

SKYLINE HOUSE NEWS

The Pool is Officially Open!

Summer is here, and so is pool season! We're excited to announce that the Big Pool and Wading Pool are now open and warming up for the 2025 season.

Fun fact — it looks like we even had a little "alien assistance" getting things ready this year! \mathfrak{G} (photo submitted by a resident)



Pool Passes Are Ready!

Stop by the Front Desk to pick up your Pool Passes and a copy of the Pool Rules. You'll be asked to sign for them when you collect your materials.

Please review:

Rule 24 – Swimming Pool and

Supplement: Conduct for the Enclosed Pool Area and Facility in our Rules and Regulations.

Pool Hours:

- Monday to Friday: 11:00 AM 8:00 PM
- Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: 10:00 AM 8:00 PM

Additional Guest Passes

Residents can request up to 4 additional passes per unit:

- 🖇 💲 \$2 (Weekdays)
- \$ \$5 (Weekends & Holidays)

Please Note: Food and beverages are only allowed in the designated picnic area.

Let's make it a safe, sunny, and splash-filled season! 🐸 📤

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

BY TYCIA HAIGHT, GENERAL MANAGER

🏠 Garage Repairs Underway

We successfully relocated **117 residents** to the designated parking lot across the street, out of **150 budgeted spaces**. Only **one vehicle**—appearing abandoned—was towed from the garage, deemed a total loss due to severe damage and unresponsiveness from the resident despite multiple contact attempts.

Phase 1 of the garage repair began May 14, covering West Upper Levels A, B, C, and D. Contractor mobilization took one week, with the work expected to last 9–12 weeks.

Board Vacancy Announcement

We regretfully announce the passing of **Director and former Vice President, Norm Philion**. The Board is now accepting applications to fill his seat through **March 2026**. Interested residents should submit applications by **May 31**.

🖌 Equipment Trials: Ride-on Vacuums

A **commercial vacuum rental trial** was recently conducted but failed to meet performance expectations. Management continues seeking more effective models with **improved suction and updated technology**.

SHUOA Budgeting Process Session

On **May 14**, a **Budgeting 101 session** was hosted for residents to learn about the association's budgeting strategy. Around **20 residents** attended in-person or via Zoom. Presenters included Management, the Staff Accountant, the Treasurer, and the former Financial Management Committee Chair.

The takeaway? The budget supports **essential operations and repairs**, not wish-list items. We appreciated the thoughtful questions and participation!

📊 Budget Season Begins

Draft preparation for the **2025 budget** starts in **late June**. Residents are invited to submit **suggestions by June 30** for consideration.

Key budget meeting dates:

- Mid-August: Reserve Budget Meeting
- Late August: Operating Budget Meeting

~These evening meetings are open for resident observation only.~

🜿 Garden Club Updates

Management joined the **Garden Club** for two walk-arounds—one with our landscaping partner. The club's first seasonal project: beautifying the **pool deck** before the opening. Work began the week of **May 19**, weather permitting.

📤 Pool Season Kick-Off

The **pool opens Saturday, May 24** (Memorial Day weekend)! Rest assured, garage repairs will **not interfere** with pool operations. Any nearby construction will begin **after** the season concludes.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Join us on **Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 PM** in the **West Penthouse Meeting Room** or via Zoom for our next **hybrid Board meeting**. Stay engaged and informed!

Thank you for staying connected with SHUOA!

Submitted by Tycia Haight, General Manager

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BY RICHARD PORTER, BOARD PRESIDENT



Pool Season Launches Our pool season kicked off as usual on **Memorial Day weekend**. Let's all hope for favorable weather and a safe, enjoyable summer at the pool!

Major Garage Renovation Begins

The garage project is now officially underway! If you park on the west side of the garage, your vehicle should have been relocated as instructed by Management. This critical infrastructure improvement will extend into next year, with an overall project cost estimated at \$5 million. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this essential work.

Budget Education Meeting Recap

In response to resident interest, a **general meeting** was held to explain the **SHUOA budgeting process**. Approximately **40 residents** attended the session. The presentation was informative and well-received — thank you to those who participated! For more information on the **2026 budget planning**, refer to the dedicated section in this newsletter.

