

The House Special



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Maria Elena Schacknies

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The Board of Directors met on April 23rd. I want to welcome our new Board member, Manuela Guill, who graciously agreed to become Secretary of the Board, We are very fortunate to have Manuela on our Board.

Thank you, Board members, for electing me President of the Board for a fourth consecutive year. I promise that I will continue to fulfill my duties and do the best job I can. Knowing

that I can count on the advice and support of all of my fellow volunteers gives me strength. I look forward to a very productive and enjoyable year at Skyline House.

The remaining months of this year will be very work-intensive for the Management Office, and I am requesting that all Committees be aware of this fact. Let me explain what I mean. The pool deck requires a major repair job, the enclosure over bridge from the East Building to the garage will be replaced, the garage floors have to be re-sealed, and the pavement re-surfacing must be completed. At the same time, budget preparation begins and must be completed for Board approval in October. Of course, we want proposed projects to continue developing, but we should place our confidence in Management to stay on top of things and rely more on monthly Management reports and dialog at Board meetings for information on progress to date. If Board members need to involve Management in additional activities or inquiries, please refrain from doing so until these projects have been completed. We need Management to focus on ensuring that the aforementioned work is done well and completed on time without problems.

“Let us all keep informed and cooperate...”

Residents should be aware that the repairs entail major logistical efforts which will affect us all. Let us all keep informed and cooperate when the time comes to move our cars to the PMI garage across the street for a few days so that the re-pavement and garage repairs can take place. These tasks are tentatively scheduled for May and September, respectively.

The Board approved the following three contracts:

- To Emtech for replacement of the main energy management software system and network controller box.
- To Whitlock, Dalrymple, Poston & Associates to oversee the garage sealant project.
- To Kolb Electric for repair of the Garage D Level exhaust fans.

As you will notice in this month’s calendar, the West Card Room has been renamed the Association Meeting Room.

I am pleased to announce Frank Szumilo as the new Chair of the Covenants Committee. Frank has been a member of this Committee for many years. We are very grateful to him for agreeing to take on this responsibility. The Covenants Committee will meet quarterly. The next meeting will take place in June. New members are needed and will be enthusiastically welcomed.

Our dear longtime neighbor Carlos Ruiz passed away on April 5th. My condolences to Lisa and her family.



MANAGEMENT

General Manager, Michelle Brown Slaughter

Garage Repair Project

Fairfax County inspected and approved the garage repairs. Management is awaiting the final report from both Concrete Protection and Restoration and Whitlock, Dalrymple, Poston & Associates (WDP) so that the final invoices can be paid and the project closed out.

Asphalt Repairs on Easement Driveway

Skyline Plaza was paid \$11,033 for the asphalt repairs completed on the easement driveway in 2013. Payment was in accordance with the Consent Decree between the Plaza and SHUOA, which requires SHUOA to pay 5% of the total repair costs.

Asphalt Repairs on Skyline House Driveways and Circle Area

Our driveways and front circle areas are scheduled to be resealed and striped mid-May. The project was approved last year, but it delayed due to schedule conflicts with the asphalt work at Skyline Plaza. Wheel stops will also be installed in the West guest parking areas.

Pool Deck Project

Management and the Physical Plant and Operations Ad Hoc Committee met with WDP at their office on March 19th to review and discuss the pool deck exploratory report. The discussion included but was not limited to: (1) remove the East brick planter boxes; (2) re-water-proof the entire pool deck system; (3) replace existing concrete deck surface with an impervious non-slip material; (4) salvage the pool coping tiles wherever possible; (5) determine if existing fencing meets current code; and (6) while the lift equipment is available during the bridge project, open the post tension (PT) cable tendons on the East brick wall to determine if any deterioration has occurred. Management spoke with a County representative to help clarify Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements that would generate an additional 20% or more to the total projected cost. Their determination is that our project is considered an alteration of the existing pool deck, versus a repair. Therefore, we are required to comply

with the County's code. We plan to seek further input from a higher level at the County.

Bridge Enclosure Replacement Project

At the above-mentioned March 19th meeting with WDP, Management and the PPOC Ad Hoc Committee also reviewed and discussed the bridge report. Three proposals were received and reviewed. The Kalwall panel system was discussed at length. A meeting with Management, a PPOC Ad-Hoc Committee member, and a representative from Kalwall gave us a better understanding of the Kalwall panel system. An evening meeting will be scheduled for those who were unable to attend. Some of the nearby businesses where we can see the Kalwall systems in place are:

- Prince Georges Sports & Learning Center – Largo, MD
- Gunston Hall – Alexandria, VA
- Kaiser-Tysons Corner, VA
- The Double Tree Hotel – Arlington, VA

Computer Projects

A new server was installed by our IT company in the server cabinet that was donated by John (Matt) Knieriem, a former PPOC member. In addition, our in-house staff constructed a server room in the Accounting Office to house the new equipment.

