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2005 NOTICE OF ELECTION

SKYLINE HOUSE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 29, 2005

Three vacancies will be filled this year: Two, each for three years, and one for two years.

Nominations will open on January 3, 2005 and close February 8, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Applications may be picked up at the front desk but must be returned to the Management Office on or before close of business February 8, 2005.

It takes many helping hands to conduct the election. In fact, it takes at least 50. We urge anyone who can possibly do so to give a few hours to help. We invite our residents to take an active part in this election. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be at the front desk. You will be contacted to discuss your interest. Please give this your utmost attention.

Please consider running for office, joining a Committee, or just lending a helping hand.



Board of Directors President, David Tilson

The arrival of the New Year is, for many of us, an occasion for New Year's resolutions to do things we should have been doing all along but somehow never got around to.

I have one that I hope many resident unit owners will adopt: to get actively involved in governance of this community. That means joining and actively participating in one or more of the standing committees, and for those who feel qualified – and there are many of you who are – to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors.

Candidates for the Board get on the ballot simply by filling out an application obtainable from the Management Office. This year there will be three vacancies to fill. I hope we will have at least five well-qualified candidates who will volunteer to run. Although being a Board member does involve significant responsibility, the time demands are not very onerous. And as unit owners, we should all appreciate how important it is to have a well-qualified, thoughtful, and conscientious Board. Ultimately, the quality of life and the value of our investments can be significantly affected by decisions made by our elected Board of Directors. Candidates need to apply this month. The election takes place at the annual meeting of the Association on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

If you have been living in Skyline House for some time and have not attended any Board or Committee meetings, I urge you to do so. This is your community. It is self-governing. It is, therefore, in your self-interest – as well as a moral obligation – to get involved.

The 25th anniversary of the opening of Skyline House occurred last fall. We are fortunate to have good management, an excellent staff, and many

dedicated volunteers, though too many of us are beginning to get a bit long in the tooth. New volunteers who bring fresh insights and enthusiasm are urgently needed. Fortunately, our financial condition is sound and no crises are in sight. We enter New Year in good shape. I hope that with an influx of talented additional volunteers for our Board and the key committees, we will end the year in even better shape.



General Manager Gusbey Silva

We, at the Management Office, wish everyone a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

We had a good year in 2004, except for the West Building residents who experienced noise disturbance that was generated by the repairs being performed on the West Building façade, which, unfortunately, could not be avoided.

Our goal continues to be the preservation of your assets at the highest level possible. Taking into consideration that the building is now 26 years old, sometimes this may require a lot of effort from all of the Management team. I personally want to thank Greg, the Association's Chief Engineer, and Betty, the Association's Housekeeping Supervisor, for the excellent job that the Maintenance, Painting, and Housekeeping staffs are constantly performing with their help and supervision.

The following major items were accomplished during the last year:

- Completion of the East and West freight elevator modernization to include the interior cab renovation.
- Repairs to the east side of the north and south walls façade of the West Building.
- Repairs and seal coating to the garage exterior concrete walls and vertical-panels.

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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.

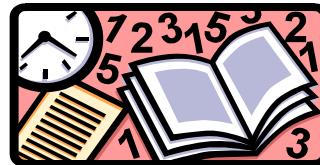
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- Replacement of the residential corridor carpet on the remaining 18 floors.
- Replacement of the East and West Penthouse gallery carpets.
- Replacement of the ground floor connector corridor carpet.
- Replacement of the lawn irrigation system, originally installed in 1979.
- Renovation of the passenger elevator's interior cabs.
- Replacement of the East Building S level floor tile, originally installed in 1979.
- Replacement of all under-the-window heat pumps in the Penthouses and Lobby corridors.
- Reconditioning of the East and West heat exchangers.

The following major items are planned and budgeted for 2005:

- Completion of the Skyline House computer network upgrades.
- Repairs to the west side of north and south walls façade of the West Building.
- Restoration of the swimming pool and pool deck.
- Coating/Sealing of the garage elevated decks.



**Editor
Louise Albin**

Happy New Year!!

