

The House Special



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Norman Baker

April 25, 2007 Board Meeting

The first regular meeting of the 27th Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. The only action item was consideration of the recommended contract for the scheduled renovation of the circular driveway and sidewalk in front of our Main Lobby Entrance. The Board unanimously approved a contract to NVM Contractors to begin work on June 18, 2007 and, weather permitting, complete the work by July 13, 2007. Additional information on this contract/project can be found in the Management, PPOC, and FMC reports in this issue. Paver brick color and pattern design for this project will be determined at the PPOC's May 10th meeting. Residents are invited to come and provide input prior to the PPOC vote on a recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Reporting Concerns and Problems

Your Board and Committee members are all volunteers, many with full time jobs. When you observe or encounter anything out of the ordinary in our community that you believe requires attention, please, first, report it to Management. You can do so in two ways:

(1) There is a Maintenance Log kept at the Front Desk for your use in reporting items in need of correction in any of the common areas. The Log is an excellent tool for residents and Management. Every morning it is checked and a work order is scheduled for every item reported in the log. Your input is always appreciated since it helps to maintain the common areas in the best condition possible at all times.

(2) Go directly to someone in the Management Office. They are available in person, by phone and by email. You can always find a directory of these individuals and their contact information on the last page of the newsletter underneath the calendar of events. Please consider the Board and Committee members the avenue available to you only after you feel you have exhausted your efforts with the Management Office. Management is there to serve and is as interested as you in enforcing the rules and regulations of our community and preserving and enhancing the quality of life and value of our homes here at Skyline House. If all else fails, your Board and Committee members are here to help.

New Acting Chair of the PPOC

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Al Lambert (709 West) has agreed to serve as Acting Chair of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC), while we continue to search for an owner who is willing to serve as Chair. Al has lived at Skyline House since 1986 and is an involved member of our PPOC, FMC and SF&SC. Al is retired from the U. S. Army and currently employed by the U.S. Patent and Trademarks Office in the area of electronic forms and data processing. He is active in his Church and also serves as Webmaster for the Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). I, the Board and the Association appreciate immensely Al's willingness to make room in his busy schedule to temporarily Chair this important Skyline House Committee. Please consider making time in your schedule to help. I am sure that if you are uncertain about stepping directly into the position of Chair, Al would be willing to Co-Chair with you for a limited period of time. You can find additional information in the PPOC section of this issue.

BALCONY ETIQUETTE

PLANTS

Keep in mind, when watering your plants, the water that runs out of your pots rains down on all the balconies below. Not only does that stain and damage balconies and furniture, on occasion, it might even drench a neighbor. Please use saucers under all your plants.

BIRDS

Feeding birds from your balcony might seem a nice thing to do but Skyline House Rules and Regulations prohibit doing so because it creates major problems for your neighbors and the Association. Do not feed birds and if you have a bird feeder please remove it.

MOST IMPORTANTLY

No matter how small, never throw anything off your balcony (especially cigarettes).

New Electronic Key System Operational

After fewer glitches than I could have expected, it appears that the transition to the new electronic key system seems to have successfully occurred. I, for one, enjoy how simple it is to open a door now that I do not have to fool with the big blue key and it was certainly nice to remove its bulkiness from the key ring I carry. I have recently heard positive comments in one form or another from quite a few residents -- comments such as, 'it is really nice when bringing in groceries or when my hands are full to simply tap the fob on the reader and not have to fumble with the key in the lock and then, to not even have to turn the handle, just push the door open. It is great.' I think what summed up the overall success of the new system was something I heard at an April Committee meeting. An owner commented, 'I really like the new system. I wish I had the same system on the door of my own unit.'

Thanks to Management and staff for making this transition as painless as it was. A special thanks to Chief Engineer Greg Grimm and Assistant Engineer Tettie Moore for the great (and money-saving) work they did to pull all of the wiring for the entire system.

USER TIPS For The New Electronic Key System

Hold the key fob as close to the reader as possible or even touch the reader with the key fob and the door will unlock.

You do NOT need to use the green "push to exit" button to unlock the door to exit. A sensor above the door will automatically unlock the door as you approach it.

You only need to use the green "push to exit" button if the sensor above the door should fail and thus the magnetic lock does not get released. In that case, hold down the green "push to exit" button while, at the same time, opening the door.

