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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

BY TYCIA HAIGHT, GENERAL MANAGER

Garage Repair Timeline and Resident Safety Updates:

- Phase 2 of the garage project has been underway for just over a month now without any major issues. Phase 3 looks to be on track for a late January/early February start. Note: Phases 3 and 4 will necessitate the EV chargers being removed for the duration of the garage work. [See SHUOA 101 - Alternative EV Charging Options in this issue.] Email reminders will be sent closer to the date the chargers are removed.
- Previously, we had advised that both garage doors would need to remain open during this phase of the project; however, our Chief Engineer consulted with the project engineer, conducted additional research, and provided a solution to alleviate this. The solution was to purchase and install sensors inside the east garage and outside of the west garage, then program them to work with the remote controls residents already have. This effectively ended the need for the doors to remain open 24-7 and for increased security patrols focused primarily on those areas, which allowed security staff to get back to their regular patrols throughout the rest of the property.
- Management advised residents via several email blasts that with the sensors in place, the button on the remote control needs to be pressed and held when entering and exiting the garage. Most residents have been able to successfully adapt to the changes. However, unfortunately, there has been an increase in the number of incidents (about 5 or 6) of residents colliding with a garage door. Upon reviewing videos of all incidents, the residents involved were either tailgating or continued to move their vehicles forward to "beat the door," even though the door was actively closing and was more than halfway down to the ground. Please SLOW DOWN, go under the doors ONE CAR AT A TIME, and pay close attention when entering and exiting the garage.
- Another issue we have encountered recently is when an owner parked somewhere near one of the doors has their garage remote in their vehicle stuck "on" in the depressed position, this causes the door(s) to remain in the open. Our Chief Engineer recently purchased a Frequency Tester, which displays the frequency of the remote, thus making it easier to zero in on which remote is stuck "on."

Garage Repair Construction and Plumbing Updates:

- While working on the A-Level of the east garage, the contractor encountered a broken cable that required immediate repair. To facilitate this, one owner's vehicle had to be temporarily relocated for a week while the repair, re-tensioning process, and concrete pour took place.
- During a walkthrough of the garage, it was observed that several drains are currently non-functional due to extensive blockage and hardened debris, likely a result of ongoing garage construction activities. The drain lines obstructed with concrete slurry, dirt, and construction debris cannot be cleared through standard hydro-jetting or mechanical flushing methods. Therefore, we secured two bids thus far (\$34K, and not to exceed \$50K) and are awaiting a third proposal.
 1. If we want this work to be completed under the current garage repair work contract, the contractor will have an established unit price per linear foot. The garage project manager presented us the following options:

- a. If all piping within the garage requires replacement, we can verify that linear footage to determine the total cost.
- b. However, if isolated sections require replacement, ACA, CSRW, and SK&A can track the quantities as we move throughout the levels performing work.
2. On the other hand, if we prefer to have this work done under a separate contract and obtain bids, they will pass on the information of a plumber that we can contact for an additional quote. The above options will be discussed at the next garage project progress meeting.

Elevator Repair Update:

- The West freight elevator issue has been resolved.
- The East Passenger Elevator 2 continues to be out of service. The latest update from the contractor is that they are waiting for the drive to be repaired.

Verizon Infrastructure Upgrade Update:

- Currently, any services provided by Verizon or by other providers use Verizon's copper lines into our building. Sometime last year, a representative from Verizon advised us that Verizon is decommissioning their copper lines that serve our property in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. Verizon also advised us that if we do not allow Verizon access to our building to perform the fiber-optic upgrade, all Verizon services provided to our building via our copper facilities will be terminated. Once terminated, voice service via copper lines will lose its dial tone, including the ability to dial 911.
- In place of those copper lines, Verizon wants to perform a technology transition by installing their state-of-the-art fiber-optic communication network. Fiber-optic networks are more resilient and reliable than copper, especially in bad weather, provide better voice service with fewer outages, and provide access to advanced Internet and video services not possible over copper wiring. Verizon made it clear that the new network project is NOT about installing or marketing their Fios® services to us. Rather, it is a network infrastructure upgrade. Of note, the **upgrade would be performed at no cost to the community. After the upgrade, owners may purchase the same voice service via fiber that they currently receive via copper for the same price and terms.**
- We currently have a bulk service agreement with Cox Communications. The Verizon representative advised us that they cannot offer us a bulk agreement (cable and internet) while there is a bulk agreement with Cox in place. Management is working with Cox as we are in year 5 of our contract and it is up for renewal. The renewal proposal was received on 11/14/25.
- We will keep you posted as we work our way through these proposals.