🔝 A Message of Civility

As we continue to live and work within our community, let us all strive for **courteous and respectful interactions**. Whether engaging with staff or fellow residents, **insults and threats only hinder** positive outcomes. A kind word and a cooperative attitude go a long way in maintaining harmony within our shared spaces.

Warm regards, **RH Porter** *Board President, SHUOA*

🍪 In Memoriam

We extend our heartfelt condolences

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of two long-time members of the Skyline House community:

🌷 Norm Philion

Beloved resident and Vice President of the Board, Norm was a devoted member of our community and served with distinction. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane, and his extended family. His legacy of service and kindness will long be remembered.

🏠 Janice Hill

Dedicated Board Director and long-time resident, Janice brought warmth, insight, and unwavering dedication to our Board and community. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

Our thoughts are with their families, friends, and loved ones during this time of loss.

Calling All Tech-Talented Neighbors: Enhance Our Community

Website! by Maria Elena Schacknies, Board Vice President & FDC Co-Chair

As proud members of our vibrant self-managed condominium, we've always thrived on the **strength and spirit** of our community. Now, we invite you to be part of an exciting **digital transformation!**

We are **upgrading and enhancing our condo website**, a key resource that keeps us connected and informed. To bring this vision to life, we need **your talent and passion!**

Are you a tech wizard, web designer, or communications guru?

If you have skills in web development, design, or digital communications, this is your chance to:

Make a Lasting Impact: Your work will directly improve our shared digital space. So Collaborate with Neighbors: Join like-minded residents who share your drive. So Enrich the Community Experience: Help shape a modern, accessible online hub for everyone.

Ready to Contribute or Learn More? Contact us at lizyjon@gmail.com with the subject line "Tech Volunteer." We'd love to hear from you, answer your questions, and discuss how you can get involved.

Let's build something truly special — together!

Calling All Readers! Enjoy Summer Reading with the SHUOA Book Club by Joan Treistman

June: Wednesday, the 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room

"The Best Minds" by Jonathan Rosen



July: Wednesday, the 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room (date to be confirmed) "Heartwood" by Amity Gaige



Also, the **SHUOA Library** with items for children and adults is in the East Building Penthouse. It is open from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays, except holidays, and from 1-5 p.m. on Saturdays. If you have children, also watch for the **Kiddie Committee Story Time** on June 28th.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BY JoHannah Eklund, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met in person and via Zoom for the fourth meeting of 2025 on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Financial figures for the month of April 2025 are:

Total Income	\$ 542,343.00		
Total Expense	\$ 412,085.00		
Reserves Contributions*	\$ 177,712.00		
Federal & State Income Tax	\$ 4,450.00		
Net Income	\$ Leaving a Net Income of \$130,258 for the month of April. Please note that the budgeted amount for Net Income was \$53,577 year-to-date; our actual unaudited Net Income is \$85,315.		

Total Income was \$27,993 more than budgeted with accounts, such as Late Fees/NSF Funds, Move-In/Refinance Income, In-Unit Maintenance Income and Miscellaneous Income producing less income, with other accounts showing positive income for the month.

Expense categories for utilities were (\$6,696) more than budgeted and all other categories were under budget for the month. April is a spring month, the electricity was higher than expected, while the average cost of water and sewer remained as expected.

Staff accountant Andrea Galler was present to answer any questions about the financial statements.

Ms. Galler was asked several questions by the FMC members, which she was able to answer immediately. All answers brought immediate resolution to the questions asked because the audit report always changes some numbers on the predicted budget and actual budget reports. Elizabeth Hubert was introduced as the newest member on the committee. Elizabeth attended three consecutive previous FMC meetings to become eligible for membership. Most persons will know of Elizabeth due to her recent commitment to become co-editor of the SHUOA newsletter.

Ms. Ty Haight, our General Manager, delivered the management report. Ms. Haight's report included contract updates, and any updates to the garage repairs, ride-on Vacuums, SHUOA Budgeting Process session, and In-unit Maintenance price list. None of these items required any action from the FMC.

Deanna Reina gave the Activities Committee's first financial report to the FMC for the year 2025. (For more information see the Activities Committee Report in this newsletter.)

There was one action item which the FMC approved retroactively. Critical Peake Electrical replaced the Amp fuses in the West Building Elevators. This was emergency work, and the board members individually gave their approval for this expenditure of \$6,965.00.