INFORMATION ITEM—NEW SALES MARKETING TOOL

What follows is information contained in a document developed by Board Member Evelyn Haught. She envisioned this document to serve as a Skyline House marketing tool for use by owners and realtors. Use of this document will ensure that all the best qualities of Skyline House are accurately and fully identified so the full value of our property is continually realized. Thank you Evelyn for the effort and time you put into the development of this document. I encourage anyone planning to sell their unit to make sure to take advantage of this information. It will help you and your co-owners maintain and improve the return on our investments. You or your realtor can obtain it in the Management Office. I enclose it here simply for everyone's information.

A PROFILE FOR REALTORS AND BUYERS

(For Photos and Additional Information, Visit www.shuoa.org)

Skyline House has established its value as a premier condominium property since its construction by The Charles E. Smith Companies in 1978. Initial buyers began moving into its 556 units in November 1979.

Located on 7.8 acres of prime real estate in the heart of the historic Bailey's Crossroads section of Fairfax County, Skyline House is 5 to 15 minutes away from the Pentagon; prime shopping including Pentagon City, Pentagon Row, Landmark, and Ballston malls; downtown Washington, D.C.; and entertainment venues in Old Town Alexandria, Georgetown, Shirlington, and downtown. Transportation includes curbside Metro bus service to the Ballston, Alexandria and Pentagon area subway stations, and a 10-minute drive to Reagan National Airport. Access to Interstates 495, 395, and 66, as well as Route 50, is also a short drive away. Supermarkets and other essential services abound in this cosmopolitan neighborhood. Public and private schools from elementary to secondary levels are also within easy reach.

Skyline House consists of two residential towers joined by a common reception area staffed 24 hours. A variety of residential floor plans ranging from 1-bedroom/1-bath units of 1,000 square feet to 3-bedrooms/2.5 bath units of 2,079 square feet are arranged on 18 floors in each tower. Every unit enjoys good views since the towers are situated end-to-end. Upper floors offer spectacular views of Washington landmarks or the Virginia countryside, while lower floors overlook beautiful trees and other plantings.

Two commercial units are located in each tower.

AMENITIES

The **Penthouse floor** of each tower offers a spacious, professionally decorated **party facility** with wrap-around windows that take advantage of the gorgeous views. A **billiard room**, and **sundeck** are also found on this floor. The East Tower houses a volunteer-staffed **library** available to all residents.

Staffed by professional lifeguards, an outdoor **swimming pool**, as well as **toddlers' pool**, are located on the garage plaza and are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. A pleasant **picnic area** is adjacent.

An **exercise room** features excellent quality cardio and weight-bearing equipment, as well as a steam room and dry sauna.

Both towers contain **bicycle rooms** offering storage on a space-available basis and **storage lockers** assigned to each unit.

Washington Cable TV service, included in the monthly condo fee, is offered to all units. Cox Cable provides digital cable service to Skyline House residents who wish to purchase this additional service.

PARKING

Every unit includes one garage space. An additional 109 spaces, including 40 for guests, are located outdoors.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The unusually high number of original owners who reside at Skyline House attests to the superior quality of life enjoyed here. Features that contribute to creating and maintaining this pleasant residential environment include:

High Owner/Renter Ratio: For the last five years, this has remained steady at approximately 82% owner/18% renter.

Owner Governance: The Skyline House Unit Owners Association, Inc. (SHUA) controls Skyline House. All members are unit owners who govern through a seven-member board of directors elected by fellow owners, and volunteer-run committees, including Covenants, Financial Management, Physical Plant and Operation, Security/Fire & Safety, and Recreation. Owners also enhance the quality of life through special Skyline House community services such as Good Neighbors, Neighborhood Watch, and Welcome Wagon.

In-House Management: Visitors to Skyline House always note its high level of interior and exterior maintenance. Owners credit much of this to excellent in-house management staff available weekdays 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. to service resident needs. Emergency oversight is also provided.

Security: Professional security personnel are on duty weekdays from 3 p.m. to 7 a.m. and weekends and holidays 24/7. They observe activities throughout the property via camera monitoring, walk-arounds, and drive-arounds. Exterior entries are accessed by a coded electronic system installed in 2007.

In-House Maintenance: Residents can schedule a wide variety of repair and maintenance services at very reasonable rates from the skilled engineering staff.

