first come first served basis, for up to eight individual units. The service is performed every Thursday. If you are experiencing a problem in your unit with roaches, ants, spiders, etc. do yourself and your neighbors a big favor ---- sign up for this service at the front desk. **There is no cost to you.**



INFO FROM THE ENGINEER

Chief Engineer, Greg Grimm

HVAC* Preventative Maintenance

A few residents have had preventative maintenance (PM) performed on their HVAC (air conditioning) units, but many more residents have had nothing done to their HVAC units. The benefits of this service are outlined below. We recommend that you have your HVAC unit serviced once a year, and at the beginning of the air conditioning season is the best time. Below is a summary of what gets done. Please call the Management Office for an in-unit maintenance appointment or your contractor and arrange for HVAC preventative maintenance today.

Clean Condenser Coils

Dirty condenser coils will raise refrigerant pressure higher than needed, increasing your electric bill. Cleaning the coils will keep your equipment at maximum efficiency while at the same time, saving you money.

Check the Refrigerant Charge

The refrigerant charge is checked by measuring temperature differential and determining electrical demand on the compressor or by reading the pressure gauges. A low or high refrigerant charge can easily go unnoticed and increase operating costs. An improper charge can also cause compressor shut-down. Periodic checks on refrigerant levels can lower your energy bills and prevent future repairs.

Inspect and Clean Out Condensate Drain

Clogged drains can increase the humidity level and cause extensive water damage. Proper maintenance of the condensate drain can prevent unwanted repair calls.

Inspect Blower Wheels

Dirty blower wheels reduce air flow, causing longer operating time and increased energy cost. This problem can lead to lost comfort and compressor failure. Avoid wasting your energy dollars by verifying that your maintenance includes a thorough check and cleaning of your blower system.

* The HVAC system, or heat pump, is the unit in your utility closet, next to your water heater, that produces your heat and air conditioning.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chair, Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on May 19, 2008. Total income for the month of April was \$302,945 with expenditures of \$194,848. Total income less expenditures amounted to \$108,098. The monthly Reserve Contribution was \$100,789, leaving a net income of \$7,308 before taxes. We note that the Year-to-Date increase in legal fees of about \$1,400 largely reflects fees for our attorney's support in the negotiations with Cox to upgrade the condo's TV access.

The FMC noted that interest from our account with Merrill Lynch is always added to our budget for condo operations. This amounts to roughly 1% of the condo fee. Reflecting concerns that our reserves were not growing sufficiently, it was suggested that we should consider allocating the interest to our reserves to strengthen those accounts. The General Manager stated, however, that our cash-flow method allowed us to increase the reserves by the end of 2009 to about \$2 million while we project continued growth subsequently. The issue was tabled for the time being.

The FMC briefly discussed the possibility of preparing the garage for accommodating electric cars. One member observed that at this point there were only 5 such car dealers on the Eastern seaboard and none of those were in Virginia. The Committee dismissed

the issue as too premature for consideration because of the lack of data on requirements and specifications and the uncertainty of which technology would likely be adopted.

The FMC recommended to the Board to award a contract of \$8,805 to Mason and Mason for a study to provide a Condition Assessment and Reserve Fund Plan for our condo. Mason and Mason handle these assessments for a large number of condominiums in the area and did our most recent study in 2003. Virginia law mandates such a study every five years. Funding includes a session with the Board of Directors to explain methods and projections. The FMC urged opening this session to all residents for questions as we did with the very successful meeting five years ago.

The FMC further recommended extending the contract with our Accounting firm Goldklang, Cavanaugh and Associates for 2008 and 2009 for the amount of \$8,375 per year. This includes income tax preparation.

Our meetings are generally held on the third Monday of the month. I strongly urge you to join us. We would welcome your comments and questions.

The FMC will next meet in the W. Card Room at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2008.