The FMC chair closed the regular meeting and opened the Forum to residents' comments and/or questions.

The next FMC meeting is on Monday, June 16th at 7 p.m. in the West Penthouse Meeting Room and it will be a hybrid meeting.

FURNISHINGS & DESIGNS COMMITTEE

BY Maria Elena Schnacknies and Yvonne Porter

April:

We, [the FDC], held two successful meetings, the first one on March 10th with 27 owners and the second on April 14th with 19 owners.

This is the summary of our second meeting:

- The Furnishing and Design Committee (FDC) held its second meeting on April 14th, with 19 owners in attendance. Not all participants who came to the March 10th returned, but new owners came to it.
- The primary focus of this meeting was a discussion about whether to change the name of the committee or retain the current name, "Furnishing and Design Committee (FDC)." After deliberation, it was suggested that the name remain unchanged unless a more suitable one can reflect the committee's mission.
- Another important topic raised was the necessity of conducting a survey when funds become available to address the corridors. A suggestion was made to tackle the project in phases, updating floors incrementally based on available funding and guided by an overarching design. This approach would involve hiring an interior designer.
- One proposed project, which would be relatively low-cost and could be undertaken soon, is the application of nature-themed wallpaper on the white walls of the galleries. For the next meeting, the cochairs will try to find out the cost of the wallpaper based on the measurements. Moreover, someone will need to be hired for the installation, with two volunteer observers overseeing the process.
- Additionally, the lead of the Garden Club, Neil Sklar, highlighted a plan to transform the bare corner at the entrance to the reception. This improvement would complement the wallpaper project by bringing an element of nature indoors, leveraging the gallery's large windows and views of surrounding greenery.

A formal committee will be formed after those who attend three consecutive meetings say they are willing to serve. We are in the preparatory phases. We are fortunate to have Arq. Adriana Torres Sejas and Tremayne Bunaugh, former Chair of this committee, as our Advisor. Tremayne has produced the Charter to be included into the Orientation Handbook, which reflects its key responsibilities and tasks. We will present it to the Board in June with a proposed new name or keep the same one.

May:

- The committee met on Monday, May 12, 2025, to discuss its next project: filling empty galleria wall space (the hallways leading from the lobby to the East and West buildings).
- Yvonne Porter reported on the approximate cost of installing a wallpaper mural in the largest wall, which is located in the corridor to the East Building. The projected cost of completely covering the largest wall is \$2,000.
- It has not been decided which wall will be addressed first.
- The committee is searching for skilled wallpaper hangers. If a wall mural does not cover the entire wall, the area around it may need to be painted in-house.

Straw polling results:

>An entire wall would be covered even if that means only one wall could be covered at a time.
>Abstract, black and white images will be used
>Those present at this meeting will bring their 3 favorite images to the next meeting, focusing on black and white abstract images.

The committee will project images of murals in the East Building galleria at its next meeting on June 9 to study the effect.

The next FDC meeting will be held on June 9th at 7 p.m.

TREASURER'S COMMENTARY

BY KAREN JOHNSON, TREASURER



I participated in the FMC meeting on May 19, 2025. As of this date, we have data for the month of April, as well as data for the year to end April.

For the year to date at the end of April, total income was about \$2.09 million. This amount exceeded what was

expected in the budget by \$32k. Total expenses were nearly \$2.0 million, below budget by about \$108k. As total income exceeded total expenses, net income was almost \$91k, significantly stronger than expected in the budget.

The component of income that was significantly above budget was the income from the In-Unit Maintenance Program. Almost all expense components were below budget. The one exception was the In-Unit cost of goods sold, suggesting that the program attracted more business than the budget anticipated. Reserve contributions were just as planned, and income tax payments exceeded what the budget expected. Of the individual components of expense, within payroll, reception and administration were the most below budget. Group health, life, and dental insurances were below budget. Legal fees and electricity were below budget, as was snow removal.

For the end of April, our balance sheet showed assets of about \$2.67 million and total liabilities of almost \$670k. Total equity was nearly \$2 million, of which nearly \$1.3 million was in reserve holdings.

The delinquency report as of April 30 showed reported outstanding arrears slightly more than at the end of March.