ELEVATORS AND LOADING DOCKS

Each tower has three passenger elevators, one service elevator, one loading dock, and two garage elevators.

RECENT PROPERTY VALUES, TAXES, CONDO FEES

For the 12-month period November 2005-October 2006, **unit sale prices** have ranged from \$252,500 to \$435,000.

Property taxes are levied by Fairfax County, Va.

Monthly condominium fees are determined by the size of each unit. In 2007, fees range from \$315.64 to \$712.91. In addition to Washington Cable TV service, water usage is included in the condo fee. Owners are responsible for payment of electricity used within their units.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Roof construction is composition, while the high-rise buildings are reinforced concrete frame and slab construction, with brick and aluminum window facades, and concrete balconies and spandrels. Climate control in individual units is provided by heat pumps that allow residents to choose either heat or air-conditioning year-round.

FIRE AND INSURANCE

Sprinklers are installed throughout the property; they and occupant alert systems are tested regularly.

The nearest **fire hydrant** is 50 feet from the building; distance to the nearest **fire station** is 1.5 miles.

Skyline House insurance is handled by USI Insurance Services; tel. 703-698-0788. Unit owners should obtain their own HO-6 coverage to insure their personal property.

For additional information, contact the **Management Office at 703-578-4855**



Management

General Manager, Gusbey Silva

East Building North & South Façade Restoration

The remaining sealing of the brick and cleaning of balconies and windows on tiers 2 & 8 has been completed. The contractor is working on the final steps of the façade repairs in tier 3 and will mobilize to tiers 9 and 10 around the second week of May for the final completion of Phase III of the façade repairs project.

The fourth and last phase of the façade repairs started with the demolition on tiers 12, 13, 14 & 15, which began on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 and has been completed. The demolition on tier 11 started on April 4th and is estimated for completion by the middle of May. The façade repairs on tiers 01 and 16 have not yet started. These tiers will be done as soon as the rig remaining in Phase III gets released. This decision was taken in order to complete the work on the tiers facing the pool prior to the pool opening.

The remainder of the work on the Phase IV tiers is estimated for completion by the middle of September 2007, weather permitting.

Access Control System

The contractor started the installation of the hardware needed on each door included in this project during the first week of March 2007 and finished the access control system installation during the first week of April 2007. During the following two weeks the contractor visited the building on a daily basis to correct and/or adjust any items as needed.

The contract for this project has a two year warranty period for labor and material.

Circle Renovation Project

The renovation of the driveway circle located in front of the Main Lobby Entrance is scheduled to start by the middle of June 2007 and should be completed by the middle of July 2007. This project includes the removal of all the existing concrete located around the inner landscaped circle and the installation of precast concrete pavers, rated for vehicular traffic. During the time this project is taking place access to the circle will be limited to only one side of the sidewalk around the circle, in order to access the Main Lobby Entrance. Residents and guests who wish to avoid walking next to the construction may use the sidewalk located along S. George Mason Drive to obtain access to the main lobby via the ramp near the bus stop. Residents being transported by taxi may also use the building entrances located at the loading docks where the service elevators are located.

Management will contact Fastran Transportation Services to arrange alternative pick-up/delivery options for this service during the circle renovation. The Fairfax County Fire Department will also be notified.

The selection of the pavers color and design that will be used for this project will be made during the PPOC meeting scheduled for May 10, 2007. All residents are welcome to attend this meeting for further information.

Notices will be posted at least two weeks in advance of the start date of this project.

Emergency Contact Form

We encourage all residents who are planning to leave for vacation or traveling for longer periods of time (more than a week) to complete the Emergency Contact Form available at the Management Office and the Front Desk, prior to leaving. This information will allow us to contact you in case a situation arises involving your unit and/or vehicle parked in the premises.

