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## Board of Directors President, David Tilson

The first regular meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors of the Skyline House Unit Owners Association took place on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. This was Jean Orben's first meeting as a newly-elected Board member, and she was warmly welcomed by her fellow Board members.

The main matters discussed at the meeting were:

### Financial Status:

The Treasurer reported that our financial statements indicate that we are in good shape with nothing unusual to report. The total amount of delinquent payments of assessments is very low, and both income and expenses are close to the amount budgeted.

### Replacement of G-Level Carpet:

After receiving the Management's recommendation, which was approved by both the PPOC and the FMC, the Board authorized Management to order installation of replacement carpeting on the G-level corridor that connects the East and West buildings. Replacement of all the other common area carpeting had previously been authorized, and installation of the remaining residential corridors is scheduled to be completed by May 10, 2004.

### Dress Code for the Exercise Room:

The Covenants Committee has – in response to some complaints about dress in the exercise room – discussed adoption of a new rule regarding dress code. They will publish the draft in the newsletter, allow time for comments, and then take these comments into consideration in drafting the proposed new rule to be recommended to the Board for approval.

### Office Computer Network Policies and Procedures:

Management has retained a consultant for advice on strengthening and improving the Skyline House computer network. In addition to advising on the hardware, software and training needs, a set of detailed operating procedures covering all aspects of security is being developed. We are very dependent on our computer data bases, and safety and security is a complex and extremely important matter that requires care and discipline in following a set of carefully developed policies and procedures. This is a work in progress, and Management was encouraged to continue along the path it is pursuing and to complete the work as quickly as possible. Funding for the required activities is included both in this year's operating and reserve budgets.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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## **General Manager Gusbey Silva**

### **Repair of the Vertical Panels of the Garage Walls:**

The project to repair and seal coat the vertical panels of the garage walls began on Monday, March 1, 2004. The north, west, and south walls have been completed.

The contractor is currently working on the east wall. The entire project will be completed by Friday, May 7, 2004.

### **Modernization of Passenger Elevators:**

The next scheduled project is the renovation of the passenger elevators' cab interiors. The contract has been signed with Artistic Elevator Interiors, the same company who performed the renovation of the cab interiors for the service elevators. It will take approximately three months for the fabrication of the new material. The installation of the new cabs has been tentatively scheduled for the second week of July 2004. The renovation will include the replacement of the ceiling, lighting, walls, and floors.

### **Restoration of North and South Façades:**

The restoration of the north and south façades, to include flashing replacement and installation of weep holes, began on March 22, 2004 with tiers 14, 15, 16, and 01 of the West Building. The tiers to follow are 10, 11, 12, and 13; work on these tiers will begin the first week of May with the installation of the form board over the windows. All other tiers will be done in 2005.

This is the first phase of a four year project. The West building will be completed between 2004 and 2005. The East Building will be completed between 2006 and 2007. All balcony edges will be repaired (where necessary) and seal coated.

The contractor has been instructed to avoid performing any noise-driven task before 8:00 a.m.,

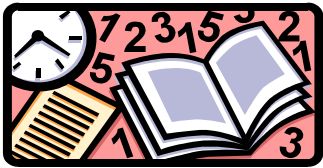
and all noise should cease by no later than 5:00 p.m.

Due to the delay on the fabrication of the custom brick, work on the south wall tiers will stop after the concrete repairs and the flashing replacement is completed. The contractor will continue working on the north wall tiers in the meantime and will come back to the south wall after Labor Day to complete the brick installation and the repairs on the balcony edges. This will enable residents on the south side tiers to enjoy their balconies during the summer.

### **Replacement of Carpet:**

The replacement of the carpet in the East and West Penthouse Galleries was completed the last week of March 2004.

The replacement of the carpet in the remaining 18 residential corridors (four in the West Building and 14 in the East Building) started on April 14, 2004 and will be completed by Monday, May 10, 2004.



**Editor  
Louise Albin**

### **News from Mason District Supervisor, Penny Gross:**

#### **Help Shape Your Transportation Future on Columbia Pike:**

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority invites your community to participate in a series of public workshops and open houses to help design transit alternatives for the Columbia Pike corridor from the Pentagon to Bailey's Crossroads. A public workshop will be held at the Mason District Governmental Center on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. An open house showcasing information about potential alternatives will be held at Goodwin House West on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information about these opportunities, or the Pike Transit Initiative, please call the project information line at 703-892-2776 or visit the project web site at [www.piketransit.com](http://www.piketransit.com).