In April, there were 121 rented-occupied units, about 22 percent of the total.

Karen H. Johnson, Treasurer

Garden Club News

BY NEIL SKLAR AND ELIZABETH HUBERT

We're growing more than just plants — we're growing community! 🔹

The **Garden Club** is currently seeking **new members** to join our team of passionate residents. Our activities don't require a big time commitment, but they make a big difference in keeping our grounds vibrant and welcoming.

Recently, **Tycia**, **Courtney**, **Eleanor**, **PJ**, and I met with our **landscaper** to discuss future beautification projects around the property. We're excited about the possibilities and would love your input and creative ideas.

💡 Why Join?

- Share your green thumb or learn from others
- Help shape the look and feel of our community
- Make new friends while having fun outdoors

Watch your inbox for an upcoming email blast about our next meeting. We hope to see you there!



KIDDIE COMMITTEE

BY JOE RAHALL, COMMITTEE CHAIR

Upcoming Kiddie Committee Story Time! Mark your calendars! The next Kiddie Committee Story Time is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th. Bring the little ones for a magical time filled with stories, laughter, and community fun!

Solution Toy & Craft Donations Needed! Have gently used toys or arts & crafts items looking for a new home? Consider donating them to the Kiddie Room in the East Building!

Here's how to donate:

- 1. to Take a photo of your item.
- Email it to: skylinetoydonation@gmail.com
- 3. The **Kiddie Committee** will review the submission.
- 4. Once approved, they'll coordinate a drop-off time with you at the Management Office.

Got questions? Reach out to the email above for assistance.

Your generosity helps keep our Kiddie Room fun, creative, and engaging for the little ones in our community. Thank you for your support!

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

BY DEANNA REINA

Activities Committee Financial Report 2025 YTD - 5/19/2025

Opening Cash Box Balance	\$1399.10
Revenue:	
Mothers and Others revenue	\$80.00
Resident donation	\$20.00
Expenses:	
Sweet Social expenses	\$386.85
Dementia Lecture expenses	\$42.45
Dumplings Cooking expenses	\$230.33
Mothers and Other expenses	\$296.00
Closing Balance	\$545.43

The next Activities Committee meeting will be on June 2nd at 7 p.m. in the West Party Room. All are welcome!

🚙 Garage Project Update

BY MANAGEMENT TEAM

As the **garage renovation project** progresses, please note the following important updates:

Current Impacted Areas: The parking adjustments currently affect only the West Upper Levels A, B, C, and D.

🕵 Alternate Parking Location:

Residents should now park in the garage located **directly across the street** from our main driveway traffic light.

- Enter via the **down ramp**.
- Look for signs marked "Skyline House Parking Area" in the Five G3 zone.
- **No assigned spaces** park anywhere within this designated area.
- **A Resident Parking Only:** Vehicles must display the **orange sticker** to avoid towing. This area is patrolled regularly.

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- Please charge from the **opposite side** of the EV charging stations.
- This side is accessible as you **approach the** garage exit door.
- **A** Caution: Watch your step near the concrete parking curbs.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our facilities!

Where Else Can I Find the Newsletter?

Looking to stay connected and informed?

There are **two easy ways** to access the latest SHUOA newsletter and important updates:



Head over to <u>www.shuoa.org</u> to download the current newsletter PDF anytime, from anywhere.

📲 Scan & Go with Building Link

Use the **Building Link Login QR Code** posted in the lobby or on the bulletin board to instantly access:

- The most current calendar of events
- Past newsletters to catch up on anything you missed
- Important governance documents in the Building Link Library

Stay in the loop, stay informed — your community resources are always just a click or scan away! 💡

PHYSICAL, PLANTS & OPPERATIONS (PPOC) BY BRYANT STUKES, COMMITTEE CHAIR

The PPOC met on May 22, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The Chair welcomed everyone, both virtually and in person, and began the meeting. The Chair stated that the 2025 Budget season is upon us and recommended owners attend [both the June FMC and PPOC meetings] to learn how their money is appropriated.