AAON Reheat Valve:

The East center Aeon unit needs to have a valve replaced ASAP since it stops the compressor from operating properly and could cause damage to it. This is considered an emergency repair. We have received a proposal for \$6,929.00.

Concrete Repairs Update:

Our concrete contractors were onsite November 5th. They repaired cracked concrete by the east compactor room and several sidewalk areas.

West Compactor Room Repairs:

Our housekeeping team and painter undertook major repair work in the west compactor room involving the replacement of drywall on the ceiling, the patching of holes, and painting. This was done to help reduce the smell emanating from the room and to eliminate access points for rodents or other pests.

Carpet Cleaning:

Completed! This year we only had one floor that needs carpet stretching - this will be scheduled soon.

Action Items:

1. Approval for the Aeon heat valve replacement in the amount of \$6,929 – **approved by the Board as an emergency repair on November 10, 2025.**
2. President Porter requested that an **extra Board Meeting** without an agenda be scheduled for December – **this has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th from 7 to 8 p.m. in the West Meeting Room. It will be in-person only. Any resident who chooses to speak will have up to 3 minutes. There will be an email address set up for residents to submit questions or topics ahead of time, if they so choose.**

The next regular **Board of Directors meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the West Meeting Room.** It will be a hybrid meeting.

Submitted by Tycia Haight, General Manager



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY RICHARD PORTER, BOARD PRESIDENT



2025 was a good stable year for SHUOA. It appears we should end the year with a small surplus, for which we can thank careful management attention. We are also well into the garage

renovation project, which so far is on track in terms of anticipated costs, for which we can thank management, our professional consultants and our construction committee. Of note, Phase 2 looks to be completed in late Jan./early Feb. [Keep an eye out for emails about this transition. Those who utilize our EV charging stations read on in this newsletter for important information.]

As we look into the future, we look forward to an updated foresight committee report about likely cost increases and upcoming work projects.

As always, we will be holding annual Board elections in the spring. I hope we get a good crop of candidates with a demonstrated knowledge about our operations and procedures. I encourage you to examine the candidates for a proven record of committee membership and other contributions to our community. You should ask each candidate about future dues increases, future projects (like hallways, plaza, and elevator renovation), and new ideas for community service. We are especially in need of engineering and accounting expertise. We should seek a balance of both experienced and younger people who can move into senior positions in coming years so that we achieve smooth transitions on the Board and on our committees. Along those lines, we congratulate Neil Sklar on his appointment as chairman of PPOC after a good job leading the Gardening Committee and regular attendance at various committee meetings.

I have tried to provide everyone the opportunity to participate in decision making, and to tackle projects of special interest to them. This means broad consultation, rather than a “go it alone” attitude. The fruits of that approach include good board cohesion which leads to a steady hand with management and staff. This approach has allowed us, for example, to make good progress in dealing with the depletion of our reserves due to an unexpected \$7,000,000 expense for the now completed facade project. We continue to rebuild our reserves, and we are on track with our plan forecast in this respect. I am committed to staying the course, by being fiscally responsible but also attuned to the financial concerns of our owners.

To support this open communication, the Board selected **Wednesday, December 10th** for an **open forum board meeting** without an agenda wherein residents can speak directly to the Board about matters of concern to them. (See the announcement in this newsletter for specifics.)

The November board meeting included unfinished business from the October meeting including:

1. A change to the Procurement Policy and Procedure (see the FMC chair's report).
2. Adding updated language to Rules & Regulations #13-B. Noise Disturbances (see the Covenant Committee note).

Once discussed and amended, both were approved unanimously by the Board.

Thanks to the activities committee and participants for another successful Halloween spooktacular and looking forward to the SHUOA Holiday Party.

Warm regards,

RH Porter

Board President, SHUOA



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BY JoHannah Eklund, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met in person and via Zoom for the ninth and final meeting of the year 2025 on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Financial figures for the month of October 2025 are:

Total Income	\$	507,668.75
Total Expense	\$	463,554.42
Reserves Contributions*	\$	177,712.09
Federal & State Income Tax	\$	00.00
Net Income	\$	44,114.33

Please note that the budgeted amount for net Income was \$23,908.08 and the year-to-date budgeted income was (\$11,972.06); our actual unaudited net year-to-date income was \$22,235.33, which gives the association a Year-to-Date Variance of \$33,307.39.

