

# The House Special



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Maria Elena Schacknies

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The Board of Directors met on January 22, 2014.

As Bob Orben, our longtime neighbor at Skyline House, has said, “Time flies. It’s up to you to be your own navigator.” So, with that thought in mind, I wish everyone a joyful, fun, and productive journey in this New Year.

“...please consider running for the Board.”

In March of this year we will have the Board of Directors’ Annual election. As you may know, there are three available seats. If you are a member of a Committee, please consider running for the Board. Committees are always welcoming new members. The five Committees are the lifeline of this Association. Owners should participate in Committee meetings as their time permits. This is the best way to ensure that the value of your investment is protected.

The newly released Emergency Handbook produced by our Security, Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee (SS&NWC) is available at the Management Office. I encourage everyone to get a copy. It is also posted on the SHUOA website. This is a must-read handbook. Unfortunately, emergencies occur, and in a high-rise building, it is crucial that all

residents know what do. We all owe the SS&NWC a debt of gratitude. Congratulations and thanks to the Covenants Committee for updating and editing the Rules and Regulations. It’s has been a major and needed undertaking. The Board will vote on approval of the new version at our February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

I was eager to hear the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Voter Education. This Ad Hoc Committee was set up to help Owners understand the importance of voting and especially the proposed By-Laws amendments. As you may know, last March, the ballot included five proposed amendments, but percentage of Owners voting was too low to pass these changes. To amend the By-Laws, 67 percent of the voting interest must approve each of the proposed amendments. If anyone needs help understanding the proposed amendments, please don’t hesitate to contact Tina Dove. She will make sure that you receive the assistance you need.

I conclude my report with very sad news. Our long-time and dear neighbor Ron Mullvain passed away on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. My deepest condolences to his wife Toby.



# MANAGEMENT

## General Manager, Michelle Brown Slaughter

### Garage Repair Project

Concrete Protection & Restoration (CPR) was scheduled, but unable, to return in December to complete several punch-list items, including removal of wooden form boards and patch repairs to a few areas that were missed. The work, which also included concrete tests on overhead beams, resumed the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>. Our consulting engineer, Whitlock, Dalrymple, Poston & Associates (WDP), reviewed the areas with CPR and will confirm the 16 final concrete test results once completed. An accrual of \$15,244 was posted as the remaining balance due for the contract. The final payment will not be made until all punch work is completed, tests results are finalized, and WDP confirms the final work and bill.

### Interim Parking at Parking Management, Inc. (PMI)

The Association made the final \$17,939 payment to PMI for 240 parking spaces in its garage across the street that were used by Skyline House residents during our garage repairs. PMI failed to send the final invoice in the month of September, 2013. A \$5,760 check was received from PMI in December for return of the \$30 deposits on 192 transponders that were returned to PMI in September.

### Pool Deck

WDP and CPR completed exploratory work by removing and replacing the top slab of the pool deck at four locations. One drain was found to be deteriorated and needs to be replaced. A new drain is on order and will be installed by an outside contractor (Magnolia Plumbing) once it has been received. A preliminary report from WDP indicates that the waterproofing membrane is no longer bonded to the structural deck, leaving the structural slab wet, which has caused leakage. As a result, they recommend that the entire top slab be removed instead of trying to fix it, and that new water-proofing membrane be installed.

Their preliminary report also recommends that all of the planters (which are supposed to have an independent water-proofing system) be removed to

replace the waterproofing membrane and properly detail the perimeters so as to prevent further water from running over the sides. When the final report is received from WDP, Management will share it with everyone.

### Bridge Enclosure Replacement Project

WDP completed design concepts with schematics on the replacement enclosure for the bridge connecting the garage and the East Building. Several manufacturers were sent the drawings, but few responded, perhaps due to the holidays. WDP is waiting for additional information from three companies. Once they receive this information, they will provide it to Management. However, to date, the overall estimated cost will exceed the original figure of \$65,500 for renovation, and may also exceed the \$45,000 engineering consultant fee.

### Life Fitness

Life Fitness delivered and installed the two new treadmills and a stationary bike with computerized landscape options. The Universal Machine is the next piece of equipment that is scheduled to be replaced in 2014. Management is in the process of looking at new equipment.

