

# The House Special



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Richard Porter



Welcome back to the regular business year. We hope you all had a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

As we begin our work for the balance of the year and for next year I believe you will be happy with the proposed 2017 budget and unit assessments. Both management and our committees have worked hard to achieve a result well below the regional average. Despite this achievement, we have also been able to add an extra week of pool time past Labor Day for next year.

Thanks to Gladys Manrique, we are able to provide to you a link to an article about condo unit assessments in the Northern Virginia area, which shows an average assessment increase of about 3.5 % per year. The article by Jeannette Chapman is in the September/ October 2016 Re+View Magazine regarding condo fees in the region how older buildings, amenities, higher floors can boost cost and days on market. To read the entire article online go to: [go.nvar.com/1605](http://go.nvar.com/1605) (article starts on page 7)

We also provided a link to you about condo problems which recently appeared in the Washington Post.

(Link is listed under Management report)

We believe our association is in much better shape than the condos discussed in the article. The next P-cam committee meeting will discuss the Skyline House advantage. Everyone is invited to attend.

I'm happy to report that our new gym so long in the planning is now open. It provides both more room and more equipment. The old gym will also be reopened beginning in October. Everyone is invited to take a look at both of them, and to use them!

On occasion I will discuss with some of our residents work going on or projects we have undertaken and they will ask me: what's in it for me. When I have those discussions it brings to mind the poem I learned about from my

grandfather, which I'm happy to repeat here.

"The Bridge Builder"

By: Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followed after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

## TREASURER'S COMMENTARY

Karen H. Johnson



Two-thirds of the year has now passed. Available financial data through the end of August, show that for that month and for the year to date, we continue to run a significant surplus of income relative to expenses in our operating budget. In this report, I will explore why this has happened.

For August and year-to-date, our income receipts are running ahead of budgeted amounts. For August and for the year, income for the In-Unit Maintenance system largely accounts for the extra income. For this component, the related additional expenses in the cost of goods sold item (COGS) offsets the positive surprise in income. So the In Unit Maintenance program does not contribute importantly in explaining why net income is above budget. The explanation must lie in components of expenses. Payroll and related costs for taxes and benefits were again below budget in August. These items had been below budget earlier as well, explained by turnover and vacancies on our staff. Administrative expenses were significantly below budget for the year and again in August. Many items have contributed positively, but the most important have been legal fees related to unit owners and insurance that were both lower than expected. Smaller positives have been recorded for the newsletter printing and for computer expenses. Utilities spending on electricity continues to show an amount significantly below budget. However, we know that the bills for electricity arrive with a lag, so we may yet get large bills for cooling the common areas during the hot summer. Other categories of spending, namely maintenance, supplies, and contracts were close to budgeted amounts, other than the In-Unit COGS already mentioned. The major items that explain our net surplus to date are payroll and associated expenses, legal fees related to unit owners, insurance, and electricity. In preparing the budget for next year, we took into account the experience we are having this year with our various expenses.

As of August 31, the total number of units in delinquent status to the Association fell to 15, with \$37,683 in amount due. This number has decreased from its level in the past two months. The number of renter occupied units is again 151, 27 % of the total.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

Michelle Brown-Slaughter



### Bridge Project

Due to changes in the glass window and steel structure, the project will be delayed. Revisions to the steel shop drawings are underway, and responses to the County's questions regarding the permitting, are being addressed. In an effort to avoid the bridge being out during the winter months, Management does not anticipate demolition and/or construction of this project until Spring of 2017.

### Cooling Tower Roof Replacement

Replacement of the cooling tower roof and two deck drains in the West building were successfully completed. A roof tune-up (minor repairs) and preventative maintenance to extend the life of the roofs were also completed on both the East and West roofs. It included repair of the perimeter edge stripping on the East Penthouse roof. More roof work will be scheduled next year in 2017.

### Alternate Exercise Room

Maintenance and Paint staff completed the East building's alternate exercise room on the S-level. The new equipment for the West building exercise room was delivered and set up on 9/26/16. Cam Serve installed the key fob system on the entrance door so the room is available 24/7. The old universal machine, three tread mills, and several other equipment were relocated from the West building's fitness room, and are now set up in the new room.

### SK&A Balcony inspections

Maintenance has conducted more than 75 balcony inspections to date. It was decided that Maintenance will continue to inspect balconies as they perform work orders. Only two units were found with paint on the floors. Residents that signed-up to volunteer their balcony for inspection either have been, or will be incorporated in the inspection process.