Total Reserve Year-to-Date: \$1,777.120.90.

Total Income was (\$6,681.51) with accounts such as Late Fees/NSF Funds, rental of facilities, interest income, Move-In/Refinance Income, In-Unit Maintenance Income and Miscellaneous Income producing less income than budgeted, and only Miscellaneous Income showing positive income for the month.

The monthly Expense categories for payroll, \$9,526.34, payroll taxes and benefits, \$2473.30, and administration, \$23,817.30, utilities, \$9,834.47, and supplies, \$3908.12, were less than budgeted. All other categories: maintenance, (\$2,810.53) and contracts (\$19,861.24) were over budget for the month; \$13,621.81 of the contracts variance is due to two cable bills being paid within one month.

Of note, total year-to-date utilities expenditures are over budget (\$79,748.52). Water is primarily responsible for this variance at (\$75,222.78) while electricity is (\$4,525.74).

Staff accountant Tim Oliva was present to answer any questions about the financial statements.

Our General Manager, Ms. Haight, delivered the Management Report. See it elsewhere in this newsletter.

There were no new contract updates.

Action Items:

1. The FMC unanimously approved and recommended the following motion be forwarded to the

Board of Directors: adopt new language for Policy and Procurement procedures as follows -

a. *The Board of Directors will approve all purchases and contracts valued over \$15,000. Management will approve purchases and contracts for up to \$15,000.* (This is an increase from the current \$5000). – **The Board discussed the motion and determined that \$15,000 does not allow for the oversight that all directors would be comfortable with. Treasurer Johnson noted that the majority of these expenditures come in at less than \$10,000. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed that the limit be made \$10,000 going forward.**

b. The appropriate committee(s) will review and approve any purchases and contracts over the \$10,000 limit, *except in emergencies when only the Board needs to review and approve.* –

President Porter noted that this matter had been discussed and decided on previously. Essentially, since the PPOC and FMC committees have voted not to do retroactive emergency approvals any longer, the matter is settled and does not require a Board vote.

Contracts and purchases will continue to be included in the appropriate committee packets, and the purpose(s) and amount(s) will be noted on the agendas and in the committee chairs' reports but will not require committee review and approval if under \$10,000 or if retroactive. This change will not preclude committee members or residents attending the meetings from commenting upon or asking questions about these expenditures.

2. The FMC unanimously approved and recommended the following motion be forwarded to the Board of Directors: the FMC recommends retroactively approving \$6,929.00 be paid to Service Mechanical, Inc. for the emergency replacement and repair of the East AAON heat valve.

The FMC chair closed the regular meeting and opened the forum to residents' comments and/or questions. The **next FMC meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7 PM** and will be a hybrid meeting.

TREASURER'S COMMENTARY

BY KAREN JOHNSON, TREASURER



I participated in the FMC meeting on November 17, 2025. As of this date, we have data for the month of October and for the year-to-date ending in October.

For the year-to-date, total income was somewhat below the amount budgeted. On that basis, the shortfall in income was primarily the result of lower-than-expected income for the In-Unit Maintenance Program. Interest income and miscellaneous income again provided some positive offset.

Total expenses in October and year-to-date were also less than the amount budgeted, which is helpful. The budget components that recorded expenses below budget for the year-to-date were payroll, payroll taxes and benefits, administration, maintenance, and supplies. Those components that exceeded the budgeted spending were utilities, contracts, and income taxes. Water and sewer [for the West building] recorded an excess over budget that was particularly large. Net income for October and year-to-date was positive [~ \$22 thousand y-t-d], a welcome development.

The balance sheet as of the end of October recorded total assets of almost \$2.2 million and total liabilities of \$425 thousand. Total reserves were about \$1.7 million. These figures are similar to those for the end of September.

Karen H. Johnson, Treasurer

FURNISHINGS & DESIGNS COMMITTEE

BY Yvonne Porter

Six of us met on Monday, November 10, 2025. The committee decided to spend its funds on the corridors leading from the lobby to each building.

Previous research determined that the \$5,000 available to the committee is insufficient for purchasing art, so the committee decided to add interest by painting accent walls in the corridors using the lobby terrazzo floor for the color palette.

At our **next meeting on Monday, January 12th at 3 p.m. (note the time change!)**, the committee will meet in the lobby to begin selecting paint colors.