### Office Equipment

Two new copier/scanner/printers were installed in December, one at the Front Desk and the other in the Management Office. They replace the old Xerox copier that was almost 10 years old, and four printers in the Management Office. Payments will have to be made for the new copiers, and for early cancellation of the maintenance contract on the equipment that is being replaced.

### Legal Fees

\$1,984 was paid to the Association's attorney in December 2013 for routine unit Owner delinquency collections, which included one unit that is pending a judicial foreclosure. Our legal counsel also received under \$20 for legal advice and general services provided in October 2013.

### Collections Update

As of December, unit-Owner delinquencies totaled \$32,156. One unit is pending a Judicial Foreclosure and is \$14,428 delinquent. Five other units owe a total of \$10,536 for delinquencies that are 60 days or more past due. Ten units owe \$7,092 for delinquencies that are 10-59 days past due. Also in need of collection action is \$100 for a covenants violation. Collection is being handled by the Association's attorney.

### 2014 Upcoming Projects

Management will continue to work with the Financial Management and Physical Plant and Operations Committees on upcoming projects included in the 2014 Reserve Budget. The following are particularly critical; very close and careful logistical management will be necessary in order to accomplish them in the desired timeframe:

- **Rooftop Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement.**

Management will interview consulting engineers and hire one of the three who have applied for this job.

- **Garage Penetrating Sealant.** Scheduled for May 2014. Management needs specifications from WDP in order to solicit bids from three contractors.
- **Asphalt Repairs.** This work, scheduled for May 2014, includes sealcoating and striping, as well as installation.
- **Emergency Generator Replacement (and Concrete Pads).** Management needs proposals from three contractors.
- **East Building Bridge Renovation.** We are waiting for WDP's feedback and proposals.
- **Pool Deck Repairs.** Management is waiting for WDP's feedback and next-steps proposal.
- **Penthouse Gallery Carpet Replacement.**
- **East Penthouse Parquet Floor Replacement (With Sound Proofing).**
- **Fitness Center Equipment Replacement (Universal Machine).** Management will review/test and select new equipment.

All of the above except the last item are big-ticket projects with major logistical and scheduling concerns that Management will need PPOC's assistance to address.



## TREASURER'S COMMENTARY

Treasurer, Karen H. Johnson

Preliminary financial data through the end of 2013 are now available. For this article, I will be reporting on the outcomes of our reserve budget for 2013, in particular the spending for items covered in the reserve categories. Total cash spending from the reserve categories in 2013 was \$497,779. This spending consists of three components. One is periodic maintenance items. The total for that component, \$314,759, was the largest of the three. Within that category, the largest element was \$202,897 for structural concrete remediation in the garage. There was also \$92,454 spent on façade tuckpointing and repair. A second category is reserve replacement items. That spending came to \$128,043 for the year. Within that component, large expenditures were \$12,062 for cooling towers, \$12,771 for exercise equipment, \$13,406 for computer hardware and software, and \$65,030 for the

garage doors. Finally, the third component is for consulting fees. Those came to \$54,977 in 2013.

“One element in the operating budget needs attention: utilities.”

From the Association's income, \$1,394,566 was allocated to the reserve budget as planned. So 2013 was a year in which we accumulated a substantial sum, the difference between this allocation and our total spending.

Although the final details await the audit report, the significant net income from the reserve outcome is evident on our balance sheet in the gains in various asset holdings.

One element in the operating budget needs attention: utilities. The end of last year saw a serious worsening of our financial situation with respect to electricity and water. The spending recorded for electricity in December was twice the budgeted amount. As a result, expenditures for the year as a whole are now

more than \$20,000 in excess of the budgeted amount. In December, the actual amount spent for water again exceeded the budgeted amount, bringing the annual figure to more than \$40,000 in excess of budget. One month or even two might not indicate a significant problem. But it is now the case that the annual figure for 2013 in each of these categories exceeds the amount that we budgeted for 2014, despite the fact that when the 2014 budget was prepared we forecast the expected spending for 2013 and took that into account. I plan to assemble detailed information and to look carefully at the next few utility bills to see if we have an underlying problem that we must address.

The Association continues to confront the problem of delinquency on the part of some Owners. At the end of 2013, the total past due, \$32,156, was up from November but was less than at the end of 2012. This result, at least in part, reflects that some of the funds due to the Association have been cleared by bankruptcy actions, not that the funds due have been paid to us. However, the number of units in past-60-day status and the total amount due suggest that we are not seeing a continuous flow of new problem situations, but rather a stable problem situation.