### **Financial Management Committee Wynfred Joshua & Chuck Ruby Co-Chairmen**

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on April 19, 2004 to review the March 4<sup>th</sup> financial statements and other issues. Summary figures for the month of March are as follows:

Total Income: \$269,703;

Total Expenses: \$161,865;

Reserve Contributions: \$93,259;

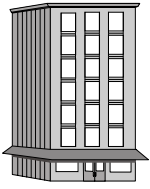
Net Income before taxes: \$ 14,579.

There were no issues of note to raise any concerns.

The FMC recommended to the Board to approve the replacement of the ground level connector corridor carpet and to award the contract to Floors Inc. Amount of the contract is \$12,599 for installation and binding of the Philadelphia "Emphasis" 36 oz carpet and carpet base. Material and labor are guaranteed for one year. Color will be the same as what we currently have. Floors Inc. is the same company that is installing the carpets in the residential corridors and has done excellent work. The FMC accepted the advice of the PPOC to have the contractor use waterproof glue, thereby slightly raising the price.

The FMC discussed the possibility of including in next year's budget some renovation items such as replacing the weatherworn wooden benches at the lobby entrance with some more appropriate to our building. No decisions were made.

The next meeting of the FMC is scheduled for the third Monday in May. We welcome any of our new residents and anyone else interested to join us.



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

The Committee met on April 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. The following subjects were discussed:

**Replacement of G Level Connector Carpet:**

The Manager stated that the carpet is the exact type and color as the one already in place. The use of water resistant adhesive should be used due to the overflow flooding that has taken place there. Ms. Silva stated that the problem that caused the flooding in the past has been identified and corrected. Because of heavy use of the G level corridor, the carpet will be glued down, the same as in the residential corridors. The base will be glued to the concrete and the carpet will be glued to the base. Ms. Silva was asked to clarify what kind of adhesive will be used.

The PPOC recommends to the Board that Floors Inc. be awarded the contract to replace the G level corridor carpet for \$12,599 with the provision that they provide water resistant adhesive.

**Property Inspection:**

Landscaping will begin next week (April 12, 2004) and both the landscaping and the garage vertical panels could be inspected together on Thursday, April 22, 2004.

**Parking:**

The question of the lack of parking spaces was discussed. Ms. Silva stated that 21 resident parking spaces behind the West building were relocated to guest spaces during the façade repair from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contractors park outside the property. Security is checking all the time that all is in order.

The PPOC meets the second Thursday of the month. All residents are encouraged to attend.



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

**Balcony Safety/Satellite Dish:**

Please be advised that any unit having a satellite dish must make sure that it is mounted properly. No part of the satellite dish or mounting arm for the dish can extend out over the balcony railing. If mounted to the railing, the dish, arm support, and any other housing of the satellite dish must be inside the balcony.

You may obtain the guidelines and instruction for installation of the satellite dish at the Management office. It is the responsibility of anyone having a satellite dish system to make sure the system is attached and installed properly. We cannot take the risk of property and personal damage because of not following these guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**Covenants Committee  
Joseph Livingston, Chairman**

As reported in the April 2004 Covenants Committee report, the matter of the “second” or additional unit door bell was referred to the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC). Further Committee action will follow receipt of the PPOC’s recommendation.

The Committee presented to the Board, a proposed amendment to the Association’s Rules and Regulations to establish a dress code for the exercise room, including the sauna and steam room. In the event the Board approves the proposed amendment, it will be posted in *The House Special* for comments before final adoption.

The date, time and place of the next Covenants Committee meeting will be posted on the bulletin boards in the lobby of each building.



## Neighborhood Watch Judith York, Coordinator

The Neighborhood Watch Coordinators' meetings for 2004 are held at 6:30 p.m. on June 8<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Mason District Police Station at 6507 Columbia Pike. The Open Training Sessions for watch patrol members are at the same location at 7:00 p.m. on May 11<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Fairfax County police officers conduct both meetings, and they are open to the public. Please call Mason District Police at 703-354-5889 if you would like further information.

The Fairfax County Police Dept. has a self-defense program for women each month, and it is free. This is the S.A.F.E. (Sexual Assault Free & Empowered) Program.

Participants must attend four 3-hour sessions over a two-week period; sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly (phone 703-246-7806). Join a friend (or make up a group) and attend this important course; it will empower you. For more details, class dates, or to sign up please call 703-246-7806.