Each member is tasked with bringing 3 color samples (based on the colors in the lobby terrazzo floor) for consideration. The committee is meeting in daylight in the areas to be painted to enable a better look at the colors and light in the areas.

After choosing the specific walls to be painted and their dimensions, the next step will be to obtain bids for the labor and materials.



PHYSICAL PLANTS & OPERATIONS (PPOC)

At the November 19th Board of Directors meeting, the SHUOA Board President, Richard Porter, announced the new PPOC chair as of January 2026 is Neil Sklar.

The next **PPOC meeting** will be on **Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the West Meeting Room**. It will be a hybrid meeting.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING



Who: All residents are welcome; it will only be in-person so we can converse face-to-face.

When & Where: Wednesday, December 10th from 7 to 8 p.m. in the West Meeting Room

Why: To provide an agenda-free opportunity for you to bring up your kudos, questions, ideas, and concerns to the Board of Directors.

Each person who chooses to speak will have up to 3 minutes. Anticipate some cordial give and take.

Email: shuoaboardquestions@gmail.com to submit questions or topics ahead of time. Sending an email is not required but is helpful.

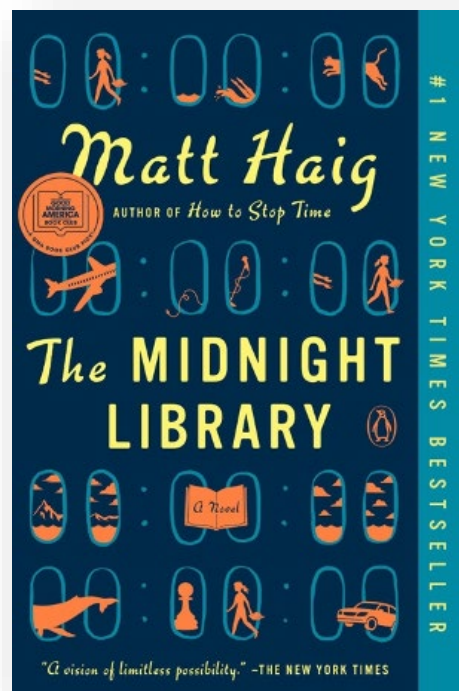
Deadline: Dec. 5th.

Calling All Readers! Enjoy Winter Reading with the SHUOA Book Club

by Joan Treistman

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – 7 to 8:30 p.m
West Party Room

"A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits."
— *The Washington Post*



And, for January 21, 2026...

The Art of the Lie by Laura Shepherd-Robinson

The **SHUOA Library** with items for children and adults in the **East Building Penthouse** is open from **6-7 p.m. on Mondays**, except holidays, and from **1-5 p.m. on Saturdays**, except holiday weekends. Come on by!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

BY PEGGY MOHL

The Activities Committee met on 11/4/25. The primary purpose of the meeting was to plan the Holiday Party, which will take place in the West Party Room on December 6 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The cost will be \$10 per person. Registration and cash payment must be received by Monday, December 1st. Registration forms and envelopes are available at the front desk now.

The meal will be catered by Bella Napoli Italian Restaurant. Menu items will include: chicken parmesan, chicken piccata, spaghetti and meatballs, and vegetable lasagna. Two entrees will be Halal. Bella Napoli will provide two servers. Skyline House will also provide two staff persons to help with serving. Live music will be provided by Mike Setti and his wife. A decorated Christmas tree will be set up prior to the party.

In addition to the costs of the meal and servers, there are several other anticipated expenses:

- * Drinks (Water, soft drinks, wine, bubbly)
- * Decorations
- * Paper Products (Black and gold theme)
- * Desserts
- * A \$1,000 deposit was delivered to the caterer to secure the booking with Bella Napoli.

The committee will meet again in the West Party Room on December 2nd for final planning and assignments. Then, committee members will convene at 2:00 p.m. on December 6th to decorate the room and will stay after the party to clean up. Our next **regular meeting** will be on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7 p.m.**



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CHIEF ENGINEER'S ADVICE

BY GREG GRIMM

Winter Water is Colder Water

It's that time of year again! As winter approaches, the city's water comes to us at a much colder temperature causing more hot water needing to be mixed in for your showers, baths, etc. Please be prepared, as when the city water is colder your hot water supply will not last as long, typically 10 to 15 minutes. Plan accordingly to allow your water heater to recover after each shower/bath, load of laundry, or dishwasher cycle.