## INFO FROM THE ENGINEER

Chief Engineer, Greg Grimm

### TOILET SUPPLY LINES AND FLOODING

Once again a toilet supply line connector nut has cracked and caused another flood, which damaged the unit and those below it. The problem is the nut at the end of the supply line that screws into the bottom of the toilet tank. In the past, manufacturers made these nuts out of brass or some other sturdy material. As a result, they lasted for years and were trouble-free.

“You need to examine your toilet supply line.”

However, many of today’s toilet supply lines have a cheap plastic nut, so there is no way to tighten them sufficiently without cracking or breaking the nut. Also, over time, the plastic will break down, causing it to fail. The picture below shows a toilet supply line with a cracked plastic nut on the left, and a supply line with a metal nut on the right.

Plastic nut with crack



**You need to examine your toilet supply line. If you see a plastic nut where the line attaches to the bottom of the toilet tank, please call the Management Office for an appointment to have your old supply line replaced with a new, strong, long-**

lasting one that has a metal connector nut. We will do this for **FREE!** We want to insure that you and your neighbors below will not experience this flooding.



# PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

Chair, Al Lambert

Greetings!

On Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC) conducted its first meeting for the New Year in the West Card Room. Management has several major projects for implementation which are extensive in time duration, important to our quality of life, affect the property value, and define us as an upscale homeowners association. The Committee will be working in partnership with Management for the planning, implementation, and follow-up of each initiative. Concurrently, the Committee has self-generated three initiatives with the goal of minimizing the growth of, or stabilizing, the condominium fee. The initiatives not only seek to minimize increases in the condominium fee but also fulfill a civic responsibility to conserve natural resources. One initiative will pursue the conservation of electricity by turning off a few common and corridor lights after 11:00 p.m., or possibly dimming some lights, and/or beginning the transition of installing Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights. But it is still true that turning off lights when not needed provides the greatest savings. Another area of potential utility cost reductions is common-area energy savings (heating/air conditioning). Corridor temperatures can be reduced in the winter evenings, and settings for air conditioning can be slightly warmer during summer nights. Lastly, initiatives to conserve water—which currently is the most expensive utility cost, exceeding electrical—will be reviewed to identify cost-saving strategies. It would be invaluable if Owners devoted one hour per month to attending a PPOC meeting and contributing their ideas and suggestions on any of the aforementioned initiatives. The alternative is to grumble and gripe about the condominium fee.

One of the PPOC members (Mr. Cecil Williams) did extensive research on cost-saving electrical lighting alternatives during the holidays. Thank you Cecil. In order to conduct an all-embracing discussion on these cost-saving opportunities, the Committee elected to replace the January monthly walk-around with a PPOC-sponsored gathering for residents on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. One can anticipate a

recurrence of this meeting in lieu of the walk-around in February. Please attend and share your ideas.

Additionally, the Committee made three recommendations for Board approval. The first was to request that Management explore options to replace the synthetic wood flooring in the lobby floor elevators for both buildings. Because of extremely high utilization, spills, baby carriages, carts and so forth the flooring is permanently marred and discolored. The intent is for Management to learn of flooring options that would replace the current floor in budget year 2015. Secondly, the Committee has identified a water flapper handle to save money on our water bill by reducing 45% of toilet water usage. When disposing of liquid waste the handle is pressed down and a half a tank of water is saved. To dispose of solid waste the lever is lifted up, and a normal full tank of water is expelled. The Committee's recommendation is for the Board to approve the purchase of 10 of these flapper handles for testing by a sample of unit Owners. Lastly, the PPOC recommended that the Board contact the Association Attorney to determine if the West Building Front Lobby Door can be classified as a Reserve Fund budget item because it is failing to fulfill its purpose. That is, a door is supposed to both permit entry/exit of residents and to control the physical atmosphere by regulating air drafts so interiors can be properly heated and cooled. The door is failing to perform the latter purpose. A door is identical to any other existing framework or structure in that it can be replaced if it is damaged, broken, in need of repair, or cannot fulfill its design and functional purpose.

For the replacement of the enclosure over the bridge connecting the garage and the East Building Lobby, the PPOC has recommended that the replacement design options contain some sort of door to minimize air drafts.