### Decorating Committee project

The first payment of \$49,120 went towards securing labor for the wooden columns, physical fabrication of the column mock ups, retaining Green Owl Designs services and preliminary ordering of all flooring and fabrics for custom pieces. The next payment (\$30,700) was required when the design selection was made (as a result of the owners voting). That payment will cover labor for the flooring, order of the custom furniture pieces, and beginning the design

process to custom fabricate lighting and reface the front desk. A third payment of \$30,700 will be due when the custom furniture is ordered.

### **East Billiard Room conversion to kid friendly space**

Rules, guidelines and waivers need to be developed to detail how the East Billiard room will be used, and who can use it, before the room is converted for use. The billiard tables need to be removed (to sell on Ebay), and kid friendly furniture (tables & chairs) set up in the room.

### **Pipe Replacements**

21 ft of cast iron pipe was replaced in D-level of the garage. And a clogged drain on garage D-level near the cage was replaced by SSL.

### **Fence Repaired**

Large hole in fence in front of West parking space #43 was repaired by Chesapeake Ironworks.

### **Attorney fees - Unit Owners Collections:**

\$734.22 was paid to the Association's attorney in August, 2016, for routine delinquency collections. There were no invoices or payments for legal advice on general legal services for the month of August.

### **Collections update- \$37,683 (August 2016) Delinquencies**

6 units owe \$30,640 for delinquencies that are 60 days past due. 9 units owe \$7,043 for delinquencies that are 10-60 days past due. Collection is being handled by the Association's Attorney.

### **9/28/16, Board Meeting Action Needed:**

1. Approval of Policy Paper: Command Control Policy during inclement weather or emergencies
2. Resolution for the Association to elect to apply all or part of the excess assessment income to the following year's assessments and that such final amount shall be at the Board's discretion.
3. Approval for PPOC and Management to move forward with conversion of the East Billiard Room to a kid friendly space.
4. Approval of the proposal (not to exceed \$5,500) from the Acoustical contractor from Miller, Beam & Paganelli, to investigate and develop solutions to identify the

cause of noise emanating from the condenser water pump located in the West building basement.

**\*REMINDER: 2017 Budget Process** – The 2017 Operating and Reserve Budgets were distributed to the Board, and need the Board's final approval at the 10/26/16, Board meeting.

For more information on condo fee increases, visit the following links for 2 different articles:

#### **1. Condo Fees in the NVAR Region (Market Metrics)**

[https://issuu.com/nvarmagazines/docs/re\\_view\\_sepoct16\\_issuu\\_f3elf538590cd6](https://issuu.com/nvarmagazines/docs/re_view_sepoct16_issuu_f3elf538590cd6)

#### **2. Condominiums in crisis: Financial troubles put many communities at risk (Washington Post)**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/condominiums-in-crisis-financial-troubles-put-many-communities-at-risk/2016/09/17/07ba32ac-6972-11e6-ba32-5a4bf5aad4fa\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/condominiums-in-crisis-financial-troubles-put-many-communities-at-risk/2016/09/17/07ba32ac-6972-11e6-ba32-5a4bf5aad4fa_story.html)

**\*The next regular Board meeting is on October 26th 2016.**

## **REMINDERS FROM MANAGEMENT**

### **HOLIDAY PACKAGES**

Due to the limited amount of storage space and the overwhelming number of packages we receive daily, and that are expected this holiday season, the Front Desk will not accept: oversized deliveries such as mattresses, tires, rolls of carpet, or packages that are 120 inches in length or width, or that weigh 70 pounds or more. This is in accordance to Rule #6 of the Skyline House Unit Owners 'Association Rules and Regulations. Residents must make separate arrangements with the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, Amazon and/or other courier services, to have oversized packages delivered directly to them when they exceed the size and/or weight limits. In addition, we do not accept multiple packages left by a resident for pick-up. To help you have a successful package experience, please use the following guidelines:

- a. Confirm your name and unit number is on the package before you accept it, and before you leave the front desk.
- b. Note the date, time and person at the front desk that gave you the package. Just in case there is a discrepancy, it helps us to know who helped you at the front desk.
- c. Sign your name legibly so we can determine who picked up the package.
- d. As a courtesy, not a requirement, we only call the intercom phone number, and send an email to the email address on record. So please be sure your information is updated. If it's a perishable item, as a courtesy we will call

the number to your unit or cell phone (whichever is listed). But it's your responsibility to pick up your perishable items as soon as possible as we do not refrigerate items!