Water Leak Detectors

Not many residents have added water leak detectors in their utility closets. These detectors are very important because when placed properly they alert you earlier than eventually noticing there is a leak, which helps to prevent damage to your unit and to those below and around you. Please, if you do not have a leak detector, purchase one and put it in the utility closet! We sell these in the Management Office, or you can also purchase them at many places and online. There are many options including leak detectors that will alert you of a problem via your cell phone. Help yourself and your neighbors!

Moving In? Moving Out? Moving On? Mind Your Trash!



Whether discovering something doesn't work in your new space, or fit into your moving truck, or is leftover from remodeling...

- DO NOT leave debris/trash/furniture on the floor of the trash room, in the hallways, in the common areas, or on the loading docks, for someone else to deal with.
- Anything that could block the chute or that is too big for the chute should be taken (via the freight elevator) to the loading dock areas in the East or West buildings for disposal in the designated large trash cans.
- *Items that are too large to fit into the trash cans are subject to disposal fees. Please arrange for disposal in advance at the Management Office. Disposal of large items will be handled during normal business hours when housekeeping is on duty.*



What do you know about... Local News?


Some local news sources for those who are interested.

(Note: Including these resources in this newsletter does not imply an endorsement of these sites.)

- Annandale Today - Covering Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads, Lincolnia, and Seven Corners in Fairfax County, Virginia, <https://annandaletoday.com/>
- Falls Church News Press - online and print, <https://www.fcnp.com/>, closest pickup box to Skyline House is just outside of Target by the south (Starbucks) entrance
- FFX NOW - Fairfax County Local News, <https://www.ffxnow.com/>; also, ALX NOW - Alexandria, <https://www.alxnow.com/> and ARL NOW - Arlington, <https://www.arlnow.com/>
- Alexandria Times - local, non-profit newspaper, online and in print, <https://alextimes.com/>



DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Activities Committee Meeting 7PM	3	4	5	6 SHUOA Holiday Party <i>HAPPY Holidays</i>
7	8 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	9 Bridge 3-5 PM	10 SHUOA Open Board Meeting 7-8PM	11	12 SHUOA Management office closes @ 11:45 Office Luncheon	13 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
14	15 6:00 PM – 7 PM Library is Open	16 Bridge 3-5 PM Book Club 7 PM WPR	17	18	19	20 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
21	22 6:00 PM – 7 PM Library is Open	23 Bridge 3-5 PM	24 Management Office Closes at 2 PM 	25 Management Office Closed	26	27 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
28 30	29 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	30 Bridge 3-5 PM	31 Management Office Closes @2PM	New Years Day! Management Office Closed		



JANUARY 2026

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				1  New Years Day! Management Office Closed	2	3 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
4	5 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	6 Bridge 3-5 PM	7	8 PPOC Meeting 7PM	9	10 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
11	12 6:00 PM – 7 PM Library is Open FDC Committee Meeting 3-4 PM	13 Bridge 3-5 PM	14	15	16	17 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
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25	26 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	27 Bridge 3-5 PM	28 <i>Board Meeting</i> 7PM	29	30	31 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open

SHUOA 101 – Alternative EV Charging Options

BY Elizabeth Hubert

Once Phase 2 of the garage project is coming to completion, the EV charging stations will be removed until the garage project is nearing total completion (end of Phase 4). Thus, some of us, including yours truly, will need to find alternative places to charge our vehicles.

Unfortunately, the parking garage across the street does not have any EV charging stations.

In the spirit of forewarned is forearmed, I share the following information:



1. Some vehicles come with company-branded apps with charging station locators while others have embedded on-board navigation. If you haven't checked into this, now would be a good time. The useful thing about these apps is once set up, they will only pull up stations that work for your make and model of vehicle.
2. Google Maps and Waze each have an EV location function using the key words "EV charging stations," however reviews on the internet and my own experience tells me these are not always the most up-to-date.
3. There are several other third-party apps that do have solid reputations:
 - a. ChargePoint, <https://www.chargepoint.com/>, ChargePoint specific web and app-based map. This one is easy because ChargePoint runs our chargers, so we already have the app. This is one of the world's largest EV charging networks.
 - b. ChargeHub, <https://chargehub.com/en/>, is an aggregator app only that works across a variety of charging networks.
 - c. Electrify America, <https://www.electrifyamerica.com/>, Electrify America specific web and app-based map that prioritizes Level 3 fast chargers.
 - d. EVgo, <https://www.evgo.com/download-app/>, EVgo specific app only that allows users to reserve a charging spot ahead of time.
 - e. PlugShare, <https://www.plugshare.com/>, web and app-based aggregator map with real-time updates from users. This is the app recommended by Arlington County and the PlugShare map is at the bottom of their webpage.
4. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has an app for Apple and Android phones called Alternative Fueling Stations.
5. The Department of Energy runs the DOE Alternative Fueling Stations Map <https://afdc.energy.gov/stations/#/find/nearest>. This tool provides a comprehensive map of various alternative fueling stations in the US and Canada, including EV chargers, but can only be accessed via a web browser.
6. Arlington County, <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Sustainability/AIRE/Transportation/Public-EV-Charging>

