

The House Special



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Skyline House

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Norman Baker

The Board of Directors did not meet in December 2007. The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a very important full-page announcement of the March 2008 election for two (three year) seats on the Board of Directors. Please take time to review it as it includes important information about how to apply to run for a seat on the Board and also how to vote for those that do choose to run. The terms of current Vice President, Maria Elena Schacknies, and Director Toska Prather are ending. I hope both will run again. I encourage other owners to also volunteer to serve by running.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Nominations open Wednesday, January 2, 2008

Nominations close Friday, February 8, 2008.

Applications can be picked up at the front desk.

**Return completed applications to the Management Office
on or before close of business Friday, February 8, 2008.**

Finally, for something completely different you will also find in this issue:

(a) photographs of most (unfortunately, not all) of the incredible Skyline House staff that take such wonderful care of our "House." These pictures were taken near our beautiful front lobby Christmas tree and also at the Staff Holiday Party held earlier in December.

(b) the Recreation Committee Chair's report on the 2007 Skyline House Holiday Party along with a few photographs taken during the festivities showing Skyline House residents celebrating the season.

***THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES EVERYONE
A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.***



MANAGEMENT

General Manager, Gusbey Silva

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

2007 was a good year for Skyline House except for the noise disturbance experienced by the East Building residents, generated by the Façade Repairs which unfortunately could not be avoided. Our goal continues to be the preservation of your assets at the highest level possible.

I personally want to thank Greg, the Association's Chief Engineer and his assistant, Tettie, and Betty, the Association's Housekeeping Supervisor and her assistant, Gerardo, for the constantly excellent performance of the Maintenance, Painting and Housekeeping staff whom they work with and supervise.

The following major items were accomplished during 2007:

- Installation of the Access Control System (key fobs)
- Front Circle Drive Renovation
- East & West Parking Lots Asphalt Resealing
- Painting of the Garage B & C Level Ceiling Beams
- Painting of all Unit Entrance and Common Area Doors
- Completion of Fourth and Final Phase of the 4-year Façade Repair Project
- East Building Landscaping Rehabilitation

The following major items are planned and budgeted for 2008:

- Replacement of the Energy Management System
- Repair/Replacement of West and East Party Room Flooring and Sound Insulation
- Front Circle Landscape Rehabilitation
- Rewiring of the Buildings for Upgraded TV Cable Transmission
- Garage Concrete Repairs and Sealing of Elevated Decks
- Replacement of the Lobby and Connector Corridor Roof
- Replacement of the East and West 1st Floor and Gallery Carpeting

ALL BIKES MUST BE REMOVED FROM BIKE ROOMS BY SUNDAY NIGHT JANUARY 13, 2008

The East and West Bike Rooms will be renovated during the **third** week of January 2008. All bikes stored in these rooms must be removed by **Sunday night, January 13, 2008**. The bike rooms will reopen on Friday afternoon, January 18th. The renovation will modify the existing bike racks offering improved support for the bikes. New registration will be mandatory. This last measure is necessary due to the fact that during the third weekend of November two bikes and one tire were reported stolen from the West Bike Room. The combination locks for these rooms have been recoded and will be routinely recoded on a monthly basis. New codes will be given from the Front Desk only to residents who have a bike registered for the room.

A Message To Skyline House Residents From Deputy General Manager Tycia Haight

*I would like to say a very special "Thank you" to all Skyline House residents that participated in the food drive this year. With your food and gift card donations both families (referred by "ACCA" Annandale Christian Community for Action) enjoyed holiday dinners and food items to carry them over into the New Year!
Peace and Blessings for a Wonderful New Year!*

SKYLINE HOUSE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 25, 2008



The Skyline House Annual Election for the Board of Directors will be held on
Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

Two vacancies will be filled, each for three (3) years.

CONDOMINIUM GOVERNANCE AFFECTS ALL OF US.

**PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE TO HELP ENSURE SKYLINE
HOUSE REMAINS A FIRST-CLASS COMMUNITY.**

HOW DO I BECOME A CANDIDATE?