Informational/Discussion:

The committee reviewed the following:

- Work Orders for April
- Kiddie Room Update
 None Given
- 2025 Garage Project
- See Management Report
 2025 Garage Project On-site/Off-site Parking Status
 - Aside from an abandoned car, no real issues have arisen. Towing on the SHUOA property is being heavily enforced.
- Parking Signs (West Entrance Door Curb area)
 - The committee felt that placing non-county designated signs near 3713 and in the Octagon would make the area aesthetically unpleasant and redundant.
- Ride On Vacuums
 - o See Management Report
- Elevator Maintenance
 - Aside from the East Lobby elevator (county inspection issue), all elevators should last for another 7-10 years (with proper maintenance), allowing for Reserve funds to build up for replacement.

Action Items:

- **PPOC Approved Items:** Critical Peak Electrical Services: Retroactive approval for emergency work on electrical issues with the West passenger and freight elevators - \$6,965.00
- **PPOC Tabled Items:** Ending/[changing] food delivery (aside from grocery stores) to units to be discussed next month.

Open Forum:

• Place an ESA – Clean Up after your animal blurb in the newsletter. [See Courteous Animals.]

The next PPOC meeting will be on Thursday, June 12th at 7 p.m. in the West Penthouse Meeting Room and it will be a hybrid meeting.

🙋 🔨 CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS!

Get Involved – Join a Community Committee Today!

Want to make a real impact where you live? Do you have ideas, energy, or just a willingness to help?

We're looking for volunteers to join any of our vibrant community committees! Whether you're into planning events, improving building services, enhancing sustainability, or boosting resident engagement—there's a place for you!

No Experience Needed – Just Enthusiasm!

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Meet neighbors
- Share your talents
- Make your voice heard
- Strengthen our community spirit

Sign Up Today!

Contact the SHUOA Office 703-578-4855

Let's build something great—together

JUNE 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Activities Committee Meeting 7 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	3 3:00- 5:00 Bridge	4	5	6	7 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
8	9 Furnishing & Decoration Committee Meeting 7:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	10	11	12 PPOC Meeting 7:00 PM	13	14 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
15	16 FMC Meeting 7:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	17 3:00- 5:00 Bridge	18 Book Club Meeting 7:00 PM	19 Office Closed Juneteenth Holiday	20	21 Skyline House Summer Pool Party 0 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
22	23 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open	24	25 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	26	27	28 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM Library is Open
29	30 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Library is Open					

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES 2025-26

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ACTIVITIES	SEEKING A CHAIR!		We have an active core group of volunteers in place!		
Book Club	Joan Treistman, Lead	514E	<u>schatzjmt@gmail.com</u>		
Bridge Club					
Garden Club	Neil Sklar, Lead		neilsklar167@gmail.com		

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SHUOA 101: How to Ask a Question, Raise a Concern, or Share an Idea By Elizabeth Hubert

Our community thrives when everyone participates, and there are several ways for residents to **share input on SHUOA governance and operations**:

Attend a Committee Meeting

Find a committee aligned with your topic of interest. Meeting dates are available in this newsletter and regularly updated on **Building Link**. Each meeting includes an **open forum**, where residents can raise questions, concerns, or ideas. If needed, the committee may refer your topic to another group or to the Board.

🏛 Join a Board Meeting

If you're unsure where to direct your input, consider attending a **Board meeting**, either in-person or via Zoom. These also include **open forum sessions** at the start and end. The **Board President** may guide you to the appropriate committee if applicable.

Email or Leave a Note

- Contact the Committee Chair(s), Board President, or General Manager by email.
- Or, leave a written note addressed to the appropriate party at the Management Office.

Meeting Tips:

- Prepare your topic in writing beforehand.
- Bring note-taking materials.
- At in-person meetings, use the microphone if one is available.
- On Zoom, use the hand raise icon, and ensure you're unmuted when called on.
- Always state your name and unit number when speaking.

Q What Is Governance All About? Effective governance follows this thoughtful model:

- 1. Identify and clarify the problem or concern.
- 2. Explore potential solutions (may require gathering information).
- 3. Assess associated costs.
- 4. Plan when and how to implement solutions if needed and feasible.

Using this approach can help you present your ideas clearly and constructively.

Have a Question or Idea for SHUOA 101?

Each month, SHUOA 101 highlights a helpful topic about life at Skyline House. Email your questions or suggestions to **shuoa-news@googlegroups.com**. We may not publish every message, but **every submission will be read**!