About Arlington County-supplied Charging Stations:

- Charging Price: \$0.1746/kilowatt-hour
- Charging parking spots are for EVs only. *Exception: The first two charging spaces closest to the front door of Central Library are available to any vehicle for up to 15 minutes for library book drop-off.*
- Cost of charging is included in parking fee, if required. (No additional pay for parking.)
- All County-owned public charging stations are Level 2 chargers.
- Need help? EVCharging@arlingtonva.us

Location	Number of Charging Ports	Installation Year
Arlington Mill Community Center	2	FY 23
Aurora Hills Community Center	4	FY 25
Central Library	12	FY 25
Courthouse Surface Parking Lot	6	FY 25
Fairlington Community Center	4	FY 24
Irving Street Group Home	1	FY 23
Long Bridge Aquatics Center	8	FY 23
Lubber Run Community Center	8	FY 25
Madison Community Center	6	FY 25
Total	51	

Most months SHUOA 101 will feature some aspect of Skyline House that is useful to know about. If you have a question or an idea, please email: shuoa-news@googlegroups.com. We may not be able to publish all of them, but they all will be read.

ATTENTION!!!

At the Wednesday, November 19th meeting, the Board of Directors voted to allow work related noise in units on Saturdays. **The approved time frame for work related noise in units is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays only.**

The rule now reads as follows:

Rule 13 B. In order to reduce noise and disturbances, owners or tenants performing or scheduling work or services to be performed in their units shall limit such activities from **8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays**. These activities are prohibited on Sundays.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to maintain a comfortable environment for all residents.

Homeowner's Association 2026 Fee Update Letters Are Coming Soon

With the approved budget, the 2026 homeowner's fee letters will be mailed in early December. If you use ACH (automatic deduction from your bank), then this amount will be automatically updated beginning with the January 2026 payment. If you do not use ACH (pay online through Enumerate Engage, or bill pay that you set up, or write checks), then you should expect to receive your new coupons by mid-December.

Out & About in Our Neighborhood!

This space features local events in the Bailey's Crossroads/Seven Corners/Mason District area, and occasionally further afield. If you have an item to submit for consideration, please email: shuoa-news@googlegroups.com.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Owners and Residents of Skyline House,

The Importance of Adequate Funding

To maintain Skyline House effectively, timely repairs and upgrades are necessary. This can only be achieved if we secure sufficient funding. Your awareness of this need and your continued support are essential for us to address maintenance requirements promptly and preserve the value and comfort of our property.

It is understandable to question the rationale behind consistent annual increases in our condo fees, especially when they appear excessive. However, from my experience participating in association matters, I have come to recognize that these increases are often necessary to prevent special assessments. As one of the original owners, I can attest that facing a special assessment is an experience best avoided. Building sufficient reserves through planned fee increases is significantly more manageable than unexpectedly being required to pay an assessment. For instance, in 1998, I incurred an assessment for garage repairs, which amounted to the current equivalent of \$16,625.05.