Thank you to everyone that made contributions for the families that were assigned to us from Fairfax County Human Services and ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action) for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. The families were very appreciative of all the items they received.

Thanks again for all your support – Enjoy the New Year!!

*Tycia Haight
Accounting Office*

From the Fairfax County Web Site:

New Year's Resolutions. With the new year also comes the inevitable New Year's resolutions. Many residents will resolve to start a new diet, or to lose a few extra pounds or even to exercise more in 2005. However, the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management encourages residents to add preparedness to the list of resolutions.

Flu Vaccine Update. Additional flu vaccine will be available to high risk adults and children at Health Department District Office clinics beginning the week of January 3 by appointment only.

Library Helps Readers Save Sight. On Tuesday, January 11 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., the Access Services branch of the Fairfax County Public Library will offer free glaucoma screenings in conference room 123-C of the Fairfax County Government Center, which is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

A Bright Idea. Fairfax County recently had a bright idea to protect the environment. This fall the county instituted a program to recycle the fluorescent bulbs used in its buildings

Organizations Collecting Donations to Aid Tsunami Relief Efforts

On December 26, 2004, a massive earthquake and tsunamis struck South Asia, killing tens of thousands of people. Thousands more lost their homes and all of their belongings.

There are a number of relief organizations working in the disaster area. A list of organizations accepting donations is available on the [U.S. Agency for International Development Web site.](#)

Monetary donations can also be sent to the American Red Cross: International Response Fund PO Box 37243, Washington D.C. 20013 Phone 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669); English speakers: 1-800-257-7575; Spanish speakers: 1-800-220-4095; TTY: www.redcross.org

MASON DISTRICT NEWS:

VDOT's Snow Removal Standard Procedures: In Northern Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for clearing

snow and ice on more than 16,000 lane miles of road in Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties. VDOT's general standard for snow removal is to plow interstate highways and major primary and secondary roads, within 12 to 18 hours after the storm stops, depending on the severity of the storm. Snow removal crews will try to plow lower priority routes, including subdivision roads, within 48 hours after the storm stops. VDOT may be contacted 24-hours a day through the duration of a winter storm by phone at 703-383-VDOT (8368), or by e-mail at novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov. For information about road conditions in Northern Virginia, call 703-383-VDOT (8368), 24-hours a day. For information about road conditions in other parts of the state, call 1-800-367-ROAD (7623). TTY users may call 1-800-432-1843.

ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE; AN EXCELLENT CHOICE:

Do you know anyone who would benefit from an adult day health care program? Fairfax County Health Department operates five centers in the county and serves county residents and others who live in Falls Church and Fairfax City. The program is designed to meet the needs of adults with physical, memory, and other cognitive limitations. It is an excellent choice for:

- Adults who need care, yet wish to continue living at home and stay within the community;
- Families who work and cannot leave their relative home alone during the day and caregivers who need respite.

Fees are based on a sliding scale and Medicaid eligibility. For more information contact Patricia Williams, R.N., M.S.N., Center Nurse Coordinator at 703-914-2226 or EMAIL: Patricia.Williams@fairfaxcounty.gov.

NEWS FROM THE FAIRFAX SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

William Hudson, Music Director and Conductor, performs Saturday, January 22, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. at the GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS. To purchase tickets, call Tickets.com at 703-218-6500. Students: \$12.00, Chaperones: \$18.00, Adults: \$30.00-\$50.00.

Free Tax assistance for middle and low income seniors at the Mason District Governmental Center: AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest FREE, volunteer-run tax preparation service administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS, will be available to taxpayers with middle-and low-incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and older, starting February 1, 2005, with expanded hours at the Mason District Governmental Center Large Conference Room. Tax preparation volunteers with training in tax law and IRS certification will be available on a walk-in basis six days a week. The Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Road, Annandale, VA 22003 is one of three centers in Northern Virginia with expanded service hours designed for additional convenience for taxpayers. The February 1 - April 15, 2005 planned hours of operation are:

- Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Monday and Thursday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

