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Board of Directors President, Johnnie Moore

There was no Board meeting in July due to lack of a quorum. The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2002.



General Manager Gusbey Silva

Skyline House Main Street Signs

The installation of the new street signs was completed on Friday, July 12, 2002. A concrete bollard was installed by the curb, next to the back corner of the sign, to protect it in case of a future accident.

West Building Elevator Service

Elevator No. 1 modernization has been completed and is now in service. Elevator No. 3 will be out of service until approximately the middle of September.

Elevator Lobby Wallpaper Replacement

The wallpaper around the passenger elevators in all residential corridors will be replaced during the month of September. The current wallpaper was installed in 1995 using residential grade wallpaper. This time, commercial grade wallpaper with the

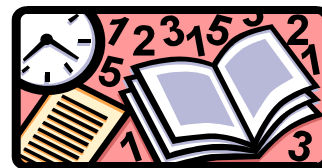
same design will be used with a vinyl backing for more durability.

Painting of Unit Entrance Doors

The painting of all unit entrance doors is scheduled to begin the first week of October in the West Building. We estimate that this job will take one day per floor with a target completion date of November 22nd for both buildings.

After your unit door is painted, it will be left open for the remainder of the day to allow the paint to dry. An Association employee and/or security officer will be patrolling your floor while the entrance door remains open.

All unit doors on the same floor will be painted the same day, with no exceptions. You are being given at least sixty days advance notice. Please make arrangements to be at home while your unit door is being painted, or you may leave an admit slip with a key at the front desk to be used by the Association painter.



Editor Louise Albin

Future issues of *The House Special* will not be coming out at the first of the month as in the past because we wish to include happenings of the Board, which meets late in the preceding period. Distribution will be made around the tenth or fifteenth of the month.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HOUSE SPECIAL welcomes brief comments from its readers. Limit your letters to 250 words or less and include your name and unit number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements. Committee reports must be submitted to the Editor by the 23rd of each month or NLT 3 days after mtg.

Information for **THE HOUSE SPECIAL** may be sent by e-mail to the Editor, dropped off at the Management office or the reception desk.

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Financial Management Committee
Betty Weber, Chair

The Finance Committee met on July 16, 2002 with nine members present.

Management reported that:

- Waterproofing of the plaza is complete and we are awaiting receipt of warranties for the work.
- The carpet replacement bill for \$50,000 will be paid this month.
- The building is experiencing several water leaks in the lower level. The problem is being researched prior to soliciting bids.
- Premiums for employee health insurance have increased. Bids for this service are being solicited in an effort to lower our premiums.

A review of the year-to-date financial statements through June 30, 2002 reveals that income to date totals nearly \$1.57 M. Year-to-date operating expenditures total \$955 thousand and reserve contributions total \$550 thousand to date, leaving us with a net income, after taxes, of approximately \$55,000.

For the month ending June 30, 2002, the Reserve Account balance stands at \$1,559,211 with total year-to-date reserve expenditures of \$338,516. Reserve withdrawals during June include \$22,000 for repair of the garage exterior walls, \$67,600 for waterproofing of the planters and \$3,500 miscellaneous expenses for the trash compactor and dumpster.

The Finance Committee will begin work next month on the 2003 annual budget. We ask the PPOC to review all reserve items, prioritize the work that needs to be completed next year and identify any new requirements that have not previously been identified.

The next FMC meeting will be held on August 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.

**Security, Fire and
Safety Committee**
Terry G. Sakellos, Chairman

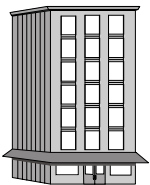


I would like to encourage everyone at Skyline House to help us make our home here as safe and secure as we possibly can. If you should notice anything that looks suspicious or that may pose a safety or security threat with our lives and property, please bring it to our attention. You may do so by filling out a very simple form at the front desk or leave a note in my box (204E) at the front desk call our management office. As always **in any real life-threatening emergency, call 911.**

Summer days are getting shorter and so is our daylight. If you notice public street lights out, call Dominion Virginia Power at their toll free number 1-888-667-3000 and report the location of the streetlight outages.

Vehicle registration has greatly improved. The Security, Fire & Safety Committee would like to thank all the residents and our Deputy General Manager, Mr. Hall, for the extra work to accomplish this task. If you notice any unregistered vehicles parked in Skyline House residential spaces, please bring this to the attention of the Security Guard on duty, the front desk, or a member of the Security, Fire & Safety Committee.

Thanks to everyone for helping to make Skyline House a safe and secure place to live. Please bring your safety concerns and issues to our next Committee meeting on September 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



**Physical Plant
And Operations Committee**
**George Beams
And Kurt Bedenbaugh**

The PPOC met at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2002. The minutes of the June 13, 2002 meeting were approved with one minor correction.

The Committee members received draft specifications for approval of the "Building Façade

End Wall Repairs" proposed by Gardner Engineering, Inc., our consulting engineers.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was approved: PPOC recommends to the Board of Directors, the approval of the draft specifications covering the repairs of the building façade end wall presented by Gardner Engineering, Inc.