Fire Alarm Testing

Some of you may have noticed that we have more than one fire alarm test performed each year in each building during the same month. The reason for this is that one fire alarm test is performed by the contractor who handles the Fire Alarm System preventive maintenance. This test is performed every year and is included in the operating budget. In the past this test was performed during the fall but due to the many issues encountered with the test performed by the Fairfax County Fire Marshall during their annual inspection, which is done each year in April, we decided to schedule the preventive maintenance of the system during the weeks immediately preceding the Fairfax County Inspection. This has allowed us to pass the county inspection right away saving the Association the cost of having additional inspections made as has occurred in previous years when the Fairfax County inspection was done six months after the preventive maintenance had been performed on the fire alarm system.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chair, Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee met on April 23, 2007. Total income for the month of March was \$290,133 with expenditures of \$187,928. Total income less expenditures amounted to \$102,205. The monthly Reserve Contribution was \$98,331, leaving a net income of \$3,874 before taxes.

When the Committee discussed the financial statements, the question was raised why we had \$2,554 in expenses for the annual meeting. The management representative explained that this included payment for a counter of the votes, the computer program to count the votes, and the special mailings in connection with the election. The FMC recommends that the Committees and the Board submit their financial requirements to the FMC no later than August for inclusion in the annual budget proposal.

The FMC expressed its concern with the performance of our landscaping contractor. Pointing to erosion of soil around some of our trees (notably at the garage exit) and crowding of ground cover around others, the FMC requested that management discuss these issues with the contractor. The General Manager subsequently explained that most of the areas involved had been damaged by the façade repairs contractor. We had been waiting for payment on claims before we were ready to replant and repair the damage.

The FMC discussed at some length the contract for the circular driveway renovation and recommended to the Board that it awards the contract to NVM Contractors in the amount of \$138,856. Sufficient funds are available in the budget to cover the project (acc. 60010 with \$145,000.) The FMC based its position on Skyline House's experience with NVM and on the recommendation of the General Manager. The FMC stressed, however, that it had not seen the responses of the bidders, nor did it have any information about the companies. The FMC assumed that the **installation** of the paver system included the pavers themselves, although this was not clear from the summary of the Consultant Engineer or the project specifications. The FMC agreed with the PPOC that the starting date and duration of the project (June 18 to July 31) be specified in the contract as well as the warrantee. The FMC strongly urged the Board to provide owners an opportunity to express their preference on the design and color of the paver system and sidewalk.

The next meeting of the FMC is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2007. We welcome Board members and all interested owners to attend.

MAGAZINES FOR ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Please bring your magazines to the front desk so Tony DiSalvo can deliver them to Alexandria Hospital. Please do not hold the magazines for long periods of time before doing so as they become outdated. The magazines are much appreciated by the Hospital volunteers. Any questions call Tony at 703-824-1958.



SECURITY, FIRE, & SAFETY

Chair, Robert De Mayo

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee (SFSC) last met on Wednesday, April 11th.

A “**Right of Way**” auto incident within our parking garage was recently reported to our Management Office by one of our residents. One resident on the garage “down” ramp had to slam on her car’s brakes to avoid a collision with another resident’s auto speeding “up” the ramp and passing her by. Residents are reminded to “Slow Down” inside the garage and - **BE COURTEOUS** - especially where the up-and-down-ramps intersect. When in doubt, give up the right of way and let the other guy move on! I’d always rather look at some other driver who is in a hurry in my rear view mirror moving away from me than debate “right of way” on the garage up and down ramps.

A **Fire Safety** alert was passed to all residents on the use of dryer sheets in their electric dryers. A waxy buildup from the use of these sheets impregnated with fabric softener will occur over time and block the airflow out the exhaust vent. As a result, overheating of the dryer unit can occur and potentially cause an internal dryer fire. Residents are urged to run the dryer filter under a water faucet; if the water doesn’t flow through, the waxy buildup needs to be cleaned off with a good detergent and a soft toothbrush – about every 3 months was recommended as a norm.

A **Security BOLO** aka “**Be On the Lookout**” was received from the Mason District Police Department on a rapist at-large operating in the Four Mile Run area of South George Mason Drive. Essentially, it is a Wanted Poster with an artist’s sketch of the rapist as recalled by his victims. It was posted on our bulletin boards for resident awareness. The SFSC will pass along any updates on this alert. Police officers cautioned all joggers and walkers with headsets covering their ears from I-Pods, Walkman’s, or music players to be cautious and keep “their heads on a swivel”, especially at dusk. Why? They said if you can’t *hear* a potential attacker sneaking up on you, maybe you can *see* him. Stay alert and maintain “situational awareness” when jogging on our streets.