## **PARTY ROOMS**

When you rent the party room, you only rent the party room, not the entire Penthouse level. When a party is being held, all residents have the right to use all other amenities on the Penthouse level. That includes the billiard rooms, sundecks, and the library in the East building.

## **NO TAILGATING**

1. Please do not tailgate behind a car into the garage after another car has entered. You should wait until the car has entered and the door is closing. Then use your remote control to open the garage door and enter. If you see someone tailgating, report the car make, model, color and license tag to the front desk. Tell them the day and time the incident occurred. But for safety reasons, never confront someone in person.

2. Please do not tailgate into the building behind someone else (ie lobby entrance, West mail lobby, loading dock areas). If you see someone doing so, report it to the front desk.

## **NO SMOKING**

**SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN COMMON AREAS!** In case you didn't know, Rule #27A, B and C (page 28), states that smoking is prohibited within all common areas of the building, which includes but is not limited to: the lobby, stairwells, trash disposal closets, galleries, corridors, loading docks, interior areas of the garage, party rooms, other indoor recreational facilities, exercise rooms, public restrooms, elevators, storage rooms, bicycle storage rooms, and Association's employee offices and work areas. Smoking is allowed within units, on balconies, and patios of units. BUT... All persons who smoke shall ensure that smoking materials are safely extinguished and disposed of properly in TRASH CONTAINERS. Residents have complained that people are throwing their cigarette butts off balconies and leaving them in stairwells. PLEASE DO NOT THROW CIGARETTE BUTTS OFF BALCONIES AS THEY CAN BE A FIRE HAZARD, and do not leave them and/or tobacco in the stairwells!!

## **CHIEF ENGINEER REPORT**

Gregory Grimm

### **Check Out That Contractor: Caveat Emptor – Buyer Beware!**

In Fairfax County, to be a contractor the following is required....

**Fairfax County Business License:** you will need a business license in Fairfax County if your business is located in the county and you have completed over \$10,000 worth of total work in a year within the county. If your business is located outside of the county, you will need a business

license when your work exceeds \$25,000 in a year in the county.

**State Contractor's License:** all contractors must have a Virginia Contractor's License if they are bidding on jobs in excess of \$1,000. There are three classes of licenses:

1. **Class C:** if the project is over \$1,000 but less than or equal to \$10,000.

2. **Class B:** if the project is over \$10,001 but less than or equal to \$120,000.

3. **Class A:** if the project is over \$120,000.

**Fairfax County Home Improvement License:** this license is required when a contractor has a Virginia Class C license with Home Improvement, ('HIC') or Building, ('BLD') as their specialty.

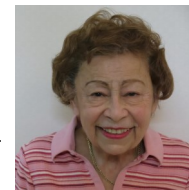
You also need to ask your contractor for "Proof of Insurance" in writing, in case something goes wrong.

**If your contractor cannot provide a valid business license and proof of insurance, then this contractor should not work for you!!** It is up to you, make sure that you protect yourself.

More info can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs/contractorlic.htm> Remember to search the internet for reviews of your contractor. Check out sites such as Yelp, and Angie's List, or simply google your contractor's name.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Wynfred Joshua



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on Monday, September 19, 2016. The financial figures for the month of August were as follows: total Income was \$395,424; total Expenses were \$249,437; and Reserve Contributions were \$122,989, leaving a positive income of before taxes of \$22,998.

This result was partly caused by the higher than expected income which reflected an increase in Interest income and In-Unit Maintenance income. Expenses were also under budget primarily because Administrative expenses were less than expected. The decrease was due to reduced Legal Fees, a reduction in Insurance and, at this point, lesser scheduled amounts for other Administrative



accounts.

There were no major concerns expressed regarding the financial statements. Questions raised by FMC members were explained by the General Manager.

A key item that remained on Old Business concerns was the Bridge project. As we feared, any visible progress on the project is not expected until the spring of next year. The FMC stressed that henceforth Management should alert our contractors that failure to meet projected deadlines can trigger penalties as stipulated in the contract.

The FMC approved for submission to the Board the fourth draft of the 2017 budget for Operations with 5 in favor and 1 vote opposed. Four FMC members were absent and did not vote. The FMC discussed once more the provision in the budget for bonuses, but in the end refused to vote for a different formula.