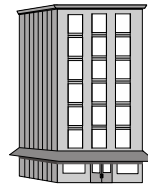
For additional information, call 1-888-AARP-NOW or visit the website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Classes, Exercise, and Tours: Have you been looking for a class, exercise facility, tour or lecture to attend in your leisure? The Fairfax County Park Authority publishes a quarterly guide called 'Parktakes' which lists a plethora of activities available for County residents. Classes are provided in areas such as: Dance, Performing Arts, Gardening, Arts & Crafts, Exercise, and Aquatics. You can also sign up to take a tour of an historic property or go on a day trip to a museum, town, or city. Whether you are young or old, a beginner or advanced, there is something for everyone in the family. To receive a FREE subscription to 'Parktakes' call (703)222-4664 or visit the web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parktakes.htm. You can also pick up a copy of 'Parktakes' at your local Library, RECenter, or at the Mason Governmental Center in the Supervisor's Office.



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

There was no meeting of the Financial Management Committee in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



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

There was no meeting in December. The next meeting of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee will be on Thursday January 13, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.

**Security, Fire and
Safety Committee**

Terry G. Sakellos, Chairman



There was no meeting in December. The next Security, Fire, and Safety Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



**Covenants Committee
Joseph Livingston, Chairman**

At the last meeting, we had some preliminary discussion of ways to get more use of the exercise room facilities. A cursory look at the data provided by Management of the use being made of the facilities, suggest considerable “down time.” The Committee has requested additional data as well as an analysis of the data for its consideration at the January 2005 meeting. No action has been taken, and none will be taken until after the Committee reviews the data and analysis. To have

your views considered, please attend the **January 19, 2005** meeting.

As previously announced, the election of Board members will be held in March 2005. In preparation for the election, a first notice appears in this issue of *The Skyline House Special*. Please note your calendar and give some consideration to becoming involved. You can make a difference. We welcome you to become a candidate. Procedures and deadlines will be posted in the near future.

The next meeting of the Covenants Committee will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in the West Card Room.



Neighborhood Watch Judith York, Coordinator

No information was reported for this newsletter.



The Chief Engineer Greg Grimm

Cleaning of Dyer Vents:

The outside part of your dryer vent (above the balcony door) must be cleaned prior to any duct cleaning for your dryer by the contractor. If you live in tiers 5, 6, or 14, your dryer vents are out above your dining room window and are not accessible. These vents will be cleaned by our contractor during the next few days. All others should call the Management office to schedule the outdoor part of the vent (above the balcony door) to be cleaned by our staff, prior to the cleaning of the interior ducts.



Recreation Committee Tony DiSalvo Chairman

The Skyline House Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11th was a great success. Thank you to the long-time Skyline House residents who attended, as well as the many new residents who attended for the first time. We hope you return.

Thanks to all the Committee members who assisted in decorating the party room. While we were decorating the party room, Ralph Huppert (he was our man on the ladder) commented that he missed seeing Sophie Anderson walking down the gallery as well as assisting the Committee in decorating the party room. Sophie was usually the first or second person to arrive on TGIF nights. The members of the Committee, as well as many of Skyline House residents, miss Sophie.

I want to thank those who helped clean up after the party and that includes Diana and Ralph Huppert, Bud and Joan Coutts, Hanna Jones, Nadyne McKelvey, Regina McCormack, Carroll Thompson, and, of course, my wife Nancy who always helps me. Thank you.

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

The February TGIF is scheduled for February 9, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Party Room.



Good Neighbors Committee Co-Chairs

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

Good Neighbors for January 2005:

Alina Gonzales 703-379-5391
Geraldine Naveau 703-931-4643

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT SKYLINE HOUSE January 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	4	5	6	7 TGIF 6:30-8:00 EPR	8
9	10 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	11	12 SECURITY 7:00-8:00 WCR	13 PPOC 7:00-8:00 WCR	14	15
16	17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY LIBRARY CLOSED 7:00-8:00 ECR	18	19 COVENANTS 7:00-8:00 WCR	20	21	22
23	24 FINANCIAL MGT 7:00-8:00 WCR LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 ECR	25	26 BOARD 7:00-8:00 WCR	27	28	29
30	31					

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