There has been a series of daytime robberies (Holmes Run/Gallows Road area) and some gang activity in our area. Thursday's edition of the Washington Post carries a breakdown of criminal activity in its "Fairfax extra" section. The two Fairfax County police officers directly concerned with gang activities are Sgt. Greg Smith of the Gang Investigations Unit on 703-246-4548 ([Gregory.smith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Gregory.smith@fairfaxcounty.gov)), and Sgt. Ron Haugsdahl of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Gang Task Force on 703-481-2523 ([ron.haugsdahl@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ron.haugsdahl@fairfaxcounty.gov)). WE ARE NOT AN ISLAND EVEN IF WE LIVE IN A HI-RISE WITH 24-HOUR RECEPTION, SO BE ALERT AND NOTIFY OUR LOCAL POLICE STATION IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

The CAC meeting of April 13<sup>th</sup> honored the Camelot Neighborhood Watch participants as they celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving as protectors of their community. Fairfax County has a long history of neighbors looking after neighbors and, in this time of heightened security, we need everyone to take an active role in looking after not only our own security, but also our neighbor's security.



## Recreation Committee Tony DiSalvo Chairman

The Committee met on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the West Card Room. A flea market and covered dish dinner was discussed and will be held during the next several months. Other items were also discussed.

It was good to see that a lot of the missing returned to the monthly TGIF, but there still are lots of missing faces. We are still waiting for new Skyline residents who have not come to the TGIF. Please join us.

If you are a resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors. To make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

And, of course, the May TGIF will be Friday, May 7, East Party room. Come join us.

### NEW SUBJECT:

The following note was received from **Kitty Johnson Volunteer Service Manager, Alexandria Hospital:**

"The Volunteer Office wishes to thank Tony DiSalvo for collecting and delivering magazines to our Alexandria Hospital. He has been doing this for many years. We appreciate the people at Skyline House for donating their magazines which are enjoyed by the patients, their families and all the employees here at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Ladies and Gentlemen INOVA Alexandria Hospital needs your help!!!!

Please come and join our Volunteer Team – 4-hour shifts once a week. Free Parking, Pharmacy, Cafeteria and Health Source discounts and new friendships.

If interested, please call Kitty Johnson at (703) 504-3031.”

Residents just drop your magazines at the front desk, and they will be picked up and delivered to the hospital. We are noted for providing them with current magazines. Please keep up the good work. Any questions contact Tony DiSalvo at (703) 824-1958. At times, I have been contacted to pick up magazines from residents who are unable to drop them off at the front desk.



**Good Neighbors Committee  
Co-Chairs**

**Toska Prather 703-379-7849  
Ernest Loyola 703-671-0384**

**Good Neighbors for May 2004**

**Raymond Mills 703-820-7438  
Gwen Petitjean 703-820-4260**

The Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency. We always welcome new members to assist those in need. If you are interested in serving your neighbors, call one of the co-chairs listed above and join us.

**More news from Mason District Supervisor:**

**Support your Local Farmers' Market:**

The Annandale Farmers' Market is back this year on Thursday mornings 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., from May 6 through November 4, at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Seasonal produce from local growers is available, along with plants and baked goods. Directions: Beltway Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike, Rt. 236), east 2 miles to

left at John Marr Drive, and right on Columbia Pike to park entrance on right just before Sleepy Hollow Road (703-941-1730).

Historic Mason District is the title of a brand new documentary by Naomi Zeavin, Mason District history commissioner/film producer. Starting from the Indians to modern Mason, this fascinating 27-minute documentary will premier at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 22nd, at the Woodrow Wilson Library, 6101 Knollwood Drive Falls Church, VA 22041; telephone: 703-820-8774.

**Spotlight by Starlight:**

Enjoy another season of open-air concerts from June 2 to August 29, 2004 at the Mason District Park amphitheater. For a listing of events, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/md/mmspring2004.pdf>. Please note that shows are cancelled in the event of rain. To check, please call the park telephone number 703-941-1730.

# ***SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE May 2004***

<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> TGIF 6:30-8:00 ECR	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>MOTHER'S DAY</i>	<b>10</b> LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> SECURITY 7:00-8:00 WCR	<b>13</b> PPOC 7:00-8:00 WCR	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> FIN MGT 7:00 PM WCR LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> COVENANTS 7:00 PM WCR LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BOARD 7:00-8:00 WCR	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> MEMORIAL DAY LIBRARY CLOSED					

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