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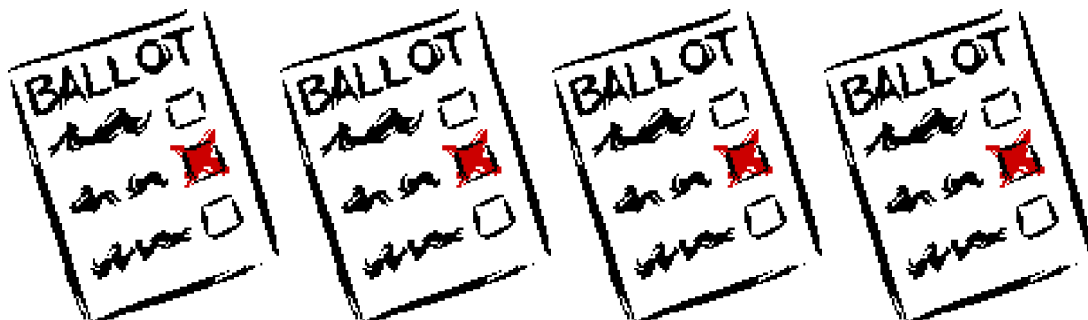
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HOW DO I TO VOTE?

All owners will receive their election package in late February via the U.S. mail.
The election package will include a ballot and proxy, voting instructions, an
announcement of the Annual Meeting at which your vote can be cast, and
biographies of the candidates for the Board of Directors.

Owners wishing to vote before the Annual Meeting may cast proxy ballots as soon as
they have made their election decisions and have their proxy notarized.

BE SURE TO CAST YOUR VOTE.





Ad Hoc Committee Front Circle Landscape Design Project

Chair, Maria Elena Schacknies

The Committee met on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. The meeting primarily focused on analyzing the results of the resident opinion surveys completed by 42 interested owners and residents concerning the front circle design. Subsequently, based on what people wanted and did not want, the Committee prepared a Request for Proposal for design and installation of plants and/or masonry for the front circle. The bids are due on January 17, 2008 and the Committee will meet on **January 21, 2008** at 7:00 p.m. to review the bids and agree on a recommendation to the Board.



SECURITY, FIRE AND SAFETY

Chair, Robert De Mayo

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee (SF&SC) will next meet in the West Card Room at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 9, 2008**.



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

Acting Chair, Al Lambert

The Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC) will next meet in the West Card Room at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 10, 2008**.



COVENANTS

Chair, Joe Livingston

The Covenants Committee will next meet in the West Card Room at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 16, 2008**.



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chair, Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) will next meet in the West Card Room at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 22, 2008**.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

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

JANUARY GOOD NEIGHBORS

FRAN STAMM 703-998-8221

LOUISE ALBIN 703-379-1645

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.



RECREATION

Chair, Betty Turner

The ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY held on December 8th turned out to be a BIG SUCCESS with approximately 60 residents attending. The Committee was kept busy setting up extra tables and chairs as the usual four round tables were quickly filled. There was a large variety of excellent foods. The conversation and atmosphere were delightful and the evening views from the West Party Room reminded us all what a wonderful place we call home. Some residents were seen crawling around on the floor....just searching for the sticker on the bottom of the chair indicating they had won a door prize. East resident Ralph Huppert was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle and quickly offered to return the winnings to the Recreation Committee. We thank Ralph and all the others who have, in the past, donated their winnings to the Committee. There were newcomers to the community who seemed pleased that they had chosen to make the HOUSE their home.

Conversation was filled with ideas for the 2008 – the Committee will consider these and others at our next meeting in the West Card Room on Tuesday, January 8th. Come get involved with your community and let us hear your ideas and opinions .

Starting off the New Year will be a TGIF Social on Friday, January 4th. Go ahead, mark your calendars NOW. We look forward to seeing you there.







SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

JANUARY 2008

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 TGIF 6:30 p.m. E. Party Room	5
6	7 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	8 Recreation Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	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
13	14 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	15	16 Covenants Committee 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	17	18	19
20	21 Front Circle Landscape Design Comm. 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room Library Closed	22 Financial Mgt. Committee 7:00 pm W. Card Room	23 BOARD MEETING 7:00 p.m. W. Card Room	24	25	26
27	28 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	29	30	31		
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