The next PPOC meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. As always, I welcome your feedback on this article or any matter pertaining to the PPOC. This is your home! We welcome you to join us. Thank You!



## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chair, Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Due to the inclement weather the Management Office closed early; therefore, no Management representative attended the session. A review of the financial statements for the month of December showed a total income of \$351,349. Total expenditures for December were \$262,352. Total reserve contributions for the month were the usual \$116,214, leaving a net loss before taxes of \$27,217. We paid \$5,000 in estimated taxes in December, resulting in a total deficit for the past month of \$32,217. We will report to you the total figures for the year 2013 in March after the auditor has completed his review.

Rental-occupied apartments decreased last month to 129 from 135, which was the last number we reported in December. At this point 23% of the apartments are rented; the remaining 427 units are either Owner-occupied, not yet sold or rented, or deliberately left vacant by Owners who did not wish to do anything at this time.

The major culprits that cause the budget deficits remain the utilities: the electricity account, which was more than \$27,400 over budget, and the water

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and sewer account, which was some \$7,300 over budget. The December electricity bill probably reflects the exceptionally cold month we had; if so, the January charges should also show a significant increase compared to January of last year. As our Treasurer Karen Johnson mentioned in her report, she plans to identify the causes for the growing electricity costs by tracking the volume of usage. She is undertaking a similar project to identify the peaks in the volume of water usage.

Another issue the FMC discussed was the possibility of finding ways to increase revenue. We decided to add this as a separate agenda item for the February meeting, and FMC members were asked to submit ideas for consideration. Residents who have ideas are welcome to share them with us at the February session. We note, however, that we have to remain careful not to violate any requirement that qualifies us for our tax-exempt status.

Because the third Monday in February is a holiday, the FMC will meet the next Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We urge members of our Skyline House community to join us and give us the benefit of your advice.



## SECURITY, SAFETY, AND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Chair, Diane M. Zierhoffer

The Security, Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee meeting was held on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

At the December meeting of the Fairfax County Community Action Committee (CAC), Santa's Ride was discussed. Toys were collected from members for this event to provide gifts to children in hospitals during the holiday. Appreciation was expressed for food provided for the Thanksgiving dinner by CAC members, and members were asked to donate again for a dinner to be provided to officers on duty on

Christmas day. The CAC's January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Management Office reported that a staff member had observed a speeding incident in the parking garage. A letter was sent to the resident and condo Owner about the incident.

A final draft of the Skyline House Emergency Action Plan (EAP) was approved and sent forward to the Management Office and the Board President for final review and approval for publication. The EAP

includes information for many types of emergencies for which residents should be prepared.

Because there has been some vandalism at night on the penthouse floors, it is recommended that motion sensors be added to cameras in order to trigger a message to the Front Desk/security staff that someone is up there. Security personnel could adjust their patrols accordingly and perhaps help us cut down on the vandalism. Residents in attendance expressed concern about security personnel issues. A complaint was made that Front Desk personnel allow people to be buzzed in without fobs, and then allow people to pass through without signing in. A complaint was made that the garage is left open sometimes and security staff are not present to guard the door. Specifically, during the weekend of January 4-5, when there was ice on the driveway, the door was left open. To prevent any damages to the door

“...there has been some vandalism at night on the penthouse floors...”

from residents’ cars sliding down and hitting it, management opens the door during inclement weather.

Mr. Mendil, the supervisor of our contracted security personnel, who works the evening shift weeknights from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., was invited to present for 15 minutes at our next committee meeting. He has

agreed and will provide a 10-minute presentation, leaving 5 minutes for questions. After his presentation, residents will be encouraged to submit questions to the Committee which can then be answered on the website or discussed at future meetings.

The SS&NWC will next meet on March 12<sup>th</sup>.



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Chair, Janice Hill

“...a nutritionist will talk to the Skyline House community on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, about healthy living.”

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) and Ad Hoc Communications Initiative Committee met on Thursday,

January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room with seven Owners attending. The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the last meeting.

The Inova Fairfax Hospital Speakers Bureau confirmed that a nutritionist will talk to the Skyline House community on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, about healthy living. This will be an informational chat with questions and answers. This event will take place in conjunction with the next meeting of the CRC, which begins at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.

Next we continued our discussion about requesting our State legislators’ assistance in amending our By-Laws. We discussed this in detail at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting, and any document submitted will be forwarded to the Board for review and approval.