The draft budget for the Reserves was unanimously adopted for submission to the Board. We note that we kept the allocation of funds for the Reserves the same as in 2016. We believe that we can handle one more year without increasing our Reserves because of the funds we have accumulated due to postponement of various projects. Indeed, had we been able to execute projected replacements and major maintenance items as listed in the Mason and Mason study, we could not have done this without increasing the Reserve contributions.

A very careful review of account requirements enabled us to hold the condo fee increase to .5%. This achievement is unlikely to be repeated next year. We note that the North Virginia Association of Realtors found that from 2000 to 2015 the average condo fee for high rise condominiums grew 3.7 % annually. A rise in condo fees becomes even more pronounced once a building reaches 30 years.

The FMC recommended to the Board to accept a contract with Miller, Beam & Paganelli, Inc. for services not to exceed \$5,500 to identify the cause of noise emanating from the condenser water pump located in the West building basement and travelling up to residential floors. The analysis will include recommendations to reduce the noise to normally accepted levels.

The FMC also reviewed a proposal for submission to the Board to replace various signs in the front of the Skyline House property with a single one that combines some of the current individual ones. We did not vote on the proposed sign because of the relatively small amount. The new single sided so-called Dibond sign will cost us

\$1,059.

The FMC discussed a number of items that were raised by the Community Associations Institute (CAI) Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) report. As you know, the report consists of three final exams by people who were sitting for PCAM certification and included recommendations for our consideration. We did not make any decisions for recommendation to the Board at this time, but we would like you to know our initial reactions.

One of the questions that the reports raised was where cash payments are stored temporarily before being deposited at the bank. The FMC did not agree that there is a problem. We did discuss encouraging residents who now use cash to use other methods for large payments, and we will discuss possible new methods at length in the future.

Another recommendation from the reports was that we should have further review of our financial health by having an additional limited audit by our auditors, an outside source, or by requesting another FMC member, the Treasurer, or other volunteer to check the bank statements.

A final issue triggered by the PCAM study was the preparation of an employee manual and job description. We decided to place this on the agenda for the October meeting in order to submit a definite proposal to the Board. At this point in addition to proposals from individual consultants with an unspecified number of hours for doing the project, we only had one proposal from a legitimate company. The General Manager was asked to identify at least two additional contractors.

The next FMC meeting is scheduled for October 24. As always, we urge condo owners to join us and give us the benefit of their advice.

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## PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

### COMMITTEE (PPOC)

### REPORT

Al Lambert & Diane Yeager



The PPOC met September 8, 2016, from 7 to 8:15. Seven members of the committee were present, as were the General Manager, the Building Engineer, and two additional members of the Board of Directors. Five residents attended.

PPOC received the Management Report, which included the

unwelcome news of a further delay in the canopy replacement for the East Building crosswalk bridge to the parking garage. The design of the canopy had evidently and inexplicably failed to take account of one feature of the physical structure of the building at the point at which the canopy will be joined to it. The agency responsible for this delay seems to be Kalwall rather than WPD. Committee members and a board member expressed varying degrees of consternation, dismay, and outrage. Management recommended and PPOC concurred that the crossover bridge should not be closed for construction during the winter months; accordingly, the earliest that the project can now begin will be spring of 2017. Three important questions were posed:

- Will this delay increase the cost?
- Does the contract we have signed provide the association with any relief due to this delay?
- Will the permits secured by WPD from Fairfax County expire before the beginning of construction in the Spring?

On other matters, PPOC approved two motions:

**PPOC recommends to the FMC that the Association accept the proposal of Miller, Beam, and Paganelli, Inc. (Consultants in Acoustics, Vibration & Audiovisual System Design) to assess noise issues from the 60 HP condenser water pump in the West Building and make recommendations for remedy of the problem, for a cost of \$4,500 for an initial site survey and a cost of \$950 each for any necessary additional site surveys.** This was moved by June Baker, seconded by Liza Ruiz, and passed unanimously. It was noted that all steps to reduce vibration of the pump itself have already been taken. Although past attempts to find the cause of the noise have been unsuccessful, PPOC agreed that a new effort should be made because the noise affects the hallways on multiple floors and is a constant disturbance in at least one residential unit.