Closeout of the **December 2006 West Building Security Incident**: One evening in December 2006, unsupervised minors in the Billiards Room of the West Building invited friends over. Friend invited friends, and the unsupervised group caused a dangerous security/safety incident. Our Skyline House Security Force called the Fairfax County Police who responded; charges were filed. In early April 2007, the case was heard in the Fairfax County Juvenile Court and your SFSC Chairman attended the proceedings along with some residents. The Fairfax County Police Officer called to Skyline House in December 2006 testified to the presiding Judge: the incident consisted of a minor tossing numerous river bottom rocks - the size of an adult closed fist and weighing a pound or more - off of the roof of the West Building onto the rear roadway and parked autos with utter disregard for the physical safety of anyone below. One resident’s auto was significantly damaged and financial restitution was sought from the court. Evidence consisted of the police report, testimony, and a large rock retrieved from a damaged vehicle by the resident seeking damages. The charged minor appeared unrepentant in both bearing and attitude, and pleaded “Not Guilty.” The Judge, after a sharp and pointed lecture to the defendant on how the Commonwealth of Virginia will not tolerate such dangerous behavior from minors, found him Guilty. She sentenced him not only to 30 days in Juvenile Detention “commencing immediately,” but also to restitution for the damages to the auto of our Skyline House resident (est. \$1600). A Sheriff’s Deputy immediately took the guilty individual into custody for transport and processing into the detention facility. This should serve as a warning that irresponsible, dangerous behavior such as this, by minors and adults alike, will NOT be tolerated at Skyline House.

The Committee’s next meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th at which the primary agenda item is expected to the consideration of the contract for our Security Guard services.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Coordinator, Judith York

Defensive Driving Class for the Mature Driver

The following “Defensive Driving Class for the Mature Driver” is brought to you by the defensive driving school (www.defensivedrivingschool.com) and is jointly presented by the National Safety Council and Fairfax County Police Department. This program offers driving tips for senior citizens (course is free and seating is limited to 30 people).

Date - Saturday, May 5

Time - 8AM to 4PM

Location – hosted by Sully District Station, in the Frank community room

Contact - 703-691-2131 (TTY 703-204-2664)

5-week Citizens Police Academy

The Fairfax County Police Department is also hosting a 5-week Citizens Police Academy for individuals who work or live in or near the Culmore area of our County. Participants will learn about: gangs, domestic violence, victim services, pedestrian safety, patrols, internal affairs, and traffic stops. There is no cost and dinner will be provided:

Date – Thursday evenings (June 21 – July 26)

Time – 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Location – St. Anthony’s Church

Contact for application or more information:

703-280-0713; e-mail CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov

How Are You Getting Along With The Fobs?

The new key fob system is a Security improvement over the old key system with the capability of quickly and easily canceling fobs that are misplaced and of those who move elsewhere and do not return them to the rightful owner. It also avoids the problem of keys breaking in locks and the strength needed to open/close heavy doors.

Have You Checked The Green Folder At The Front Desk?

Please check the green Neighborhood Watch folder at the front desk as several instances of crimes recently committed in our area are filed there. Everyone should be aware of this information. In the inside cover of the folder, there is also a list of upcoming meetings, open to the public, to be held at the Mason District Police Station in May/June.



COVENANTS

Chair, Joe Livingston

Since the last issue of the House Special, the Covenants Committee’s primary focus has been to support the work of the Election Committee which conducted the 2007 election for 2 members of the Board. The election was a success, largely due to the work of the Co-Chairs and members of the Election Committee, with Management support.

The Election Committee will provide a detailed report with recommendations in the near future. You will be informed of any significant changes, if approved by the Board.

Another subject—The swimming pool. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Unit Owners and Residents that the pool season is not too far off and that this might be a good time to review the provisions of Rule 24 of the Association’s Rules and Regulations, concerning the swimming pool. Be safe and have fun.