The Board raised the need for three bids for the party room redecoration, as required by the procurement rule. The Chairman of the Ad hoc Decorating Committee wrote a letter to the President of the Board explaining that designers do not submit designs until they are hired. Skyline House already has a designer who decorated the lobby and who was willing to also select the fabric and an upholsterer to rebuild and recover the eight sofas in the two party rooms. It would seem logical, to avoid delay and possible additional cost, that we use the designer we already have and have worked well with. As the main decorating to be done is the upholstering of the eight sofas, it was suggested that we have the decorator get three bids for the fabric to be used.

The PPOC Committee meets the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome.



Covenants Committee
Joseph Livingston, Chairman

The Committee met on Wednesday, July 17, 2002 and took the following actions:

Pursuant to the Board's direction, Rule 24D of the Skyline House Unit Owners' Association's Rules and Regulations was reviewed. The Board has suspended the part of the rule that restricted the use of the pool area on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to persons age 16 and over. After consideration of the information provided by Management, and the views of the Committee members and residents present, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board that the Tuesday and Thursday restrictions be restored.

The Committee, after extended discussion and consideration of the views of a number of residents present, voted to recommend the deletion of Rule 16 paragraph A, pertaining to seasonal decorations,

striking the word "other" from the paragraph B, changing paragraph B to be designated as paragraph A, and paragraph C designated as paragraph B.

The Committee resubmitted for the Board's consideration and recommended the approval of the addition of Rules 18E paragraphs 11 and 12, Rules 21C and 23D. Modifications were made as suggested by the Board. With respect to a suggested change by the Board concerning access to our buildings, we propose more restrictive language in Rule 23D to ensure that guests use only the main lobby.

All of the above mentioned Committee actions await consideration of the Board.

The Committee's next meeting will be September 18, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. All Skyline House Unit Owners are cordially invited.



Neighborhood Watch
Judith York, Coordinator

All Neighborhood Watch volunteers, past and present, are invited to celebrate completion of our program's first anniversary in the East Building Party Room from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23rd. Please attend and get to know your fellow participants in this successful venture. If you know of prospective volunteers, bring them along so they can learn about the program for themselves. It will be a great help if you can bring a dish to share, enough for 4-6 people. Please bring your own beverages.

Swapping stories of our experiences over the past year should be interesting and it will be enjoyable to meet other participants who have helped make Skyline House an attractive and pleasant place to live.

Sadly, one of our program's most faithful volunteers left Skyline House last month. We say a fond farewell to Ginger Rogers who has moved to a new abode in Springfield. Thanks to Ginger for her helpfulness, her willingness to fill in as a replacement at the last minute, and for her enthusiasm and efficiency as one of our seven team-

leaders. We hope she will attend our August 23rd bash so we can catch up with how she is doing. We will miss her greatly but wish her well in her new surroundings. Thanks, also, Jane, for offering to be the temporary team leader.

We have passed on the volunteers' monitoring reports for the month of July to the Management Office so incidents such as vehicles with no parking stickers, repairs needed, lights left on in the East and West Penthouse levels and unlocked doors are followed up on and corrected. The more serious problems of faulty lock mechanisms and doors not closing properly have already been corrected. We thank our volunteers for continuing to list needed repairs on the monitoring reports and for writing the more serious repairs in the maintenance log kept at the front desk in the lobby. Thank you all for your continued volunteerism.

OPEN TRAINING SESSION FOR WATCH PATROL MEMBERS will take place on August 20, 2002 and again on December 12, 2002 at 7:00pm at the Mason District Police Station. All volunteers must attend one of these meetings and must be certified prior to participating in any Fairfax County Neighborhood Watch Programs.



Recreation Committee
Tony DiSalvo
Chairman

The Flea Market is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2002, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the East Party Room. This is a good time to get rid of those heirlooms that have been taking up space. Selling will be RESTRICTED to Skyline House residents. Call Tony DiSalvo, 703-824-1958, to reserve one table (no charge for tables) or if you have any questions. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for those who reserved a table for setup. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own table as the number of tables are limited.

Several new residents attended the July TGIF. They have indicated they will return. A good number of our regulars were absent. We hope they return soon.

If you are a resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your

neighbors and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m., West Card Room. Come join us.

COMING EVENTS

Just a reminder, the August date for the TGIF is Friday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the West Party Room.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

TGIF: Friday, August 2, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Party Room

Recreation Committee meeting: Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room

Flea Market: Thursday, August 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Party Room

**FLEA MARKET
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2002
EAST PARTY ROOM**

**RESERVE YOUR TABLE
(NO CHARGE)
CALL TONY DISALVO – 824-1958
TABLES FOR SKYLINE HOUSE
RESIDENTS ONLY
(SPACE LIMITED)
SET UP AT 6:30 PM
DOORS OPEN 7 – 8:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE**



**Good Neighbor Committee
Co-Chairs**

Toska Prather 703-379-7849
Ann Preston 703-031-7679

Good Neighbors for August 2002

**Geraldine Naveau 703-931-4643
Ernest Loyola 703-671-0384**

The Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to

sickness or emergency. We need new members. Please call one of the co-chairs and join us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Skyline House Memories: In just a couple of years Skyline House will celebrate a milestone in history. The 25th Anniversary will soon be here for Skyline House and its longtime residents. There are residents that were among the first to move into Skyline House. I think it would be very interesting to hear of the experiences our longtime residents had as they first moved into Skyline House and this area almost 25 years ago.