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

Acting Chair, Al Lambert

Greetings! The Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC) met on May 8, 2008 and had a single but very important agenda item to select a firm for the Condition Assessment and Reserve Fund Plan update. Virginia public law along with other States requires the task to be periodically accomplished and for us it is every five years. All physical assets deteriorate with time and a methodology is required to prepare in advance for these expenses. In 2003 a site inspection was performed to develop a component listing requiring repair or replacement of common area items. The criteria for being classified as a component is it must be common area, have a minimum threshold value of \$10,000, and have a limited useful life and a predictable remaining useful life (e.g. roofing, painting, roads, mechanical components and so forth). Items like electrical wiring and plumbing are not included since their useful or remaining useful life is not well defined and is considered to be life of the property items. Using that data a financial analysis is performed and a recommended Reserve Fund Plan compiled to prepare for these inevitable expenses. The firm Mason & Mason who performed the initial assessment in 2003 was selected with a bid of \$8805.00 which was the lowest of three proposals. A breakout of the proposed fees was Condition Assessment & Reserve Fund Update: \$7500.00, Meeting with the Board of Directors for one hour: \$405.00 and a Reserve Level Elevator Evaluation: \$900.00. Selection was based on the fact the firm had prepared an excellent plan in 2003, responded to periodic follow-up questions and had the best prepared set of references of former clients. During the committee meeting in June a list of potentially new components to be added will be discussed such as the exterior retracting doors for the trash compactors, the perimeter street lamps on the grounds and signage excluding traffic and safety warnings.

The agenda for the June meeting will also have a Management review of the landscaping process addressing maintenance tasks such as pruning, tree removal/planting, shrubs, bushes, and scheduled renewal contract services. Proposals for lighting the newly renovated circle and in front of the East Building using indirect, subdued lights will be discussed. Finally, the committee will revisit the option of painting the ceiling beams on the A-Level with white paint to increase illumination for safety considerations. All of us can make Skyline House a little bit better by taking a small step and contributing thoughts and experience.

As always, I welcome your feedback on this article or any other issue pertaining to PPOC. This is your home! Thank You!

The PPOC will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2008 in the W. Card Room.



COVENANTS

Chair, Joe Livingston

The Covenants Committee (CC) met on May 21, 2008. Among matters considered at the meeting was the Election Committee's report on the 2008 election for members of the Board of Directors. Following the discussion, the Committee recommended approval of the report and its submission to the Board for adoption of the Election Committee's recommendations. The Election Committee recommended that Ms. Debbie Ribis' services be retained to continue to provide counting services for our elections; that consideration be given to stressing the importance of voting in the orientation of new owners; and that consideration be given to making notary services available outside the Management Office...as a means of drawing greater attention to the election.

Excerpts below from the Election Committee's report might be of interest to you:

Although the Election Committee is composed of more than 12 residents, streamlined procedures introduced last year required only 6 to conduct the election. Of course, Management personnel continued to provide administrative support and, as always, cooperation was excellent.

Despite efforts to simplify election procedures and facilitate the notarization process, voter turnout declined compared to 2007. A total of 186 election packages were cast/returned, representing 34.6% of the weighted total. In 2007 and 2006, turnout was 38% and 34% respectively.

For the second year, a single election package was prepared for all unit owners, both resident and nonresident. This method continues to work well, reducing the election's burden on the Management Office, enabling us to achieve a quorum in advance of the Annual Meeting, and permitting the orderly scheduling of in-person voting as well as of the Meeting itself.

Although we failed to increase voter turnout, changes in the election process helped make it run more efficiently. First and most important, Management implemented a recommendation of this Committee and succeeded in having all members of the Management Office licensed as notary publics. This ensured that at least one notary was always available during office hours for owners wishing to cast an early ballot. Changes in the organization and procedure for in-person voting speeded up and simplified the registration process.

Following the close of scheduled in-person voting, Ms. Debbie Ribis, Budget Analyst and Independent Vote Administrator, counted all ballots using her PC program. The count was completed and the results provided to the Inspector General before 8:00 p.m.

On May 1, 2008, 12 members of the Election Committee met to discuss the election and consider recommendations. There was general satisfaction with the current process, and especially the use of a single election package and employment of Ms Ribis to perform counting. The members were also appreciative of the ready availability of notaries in the Management Office.

The Committee's primary concern was the failure to increase voter turnout as evidenced by the slight decline in total votes cast. Although there was considerable discussion about the cause, few remedies were forthcoming beyond intensifying efforts to heighten the visibility of the election through increased publicity and, possibly, personal contacts. Indeed, several members suggested as long as we are able to achieve a quorum, we may have to accept this as reflecting a general satisfaction with the state of our condominium, or as another manifestation of declining participation in all areas of local governance.

Another matter before the Covenants Committee was its ongoing review of the Association's rules and regulations, including a proposed amendment of Rule 18, pertaining to Parking/Vehicular Responsibility. We anticipate completing this work by the July meeting of the Committee.