We then focused on the Ad Hoc Communications Initiative. Over the past six months the Committee has identified two root causes of our communications concerns: communications methods and Owner engagement. At the last several Committee meetings, as well as the Board meetings, these issues have been discussed extensively.

In terms of communications methods, two initiatives have started, One Call Now and Nextdoor. Management is in the process of setting up One Call Now, a new procedure to improve communication with Owners and residents, using e-mails, texting, and phone messages. Information about the new system was mailed to each Owner and all tenants in November. Also, this past summer, an Owner started Nextdoor, a social networking service for the Skyline House community. Both of these initiatives are aimed at improving communications.

In terms of better engagement with Owners/residents, two efforts are underway. The Recreation Committee has a proposal to assist Owners, particularly new Owners, with learning more about the Skyline House community. The other initiative, to present an Open

House for Residents, was discussed at the last Board meeting. Work is underway, and we anticipate these efforts will be rolled out within the next several months.

Since these initiatives are implemented or will be in the near future, we voted to end the Ad Hoc Communications Committee. Our work is done. At the Board meeting, the Board accepted our

recommendation and formally ended this Ad Hoc Committee.

As always we seek your ideas, suggestions and feedback. Please join us and our special guest from Inova Fairfax Hospital at our next meeting on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. We look forward to seeing you!



## COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Chair, Manuela Guill

During the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee discussed comments on the draft 2014 Rules and Regulations which were submitted by the deadline of January 8<sup>th</sup>. A total of six submissions were received from Covenants Committee members, Management staff, one Owner, and one anonymous contributor. The Committee made minor changes or additions for clarification to eight rules based on this feedback. Board Members have received the final draft for review and will vote to approve it at their February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Once the document is signed, it will be made available in paper and electronic copies to all Owners and tenants. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to review it.

Regarding the upcoming Skyline House Annual Meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>, if an Owner is interested in running for a Board vacancy, the deadline is February 7<sup>th</sup>. Nomination forms can be found on the SHUOA website or obtained from the Management Office or Reception Desk. Outreach events will be conducted at Skyline House before the Annual Meeting to inform Owners of the proposed By-Laws amendments and to help them learn about the Board candidates. Be sure to watch for the notices on our bulletin boards around the building to get dates and times for these events.



## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON UNIT-OWNER VOTER EDUCATION

Chair, Tina Dove

The Ad Hoc Committee met in December to devise a plan for informing unit Owners of the proposed By-Law changes being put to a vote in March. The decision was made to create five one-page information sheets outlining the proposed changes that would be posted on the SHUOA website and disseminated to all unit Owners. The hope is that these will make the proposed changes easily digestible for all.

We will hold an open forum on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the West Card Room at which unit Owners can learn about and discuss the

proposed changes with each other. Flyers announcing the date, time and location for this open forum will be posted throughout Skyline House, and information will be posted on the SHUOA website. The Committee also plans to be available to answer questions about the proposed changes at Meet the Candidates Night, which will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the West Party Room.

Individuals who have questions about the proposed By-Law changes or the activities listed above can contact Tina Dove, SHUOA Board member and Ad Hoc Committee chairperson, at [tdove@shuoa.org](mailto:tdove@shuoa.org).



## **PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNIT OWNERS**

In advance of the March 25<sup>th</sup> elections, when Owners will vote on candidates for the Board of Directors and on proposed changes to the Skyline House By-Laws, you will have the following opportunities to learn about and discuss the proposed changes. The written materials you will receive may not explain the proposals to your satisfaction. Being able to hear and ask about these proposals can greatly increase your understanding. Please take advantage of the following opportunities to become a well-informed Owner prepared to vote with confidence.

**February 12: Informal Voter Outreach in the Main Lobby from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Fellow Owners who have studied the proposed changes carefully will be available to explain them and to answer your questions.

**February 19: Open Forum in the West Card Room 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Learn about and discuss the proposals with your fellow Owners. Board and Committee members will be available to explain proposals and answer your questions.

**March 3: Informal Voter Outreach in the Main Lobby from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Another opportunity to increase your understanding of the proposals through one-on-one discussions with knowledgeable Unit Owners.