I am sure there are stories to hear: what it was like to be the first resident to move into Skyline House; when were the East and West buildings fully occupied; was there ever a power outage that rendered the elevators inaccessible; what was it like to be the only resident living on an entire floor; when was "SHUOA" created; when did Charles E. Smith move out? There are so many more interesting items that could be shared.

I recently heard there was once a "Doorman" here. Wonder if his name was "Carlton"? Who replaced him with a buzzer to the front desk? When did the crows outnumber the residents?

With permission from our Editor, Ms. Albin, I am requesting our longtime residents to put pen to paper, fingers to keyboards, and share some memories of moving into Skyline House many, many years ago. Ms. Albin will be glad to fit in stories as they are received for *The House Special* over the next year or so. Each month we can all delight in reading about the place we call home as it was almost 25 years ago.

It is these original owners that have shaped, maintained, and created Skyline House as it is today for all of us to call home. They are our historians, and we need to hear from them, so please share your stories with us all.

Please submit your stories via e mail to Ms. Albin at: lalbin@metronets.com. If you don't have a computer, you may leave your written submission at the front desk addressed to Ms. Albin, 903W.

I would like to thank Ms. Albin and our other longtime residents in advance for sharing their stories.

Terry G. Sakellos 204E



MARIA M. GARRIZ
OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Maria joins us with years of experience as a professional Administrative Assistant. She recently worked in the Legal Department of the Charles E. Smith Companies in Arlington, Virginia. Maria also worked for several title companies as a Settlement Processor for Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. residential properties.

In a past life, she was a flight attendant for Philippine Airlines, as well as for Air France. She speaks English, Spanish, Tagalog, and very rusty French.

Maria was born in Manila, Philippines, went to a university in Spain and currently resides in Arlington with her husband.

FROM THE EDITOR:

*History of Old Angler's Inn, 10801 Mac Arthur
Boulevard, Potomac, Maryland 20854,
Tel. 301-299-9097 or 301-365-2425
(A great French restaurant in-the country)*

The Old Angler's Inn, with its over a century-old tradition as a center of comfort for travelers, bonhomie and gracious living, embodies in its location and legend much of what an historian meant in writing that the Potomac Valley "was a region which is distinguished, for here men and events fashioned design for the nation to follow and act upon."

Near the site of the Inn, the Indians of the Algonquin Nation maintained a post for their "traveling traders" after whom the Potomac River is named. Not far from where the Inn stands, Captain John Smith made camp on his canoe trip up the river in the summer of 1608.

Young George Washington, as aide to General Braddock during the French and Indian Wars, crossed the Potomac nearby on his way to fight the French at Fort Duquesne. Washington also designed the locks on the canal, which can be inspected from various nearby points along the canal.

On July 4, 1828, President John Quincy Adams shoveled the first earth at nearby Little Falls to mark the beginning of the canal, which made the Valley a main artery of ante-bellum commerce and travel. The Old Angler's Inn was opened in 1860 to serve those journeying to and from the Nation's capital and also to serve the gentlemen and ladies of the capital and the great estates that graced the Maryland countryside.

During the Civil War, couriers with urgent dispatches from the Capital and officers and men of units of both North and South found respite at the Inn.

In 1864, gold was discovered by a California soldier who returned after the War and operated a mine successfully there until 1880. One of the owners of the gold mine was so appreciative of the fine food and the many hours of good company he found at the Inn that he presented the proprietor with a set of solid gold fishing hooks fashioned from the ore of the mine. (It is after these hooks that the "Order of the Golden Hook" which makes its headquarters at the Inn, is named.)

Teddy Roosevelt stopped here to hunt and to fish at wide water, a naturally- formed link of the canal lying at the foot of the slope on which the Inn rests. Its rugged rock formations give it the appearance of an unruffled mountain lake.

The Inn was restored in the spring of 1957 to make available once again the Inn's charming setting, the hospitality, the fine foods and carefully-chosen beers, wines and liquors, in the same tradition which has made the Inn a Capital landmark.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE August 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 TGIF 6:30 PM WPR	3
4	5 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM ECR	6	7	8 PPOC 7:00 PM WCR	9	10
11	12 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM ECR	13	14 RECREATION 7:00 PM WCR	15	16	17
18	19 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	20 FIN MGT 7:00 PM WCR	21	22	23	24
25	26 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 PM ECR	27 COVENANTS HEARING 7:00 PM WCR	28	29 FLEA MARKET 7-8:30 PM EPR	30	31

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