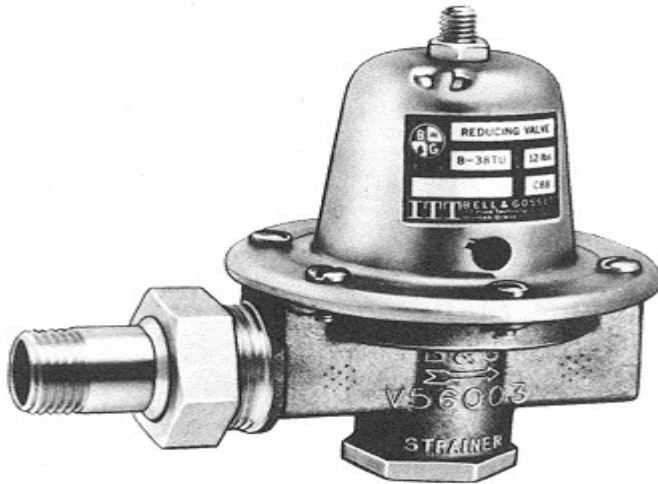
Lastly, a reminder that the Covenants Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, 7:P.M. West Card Room. You are invited to attend.



INFO FROM THE ENGINEER

Chief Engineer, Greg Grimm

Attention All Units On Floors Ground Through The 6th Floor Possible Problems With Pressure Reducing Valves



All units at Skyline House located on floors Ground through the 6th floor have pressure reducing valves located above the hot water heater in their utility room. This valve is a bronze colored, bell shaped device located on your water line, just past the main unit cut off valve, which is above the water heater.

We are starting to see these valves leaking, rusting, and in some cases even growing mold from all the moisture on the outside of the valve. A couple have leaked onto the top of the water heater, causing damage and rust that will eventually lead to failure of the water heater.

If you live on the 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, or Ground ("T") floors please check the pressure reducing valve in your unit. If you observe any moisture, mold, rust, or evidence that it has been dripping onto the top of the water heater, it is time to replace it.

In-unit maintenance does NOT do this type of work. You will need to call your plumber for replacement. Although we are unable to perform the actual work, Skyline House staff can perform the inspection for you if you are uncertain about the need to call a plumber. Please keep in mind there will be a \$10.00 minimum charge if you schedule an appointment for inspection.

If you live in unit on the 7th floor or above this notice DOES NOT apply to you.

"HOUSE" HINTS

UNIT WATER SHUT OFF VALVE

Every unit in Skyline House has a shut off valve that cuts off all domestic water to the unit (hot and cold water). This valve is located in the utility closet, above the water heater tank, usually close to the back wall. This valve is the bigger valve in the closet. If any resident has a problem locating this valve, please contact the office and they will arrange for someone to come by and show you the exact location. This valve turns off all water located inside your unit, except the Fire Sprinkler System, which can only be turned off by the building engineers or the fire department, and is not located in any unit.

PEST CONTROL

The Association contracts for weekly pest control service for all common areas and also, on a first come first serve basis, for up to eight individual units. The service is performed every Thursday. If you are experiencing a problem in your unit with ants, spiders, etc. you may sign up for this service at the front desk. **There is no cost to you.**



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

Acting Chair, Al Lambert

The next meeting of the Committee will be on May 10th. See important information about that meeting at the end of this report.

The PPOC met on April 12, 2007. Review and discussion of bids submitted for this summer's renovation of the Octagon (circular drive in front of the Main Lobby Entrance) resulted in the following:

1. Replace all sidewalks and curbs with concrete. The option to replace the sidewalks with Paver Bricks was considered and rejected for aesthetic reasons since the driving surface of the Octagon will be paver bricks.
2. Include appropriate amount of extra Pavers and grout quantities in the contract award. Committee discussion identified a future maintenance requirement for replacement of single pavers (damage/crack) to a spillage/stain requiring a large number of pavers. A few hundred extra Paver Bricks with appropriate quantity of grout were proposed due to the projected life span (20+ years) of the driving surface.
3. Management was requested to obtain diagrams of different Pattern/Edging designs for the Pavers along with color samples. After a discussion in the May PPOC meeting the committee will provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
4. There was general discussion with Management on the importance of notification and inspection of the underground conduit providing water and electrical to the Octagon along with the designated Water Test criteria to ensure adequate drainage of rain water.
5. After a discussion of all the bidder's proposals the Committee voted to recommend the Board award the contract for renovation of the Octagon to NVN Contractors for an amount of \$138,856.00.

Thereafter the meeting was adjourned.