**March 11: Meet The Candidates Night in the West Party Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Candidates for the Board of Directors will introduce themselves and answer your questions about their candidacy. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Voter



## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**Chair, Sharon Milton**

The Recreation Committee met in the West Card room at 7:00 p.m. on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Holiday Party**

The Holiday Party worked well. The Gift Exchange was a lot of fun. The food dishes were evenly distributed in that strange way of Pot Luck. The Party Room was beautiful thanks to the work of the Housekeeping Staff.

### **New Year's Eve Party**

Approximately 40 people showed up before 2014 arrived. We had a good 50/50. The winner was new to these events, and claimed she had never won anything before. Not asking people to sign up, but instead inviting them just to show up, seems to have been a good idea.

## Future Events

**SUPER BOWL:** The Super Bowl Party will start at 6:00 p.m. on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the West Party Room. Guests are being asked to sign up at the Front Desk or online. They are asked to bring a dish to share that will feed 5-6 people and to indicate (generally) what type of food they will bring. The Committee will provide: Chili, Soda, Chips, Salsa, Water and Coffee. There will be a 50/50.

**TGIF:** There will be a TGIF on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room. As an added attraction, this will be a Movie Night. Movie to be determined. The TGIF for April will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room.



## GARDEN CLUB

Chair, Al Lambert

What's happening? Many of us frown at, or are skeptical about, New Year Resolutions. However, the Garden Club is an entity, so it is easier to identify objectives or goals that are achievable in some form or fashion in a new year. Along with

**NATIONALS GAME:** The Recreation Committee would like to arrange a bus trip to a Nationals game this spring, probably in May. Please let the Committee know your preferences for weekday or weekend and day or night games.

**BBQ:** The first BBQ of the year will be held at the end of May. There will be preregistration. A \$5.00 fee will pay for meat, buns, condiments, plates, water, soda, flatware, and glasses. Guests will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Unregistered guests will be asked to pay \$7.50.

The Committee will not meet in February or March. The next meeting will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> in the West Card Room at 7:00 p.m.

the planting of flowers, the goals this year are to complete the tree-replacement project and add shrubs and bushes to improve the annual winter landscape for 2014/2015. As weather permits, leaf mulch will continue to be added to the landscape.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

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

Services provided are typically short-term and in the local area.

For example, picking up mail or prescriptions or making small grocery purchases.

Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should call 911 immediately.

### February

**Louise Albin, 703-379-1645**

**Alina Gonzalez, 703-379-5391**

Good Neighbors welcomes new members to assist those in need.

If you are interested in serving your neighbors, call Coordinator Toska Prather or Virginia Fissmer.

Their contact information is listed in the newsletter directory.

## **MAGAZINE DONATIONS FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS**

Thank you very much to the Skyline residents who have been faithfully donating their magazines via the **collection box located at the Front Desk**. Your contributions are routinely distributed to Alexandria Hospital and other medical facilities such as Chemotherapy and Dialysis Units and Cardiology and Specialized Medicine waiting rooms. Your donated magazines provide much needed distraction for patients awaiting or going through difficult medical procedures and help to break up some very long hours for family members and friends accompanying and visiting those patients.

**Please remember:**

**Magazines only**, and only magazines published **within the last three months**.

**Please don't submit** store catalogs or ads, travel brochures, calendars, college/church/alumni bulletins, etc.

If you have any questions regarding this much-appreciated program, please call Marilyn Baker at 703-671-6759.

## **Emergency Action Plan**

The Security, Safety, and Neighborhood Watch Committee

put together an Emergency Action Plan

for

Skyline House residents

It is posted on our website at:

<http://www.shuoa.org/governance/ssnwc.html>.

**Please download it, print it, read it, and share with your family.**



# SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

## February 2014

([WWW.SHUOA.ORG](http://WWW.SHUOA.ORG))



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 <b>Super Bowl</b> 6:00 p.m. W. Party Room	3 <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	11	12	13 <b>PPOC</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m. W. Card Room	14 <b>TGIF</b> 7:00-10:00 p.m. W. Party Room	15
16	17 <b>President's Day</b> <b>Library Closed</b>	18	19	20 <b>CRC</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m. W. Card Room Inova Guest Speaker on Healthy Living	21	22
23	24 <b>Library Open</b> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. <b>East Penthouse</b> <b>FMC</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m. W. Card Room	25	26 <b>Board</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m. W. Card Room	27	28	
<b>GOOD NEIGHBORS: Louise Albin, 703-379-1645; Alina Gonzalez, 703-379-5391</b>						

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