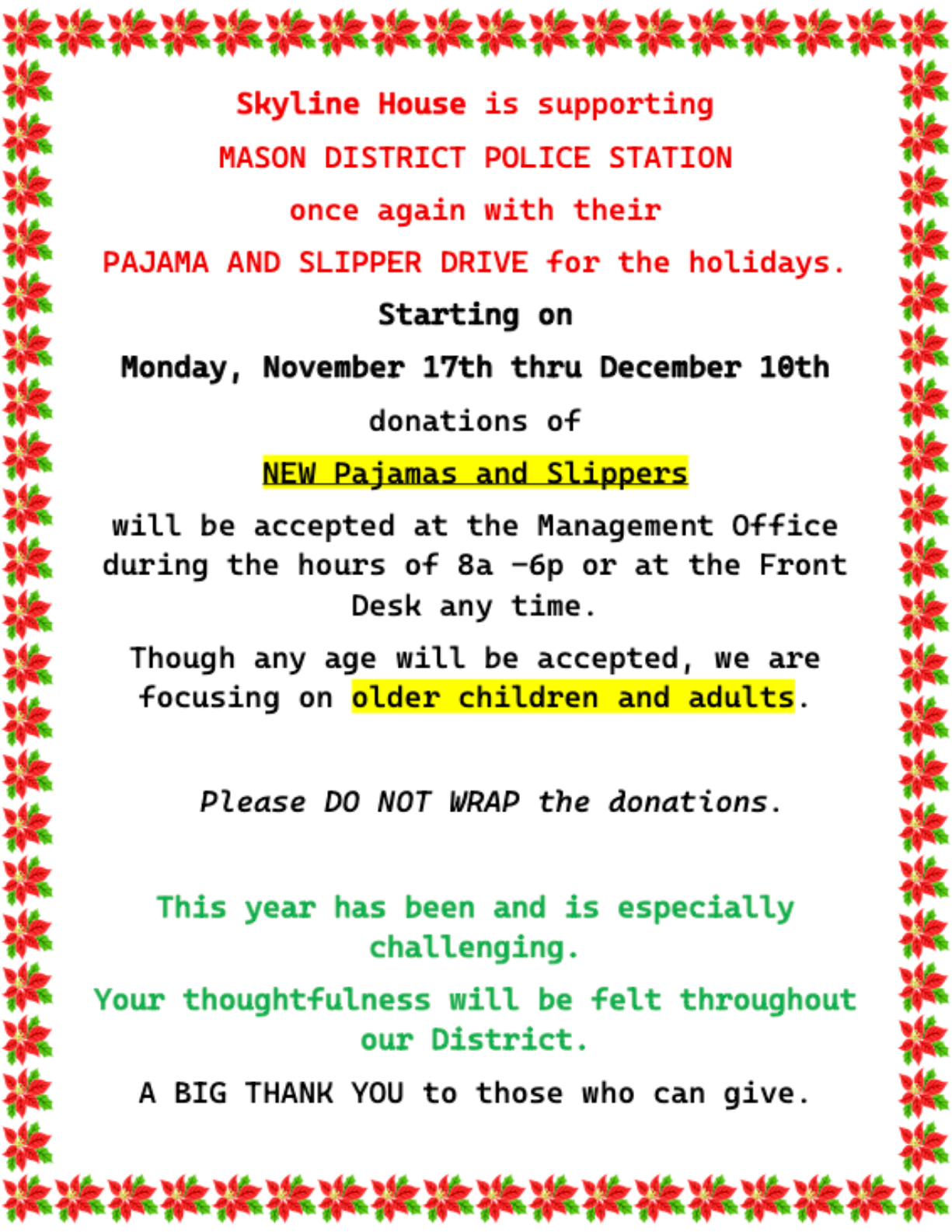
By consistently setting aside adequate funds, we can better prepare for unexpected repairs and avoid the financial strain that special assessments impose on individual owners. Proactive planning not only safeguards our investments but also fosters a sense of stability and trust within our community.

Encouraging Active Participation

I invite you to take an active role in our community. Your involvement plays a crucial part in ensuring that our buildings remain well-maintained and in optimal condition. By staying informed and supportive, you contribute directly to the overall quality and upkeep of our shared spaces. Becoming actively involved in our community allows you to gain a clear understanding of the reasons behind annual condo fee increases. By participating, you will not only comprehend how these decisions are made but also be better equipped to support the needs of Skyline House. In addition, your engagement helps you form meaningful connections with fellow residents, strengthening the sense of community that makes Skyline House a welcoming place to live.

Best wishes for the Holidays,

María Elena Schacknies



Skyline House is supporting
MASON DISTRICT POLICE STATION
once again with their
PAJAMA AND SLIPPER DRIVE for the holidays.

Starting on
Monday, November 17th thru December 10th
donations of

NEW Pajamas and Slippers

will be accepted at the Management Office
during the hours of 8a -6p or at the Front
Desk any time.

Though any age will be accepted, we are
focusing on **older children and adults**.

Please DO NOT WRAP the donations.

This year has been and is especially
challenging.

Your thoughtfulness will be felt throughout
our District.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who can give.

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