Note to all Residents: As of April 27, 2007 Management has satisfactorily addressed all of the aforementioned issues. However, it is important to emphasize that at the May 10th PPOC meeting the Committee will determine Paver Brick color and design patterns for the driveway. There will be ample opportunity for residents to preview design patterns and color IMMEDIATELY PRIOR to the actual meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity because the aesthetic view of the octagon (circle) and the entrance to the Front Lobby will be significantly determined by the selected Paver Brick color and design pattern. Consider setting aside an hour of involvement to share your thoughts.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

Our Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC) is without a Chairperson. The PPOC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on the operations and maintenance of, and proposed changes to, the buildings, equipment, and grounds.

If you have even a little background or just a simple interest in engineering, construction, architecture, or mechanics, your community needs your help. Even if you do not have any related experience, but are interested in helping please step forward. Acting Chair Al Lambert will be willing to Co-Chair for a limited period of time if that would encourage a timid volunteer to come forward.

Please attend a meeting and, if you decide you can help, please contact

Norman Baker at nbaker@fjc.gov or 703-671-6759 or

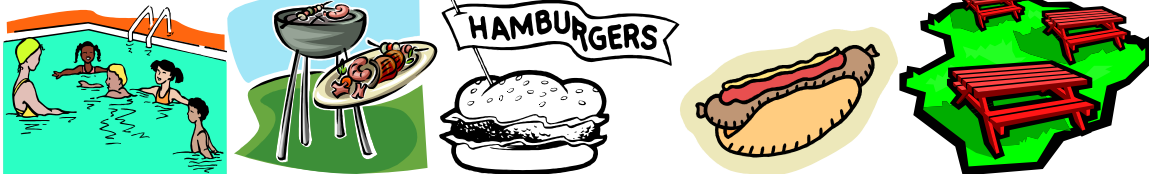
Al Lambert at myongal@verizon.net 703-931-7314



RECREATION

Co-Chairs, Betty Turner and Nadyne McKelvey

The April TGIF was held April 13th in the West Party Room with only **19** residents attending! Committee Co-Chairs, Betty and Nadyne, are trying to make TGIF an enjoyable, sociable evening for all residents. We are willing to listen to what you want -- TGIF was recently changed back to the **1st Friday of the month. Is this change what you want? AN EMAIL ADDRESSED TO recreationcommittee@yahoo.com or a note to Betty (416E) or Nadyne (1516W) left at the Front Desk will be welcomed.**



Memorial Day and Pool Opening Picnic

Plans are progressing for the **SKYLINE HOUSE MEMORIAL DAY and POOL OPENING PICNIC** to be held at the grassy area next to the pool on **SATURDAY, MAY 26th, BEGINNING AT 4:00 PM.**

The Recreation Committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and paper products. We are asking that **each person/family bring a dish or two to share and also your own beverage.** We are searching for **volunteers** to help with this event. We need helpers to **setup/cleanup, cook (we will have 2 grills), arrange food, coordinate games,** etc. Please show your community spirit by volunteering to help in whatever way you can.

Remember, Saturday the 26th is also the first day the **pool is open**, so bring your swim suits/trunks and plan to enjoy the day. Sun screen would also be a good thing to bring with you. If you have lawn chairs, bring them. Come, meet old friends, find new friends, and enjoy one of our community amenities....stay and chat.

Sign up sheets will be at the Front Desk starting in early May. We will need to know your plans to attend and the number of people in your family so that we can make the proper food purchases. This is **FAMILY DAY**, children of all ages are welcome to swim and dine. However, children must be accompanied by a parent.

We look forward to seeing you ALL on Saturday , May 26th!!!!!!!

In case of rain, the picnic will be rescheduled for Sunday, May 27th or Monday, May 28th.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Good Neighbors will assist residents in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency.

MAY GOOD NEIGHBORS*

ERNEST LOYOLA 703-6710-0384

WAYNE KRUMWIEDE 703-998-0251

(*GOOD NEIGHBOR CONTACT INFO CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE CALENDAR PAGE)

Good Neighbors always welcomes new members to assist those in need. If you are interested in serving your neighbors, please call Coordinator Toska Prather or Ernest Loyola. Their contact information is listed in the newsletter directory on the calendar page.



SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

MAY 2007

(WWW.SHUOA.ORG)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	1	3	4 TGIF 6:30 p.m. E. Party Room	5
6	7 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	8	9 Security, Fire & Safety Comm. 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	10 Physical Plant & Operations Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	11	12
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