The Covenants Committee will next meet in July, 2008.



SECURITY, FIRE AND SAFETY

Chair, Robert De Mayo

The Security, Fire & Safety Committee (SF&SC) met Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The committee's report was not available at the time this issue went to print.

The SF&SC will meet in the W. Card Room at 7:00 p.m. Wed., June 11, 2008.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Coordinator, Judith York

May was quite an eventful month! Please check the binder at the front desk for crime information received from local police officer Thibault.

Officer Thibault sent information on May 9th about three youths (ages 16, 17 and 18), two from Falls Church and one from Arlington, who were arrested and charged with felony destruction by graffiti. They are charged with writing graffiti in several locations in Northern Virginia as far back as December, 2007 and are believed to be responsible for graffiti in as many as 50 different locations at a cost that could exceed \$50,000.

Mason District Police detectives are asking for help identifying a man who has broken into businesses and stolen lottery tickets. The two locations are in Falls Church. The description of the suspect is as follows: a white male with brown hair, 25 – 35 years of age. He is about 6 ft. 2 in. tall and weighs approximately 180 – 200 pounds. (Contact information is Crime Solvers 1-866-411-8477, e-mail www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, or phone the Fairfax County Police on 703-691-2131.)

On a lighter note, Security, Fire and Safety Committee Chair, Bob De Mayo, was one of the many observers of the 4th Annual Bed Race that took place in Annandale on May 17th at which our local police officers (and staff from several businesses) raced hospital beds up and down John Marr Drive in a relay race. Bob said the event was a whole lot of fun.

Also, May brought good news for and appreciation of the excellent work of Fairfax County. The Criminal Justice Services Board of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services again approved and recognized Fairfax County as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. Fairfax County is one of 15 jurisdictions in Virginia known for sending a strong message to the public that crime will not be tolerated in the county and governing officials will take all reasonable efforts to eliminate it. The County Board of Supervisors acknowledged this achievement at a May 20th ceremony with presentations made to Police Chief, David Rohrer and Master Police Officer, Patrick Lucas, a Crime Prevention Officer assigned to the McLean District.

An example of efficient and timely communication between our local police officers and neighborhood watch groups occurred in mid-May. Officer Thibault sent around information on the weekend work scheduled to put air-conditioning units on the roofs of the nearby federal buildings via helicopter. In addition to letting Skyline House neighborhood watch volunteers, Board/Committee volunteers and the management office know, I gave a copy of the e-mail to the front desk staff and to the security guard. I knew that if we had a helicopter hovering across the street most of the day, rumors would be rampant and would lean heavily toward some kind of hostage or crime situation. These rumors were dispelled for anyone who called the front desk or checked with Board/Committee volunteers. This is one example of how being part of the Skyline House volunteer community will “keep you in the know.”

The next neighborhood watch meetings at the Mason District Police Station will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd --- Neighborhood Watch Coordinators at 6:30 p.m., Neighborhood Watch training at 7:00 p.m. followed immediately by the Citizens Advisory Council. all are open to the public. There are no meetings in July and August. If you are interested in becoming a neighborhood watch volunteer, contact me on 703-671-2267. Thank you.



RECREATION

Chair, Betty Turner

The Recreation Committee (RC) will host the regular TGIF social on Friday, June 6th. No other social events have been planned at this time.

The RC will next meet in the W. Card Room at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2008.



Ad Hoc Decorating Committee

Co-chairs, Alina Gonzalez and Maria Elena Schacknies

The Ad Hoc Decoration Committee (AHDC) met twice during the month of May.

On May 7th, Heide Fechtman, Virginia Fissmer, Alina Gonzalez, Goldy Kamaly, Betty McLaurin, Cheryl Robertson, Bryan Stukes and Maria Elena Schacknies conducted a group walk-through of the lobby area and east and west galleries. We reviewed the condition of the areas and considered some of the ideas members put forth on what to keep, refurbish or replace.

Afterwards, members met for a follow up discussion and at that time it was decided that due to budgetary constraints, the committee needed to prioritize its responsibilities and concentrate on its main function, the replacement of the gallery carpets.

In addition, the committee reviewed the list of potential contractors and agreed to begin the search for potential commercial carpet vendors. The chosen color for the carpet was picked to be within beige/brown color spectrum to match the colors of the terrazzo in the lobby and the galleries. The co-chairs provided the members with six prospective carpet websites for their reviews and recommendations.