**PPOC recommends to the FMC that the Association accept the proposal of the firm Signs by Tomorrow to provide an outdoor decorative sign post and four hanging informational signs for a cost of \$1,058.72.** This was moved by June Baker, seconded by Liza Ruiz, and passed unanimously. The purpose is to consolidate signage in one place and, in particular, to provide explicit direction to the West Building loading dock. The committee recommended to management that the order of the signs shown on the artwork proof be rearranged to make the direction to the loading dock more prominent. The committee also encouraged Management and the Building Engineer to explore the possibility of placing a tasteful sign on the outside of the privacy wall at the main entrance to direct traffic to the East Building loading dock.

Al Lambert, co-chair, and Greg Grimm, Building Engineer and Director, initiated a preliminary discussion of the coming need for a large capital outlay for the replacement of the rooftop air handler units (AHUs), condensers and heaters that pro-

vide climate control for the building common areas. This is an expense that SHUOA has expected and has taken into account in its reserve budget. The work will need to be coordinated with roof repairs, which must be done first. Owners may expect to receive more information about air handler replacement as SHUOA approaches the time for putting the project out for bids.

Equipment is now being acquired for the alternate exercise room on level S of the East Building so an October opening seems possible. On behalf of the entire PPOC, Co-chair Al Lambert expressed great gratitude to the in-house staff who have made the conversion possible.

The PPOC subcommittee for the repurposing of one of the billiard rooms as a more family-friendly space will meet in the near future to make recommendations with respect to property (such as the billiard tables) that is currently in the room and with respect to furniture that will be needed for the repurposed use. Residents who would like to make recommendations on either matter should contact co-chair Al Lambert.

The Garden Club report provided information about plans to create a butterfly habitat in a portion of the unused space between the parking garage and the NOVA campus boundary.

The next meeting of the PPOC is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, at 7 p.m. No walk-around is planned for September.

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## GARDEN CLUB

Al Lambert

What's up?

After several weeks of horrid summer temperatures, it is a miracle that any of the flowers could still have survived. Because of the extremely poor soil and inability when planting flowers to dig a hole deep enough for the root ball due to rocks and clay many of the flowers wilt and perish even with nightly watering. However, gardening in the fall is a great time to look toward pansies and cooler temperatures. That means planting from mid-September into fall. The good news is pansies survive the winter months to bounce back at the first sign of spring. Thus, we will enjoy the variety of colors and those with faces this fall and into next year.

As has been previously reported several of our trees are in distress and will have to be removed beginning this year. In preparation the club has planted in the past several years more than twenty-four trees as replacements. One can anticipate this fall seeing the beginning of this project. Once a tree(s) have been removed the club will recreate the flowerbed in the vicinity of the removed tree.

To conclude, the garden club is currently exploring the feasibility of creating a Monarch butterfly waystation behind the garage. If you are interested in this endeavor, please contact me at [allambert48@outlook.com](mailto:allambert48@outlook.com). The below link will provide you

additional information about the status of the Monarch butterfly and how one may want to participate or contribute in this program. Thank you.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter/monarch.htm>

## SECURITY, SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Chair, Diane M. Zierhoffer



The Security, Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee met on 14 September 2016.

The Mason District Police website has been updated and can be accessed at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/mason](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/mason). There are links to many of the services provided by the police to include a means to send an email to the parking enforcement officer. In June, two suspects were arrested for the murder of a resident last Feb in Skyline Towers. The suspects were known to the victim and were identified with the help of the Towers surveillance cameras.

Management Office reported housekeeping and the landscaper reported someone had defecated in the east pool sundeck. Someone also deposited cigarette butts into a planter on the far end of the east sundeck. Courtesy officers have been asked to keep an eye out to dissuade further misbehavior on the sundeck.

In house maintenance reported seeing a makeshift grill (a ceramic pot with a grate on top) and charcoal on a balcony. The resident was contacted and a subsequent inspection found both to have been removed. An incident of tailgating without lights in the garage was reported. The resident was contacted, and he denied tailgating, but said he was sorry for not having headlights on.

Three new Courtesy Officers are working night and weekend shifts. Please welcome Officers Darien Robinson, Reginald Britt and Kwabena Appiah. Officer Beasley has been trained to fill in on the front desk as needed for absences. Officer Shawn Graves continues as our site supervisor for CES.