😂 Summer Save the Dates!

Get ready for some fun in the sun and community celebrations! Mark your calendars for these exciting Skyline House summer events:

🎉 Saturday, June 21st — Welcome Summer **Pool Party**

📍 Pool Mezzanine 🕓 *4:00 – 6:00 PM*

Kick off the summer season with neighbors, music, and good vibes! Food will be provided, and a signup sheet will be shared closer to the event — stay tuned!

🎇 Friday, July 4th — Fireworks Viewing Event 📍 East Building Rooftop

Bring your own chairs and water to enjoy the Independence Day fireworks from one of the best views in town. No food or beverages (other than water) are allowed on the rooftop.

Let's make it a summer to remember! 🌴 🔴



At Skyline House...

- Courteous animals are NOT pets, because pets are not allowed at Skyline House.
- Courteous animals ARE service animals (that have been trained to perform specific tasks for their people) or emotional support animals (aka ESAs that provide companionship, comfort, and reassurance to people and are recognized as an ESA with a letter from a licensed mental health professional or physician) whether a resident's or a guest's.
- Courteous animals tend to have courteous handlers who keep them under physical control on a leash, in a harness, or in a carrier at all times while in common areas in and outside of the building.
 - These courteous handlers are aware of others who may be uncomfortable with or allergic to their animal and they respond accordingly.
 - If someone is already on the elevator and is uncomfortable with the courteous handler and animal waiting to ride, that handler and animal will wait for another elevator.
 - When passing in the hallway, a courteous handler will place their body between their animal and the person passing. *Thank you to my kind neighbor who did just this recently!*
- Courteous animals never, ever pee or poop indoors in the common areas! However, if an accident should happen, they remind their courteous handler to get a bag to pick up and dispose of anything solid so an unsuspecting fellow resident or guest is not surprised to step in something unexpected. Whether due to pee, poop, or both, the courteous handler will alert Housekeeping ASAP so that the carpet may be cleaned and not ruined by smudges and spots.
- Courteous animals pee and poop away from the grass, trees, shrubs and flowers because they appreciate the time, effort, and cost of creating an inviting, well-maintained property. They do their business along a curb or some other location where their courteous, diligent handler can readily clean up after them by bringing and using a bag to dispose of the waste properly in the bin on the back of the building marked ESA waste or in the trash.
- Courteous animals, whether residents or guests, are always registered at the Management Office ahead of time so we know they are here, which is especially important in an emergency, and follows SHUOA rules. See *Rule 14 Pets and Service Animals of our Rules and Regulations*.
- Courteous animals, like courteous people, add to our sense of community and safety, thus they are always welcome.

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There are many events in our area to celebrate! Check out this site for Fairfax County Parks: <u>https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-events-calendar</u>, this one for the City of Alexandria: <u>https://www.alexandriava.gov/Parks</u>, and this one for Arlington County Parks: <u>https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation</u>.

Here are some parks not far from Skyline House:

- **Skyline Park** located at 5507-5547 Seminary Rd, Bailey's Crossroads, is a small grassy city park with a playground and some benches that is only a four-minute walk from Skyline House.
- **Dora Kelley Nature Park** located at 5750 Sanger Ave, Alexandria, is a sizable park featuring a playground, creek, nature center, and trails that is a 1.2 miles (an 8-minute drive or 30+ minute walk) from Skyline House.
- James Mulligan Park located at 3300 S 28th St, Alexandria, is a wooded 3-acre park with a playground and picnic tables that is .6 miles (a 4-minute drive or 15 to 20-minute walk) from Skyline House.
- Lucky Run Park located at 2620 S Walter Reed Dr, Arlington, is an 8+ acre park featuring a stream, benches, open green space, and a trail linking to the Four Mile Run Trail. It is .8 miles (a 5-minute drive or 20 to 25-minute walk) from Skyline House.
- All of these locations are animal-friendly as long as they are leashed and you clean up. Some are more readily ADA accessible than others, check ahead.

Finally, if you are thinking of a day-trip or a weekend away, the US National Parks, Historic Sites, and Monuments have two free days this summer: June 19th, the Juneteenth National Independence Day, and August 4th, the Great American Outdoors Act anniversary. Have fun out there!