A second meeting was held on Wednesday, May 21st. Present were Heide Fechtman, Virginia Fissmer, Evelyn Haught, Alina Gonzalez, Goldy Kamaly and Betty MacLaurin and Maria Elena Schacknies. Also in attendance were Ernest Loyola and Nilda Viqueira.

After much discussion about the carpet's, colors and patterns, the committee decided to seek expert advice from professional carpet vendors. Goldy Kamaly volunteered to arrange for a carpet representative to come to our next meeting and show the members a variety of carpet patterns and colors based on our specifications.

Committee members agreed to be open to suggestions, not only on patterns and designs, but also on colors other than those previously selected. At least two other carpet vendors will be contacted to come before the committee in the coming weeks.

We welcome all interested owners to attend meetings and share their thoughts and ideas.

The AHDC will next meet on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 in the West Card Room.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

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

Services provided are typically short term and in the local area. For example, picking up mail or prescriptions or making small grocery purchases.

Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call 911 immediately.

JUNE GOOD NEIGHBORS

GERALDINE NAVEAU 703-931-4643

MARYANNE SOLLAK 703-845-9325

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

RESIDENT LIZA RUIZ A REAL WINNER



Volunteers Saluted At Awards Ceremony

Washington Post Thursday, May 8, 2008; Page VA03

...volunteers were honored at an April 24th ceremony hosted by Volunteer Fairfax... The awards serve as recognition for widespread volunteering in the county. Volunteer Fairfax has honored more than 1,600 individuals since the awards were begun in 1993.

The winners were in 3 categories, one of which included those nominated for a "Volunteer Service Award." Long-time Skyline House resident/Association volunteer, **Liza Ruiz** was one of only 15 to receive an award in that category. **Congratulations Liza!**

Participate In/Donate Goods To Lincolnia Senior Center Flea Market

Whether it's a donation, a purchase, or to volunteer, the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street in Alexandria, welcomes community participation for its rummage sale on Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain date, Saturday, June 14). Donations accepted include: clothing (no shoes or undergarments), jewelry, dishes, small appliances, toys, puzzles, craft items, books (no text, old, or musty books please), linens, etc. Donations of baked items and plants will be accepted closer to June 7. For more information about acceptable donations, call the Lincolnia Center at 703-914-0223.

A Note From A Resident Regarding The Shops At Skyline Plaza

I am awash in nostalgia! My husband left our condo in need of a haircut and carrying a parcel to be mailed at a post office. A trip he's often made but this time it was different: he ignored our car, and WALKED just next door, to the shops in back of Skyline Plaza! The new post office there is small but complete; the barber is excellent, and makes the visit a pleasure, and the convenience store has a wide variety of goods. Why nostalgia? When we were young, such an action was commonplace--we lived on a side street, off a main avenue, lined with a butcher, a baker, (no candlestick maker), fresh vegetable, candy and hardware stores and a florist... all the necessities of life easily within walking distance. Ah, thank you Plaza Shops, for bringing back a touch of the good old days!

Jean Orben

Mason District Park [Farmers Market](#) and [Concert Series](#)

Fresh produce, baked goods, and herb plants can be purchased at the Parks' Farmer's Market every Thursdays (8 a.m.-noon)

The 2008 concert series includes 39 evening concerts and 10 Saturday morning children's events. Evening concerts (about one hour) begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays feature Jazz/Blues; Fridays, international folk music/dance; and Sundays, variety, including Big Band/swing. Children's events feature music, puppet shows, and story-telling.

Events and parking are free. After entering at 6621 Columbia Pike, turn right to the upper lot. It is a short walk on a paved path to the amphitheatre, which has bench seating (bring a cushion if you wish). An elevated area for handicapped patrons, including wheelchair access, is available. Many families bring picnics to enjoy before the concert.



SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

JUNE 2008

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	3	4	5	6 TGIF 6:30 p.m. West Party Room	7
8	9 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	10 Recreation Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	11 Security, Fire & Safety Comm. 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	12 Physical Plant & Operations Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	13	14
15	16 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Financial Mgt. Committee 7:00 pm W. Card Room Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	24 Ad Hoc Decorating Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	25 BOARD MEETING 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	26	27	28
29	30 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse					
GOOD NEIGHBORS: GERALDINE NAVEAU (703-931-4643) AND MARYANNE SOLLAK (703-845-9325)						

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