A discussion focused on rules in the parking garage. At this time, no recommendations are being made to change any rules. It was recommended that signs be posted to advise drivers of the 5 MPH speed limit and to turn on lights. Drivers have stated they do not need headlights to see when they are driving. The lights do not aid the driver of the car; they aid others in seeing you. You get angry when people back out as you drive in the garage, but without headlights, you are not visible when a driver is looking through or trying to see around a car parked beside them. Help others to see you, and turn on your headlights in the garage. Do not pass other moving vehicles in the driveway.

The SS&NWC will next meet on November 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Diane M. Zierhoffer

## UPDATE ON THE PCAM REPORTS & PLAN FOR SKYLINE HOUSE FUTURE

As you know in August 2015 Skyline House was afforded the unique opportunity by the Community Associations Institute (CAI) to be the subject community for a Case Study for CAI's Professional Association Manager (PCAM) program. CAI is the homeowners/community association's professional organization. With your support, the Board agreed for Skyline House to apply for the program. The good news is our application was accepted and we become a PCAM case study in 2015. The study occurred last fall. This study was tantamount to the management study Skyline House owners had discussed for years.

At the annual meeting in March 2016 you were provided an overview of the findings and recommendations from the studies and an Executive Committee of the Board was appointed to develop an implementation plan based on the studies. FYI, a summary of the report can be found on Skyline House website.

There have been four meetings of the committee with discussions ranging from operational effectiveness and staffing to financial management to communications and owner engagement. Work has begun but a lot more work is needed.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 in the Association Meeting Room. The topics for discussion—review of Washington Post article on condominiums, an article on condo fees (both articles provided for the committee's review by owners were available at the September meeting) as well as a discussion of the association's self management versus a management firm.

We look forward to seeing you.

## EXERCISE COMMITTEE REPORT

The new exercise room on S level in the East Building opened on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The new equipment for the old exercise room was delivered and put into service this past Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Both Rooms are now open and ready for use.

The committee will have a meeting in October. The meeting will be announced once a date has been determined. The meeting will be to discuss equipment and upgrades for 2017 and new flooring for both rooms, also during 2017. Watch for the notice to be posted, all are welcome to attend.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

### REPORT

Sheri Stroud

Welcome back from what I hope was a wonderful summer. The Recreation Committee met on August 1<sup>st</sup>, but due to the summer holiday and family commitments, only Gladys and I were in attendance. Nevertheless, it was still a productive meeting. We talked about ideas and made tentative plans and became very enthused about the future. Unfortunately, near the end of August my husband was hospitalized with double pneumonia and a heart attack. He is home now and doing better but it did put a crimp into what I could do for the Committee. Sadly, we also had a problem with AARP in that their scheduled presenters for the Fraud lecture got their dates mixed up, and now cannot give the presentation that was scheduled for next week. So we are back to square one. I will still be working with their Community Outreach person to get these events set up, but it will be later in the year. And with Halloween just around the corner, Gladys and I thought the idea of pumpkins on the doors again would be just great! We did discuss a party for the kids but we felt that we would need to put that on hold until we can get more people involved to help us. Other things we talked about was an International Dinner and of course the Holiday gathering in December. The Committee will be meeting next week to discuss more events and we look forward to bringing more comradery to our wonderful Skyline House.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

The purpose of the Good Neighbors Program is to help residents of Skyline House who need assistance for health reasons, including residents who are housebound. This service is NOT available for medical emergencies. In the event of a medical emergency, the resident MUST call 911 for help. Good Neighbors volunteer to help in the following ways: - Taking residents to medical appointments within the radius of approximately 10 miles. If the Good Neighbor wishes to wait for the resident at a hospital or doctor's office, this can be arranged in advance. If the Good Neighbor goes back home, pickup time can be determined between the two parties. - Picking up prescriptions at local pharmacies. - Picking up mail or packages at the Front Desk or the mailbox. - Picking up groceries at the local supermarkets. Any requests of an unusual nature not listed above should be directed to Alina Gonzalez (703-379-5391) or Virginia Fissmer (703-379-2901). If you want to help neighbors in need, and to make the Skyline House Community even better, please contact Alina or Virginia.

OCTOBER 2016 VOLUNTEERS are:

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MARYANNE SOLAK      808E (703) 845-9325





# SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

## October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 <b>Recreation Committee</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	11	12	13 <b>PPOC</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	14	15
16	17 <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	18 <b>PCAM</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	19 <b>Covenants</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	20 <b>CRC</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	21	22
23	24 <b>FIN MGT</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	25	26 <b>BOARD</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	27	28	29
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