Mice complaint

It would cost The Association in excess of an unbudgeted \$10,000 for mice extermination service of all 559 units at Skyline House. Management was notified of a complaint about mice that was posted on the *Next Door* website. We immediately followed up not only with the resident, but also with the Owner. The resident was instructed to follow proper procedures and provide access to their unit on numerous occasions. Only because of the full cooperation of the Owner, the unit has been, and will continue to be, treated by our extermination contractor. Management will act upon all resident requests made once we are aware of a situation. But each Owner and/or resident is responsible for contacting the Front Desk in order to be placed on the schedule for weekly extermination, which occurs

every Wednesday. Residents must also: (1) leave a key and admit slip if they will not be home; and (2) provide specific information to let the exterminator know where the problem was observed, so he knows where to look in the unit, and can determine the best treatment. Services will continue in any unit until the problem is resolved. Owners and residents can also use over-the-counter solutions (i.e., traps, and bait etc.).

Attorney Fees for Unit Owner Collections

\$1,900 was paid to the Association's attorney in March 2014 for routine delinquency collections, which included one unit that is pending a judicial foreclosure.

Attorney Fees for General Services

\$1,812 was paid to the Association's attorney in March 2014 for legal advice regarding the By-Laws and election issues and other general legal services.

Collections Update: \$14,834 (March 2014)

Delinquencies

Four units owe \$9,200 for delinquencies that are 60 days or more past due. Eleven units owe \$5,635 for delinquencies that are 10-59 days past due. Collection is being handled by the Association's Attorney.

ITEMS AWAITING ACTION BY THE BOARD

The Financial Management Committee has recommended, and requests the Board's approval of, the following proposals for Management to implement:

\$9,990 for replacement by Emtech of the Honeywell WEB403 main energy management system software and network controller box. The software system must be upgraded as it is old and outdated, and will no longer be serviced. This is the only company that will provide this service since it is their proprietary software. The cost is included in the 2014 Reserve Budget.

\$8,635 for WDP to oversee the garage sealant project. WDP has provided their proposal to oversee the garage sealant project. The cost is not included in the 2014 Reserve Budget as a separate line item, but will be paid from the Engineering Consulting account.

\$4,426 to Kolb Electric for repair of the garage D-level exhaust fans. A proposal was received to repair the two D-level exhaust fans in the garage. The \$4,426 expense is under the \$5,000 requirement for three bids. The expense is not in the 2014 budget, but the repair is a health and safety concern.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM MANAGEMENT

ASPHALT REPAIRS

Asphalt repairs are scheduled for May 19th thru May 23rd weather permitting:

WEST Building Exterior Parking: May 19th thru May 21st

- This includes the front circle drive, driveways, assigned parking, and all guest parking.
- **NO deliveries, move-ins or move-outs will be scheduled.**

EAST Building Exterior Parking: May 21st thru May 23rd

- This includes all East parking areas and driveways.
- **NO deliveries, move-ins or move-outs will be scheduled.**

The Management Office will contact those who park outside during the first week of May in order to coordinate **alternate parking** during the asphalt repairs. If you will be out of town during that week and plan to leave your car parked outside in either the East or West, please contact Noemi in the Management office immediately, so that alternate parking arrangements can be made. **Please plan accordingly.** We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation!

COMPUTER PROJECT:

John (Matt) Knieriem, a former PPOC member, donated a computer server cabinet. His donation saved the Association \$1,500 - \$2,000, the cost of purchasing a new one.

NOTICE

Due to Asphalt Sealcoating and Striping for West Building surface parking area, there will be

Two-way traffic at East Garage Entrance Door

Mon, May 19th & Tues, May 20th

All vehicles from **WEST** outdoor spaces including Guest parking must be

removed by 7:00 a.m. Monday

or will be towed at owner's risk and expense

NOTICE

Due to Asphalt Sealcoating and Striping for East Building surface parking area, there will be

Two-way traffic at West Garage Exit Door

Wed, May 21st & Thur, May 22nd

All vehicles from **EAST** outdoor parking spaces must be removed by 7:00 a.m. Wednesday or will be towed at owner's risk and expense

INTERCOM PHONES

Some residents not answering their intercom phones. Some have stated that their intercom phone does not work. Management has informed residents that **the intercom phone is a requirement**. We continue to encourage residents to contact the Management Office if there is a problem with their intercom phone. These phones are an essential mode of communication between the resident and the Front Desk.

In a related matter, we also request residents to call the Front Desk in advance to inform us when a guest and/or food delivery is expected so they can be sent to the unit. We also promote the use of admit slips when residents are scheduled for repairs, or if realtors need access to the unit, but the resident will not be home.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR FRONT DESK PACKAGE PICK-UPS

Effective June 1st, 2014, in addition to signing for all packages received at the Front Desk, all residents who receive a notice of a package from the Front Desk will be required to show a valid driver's license or valid photo ID in order to take possession of packages at the Front Desk. So please remember to bring your valid photo ID with you before leaving your apartment to pick up any package, effective June 1st.

SHUT-OFF VALVE PLUMBING REPAIRS

The Board of Directors would like to engage a professional plumbing company that would offer a

group discount for replacement of aging water shut-off valves and pressure-reducing regulators within individual units. **If you are interested in having this type of work done in your unit, please notify the Management Office at info@shuoa.org no later than May 30th, 2014.** Once we have an idea of how many Owners want to update these fixtures, we can discuss costs and other details with the company. If we are able to negotiate a worthwhile rate, we will then arrange a sign-up sheet for Owners to request this service.

MICE CONTROL: NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NOVA) CONSTRUCTION

We anticipate that the use of ground-moving equipment during the construction project at neighboring NOVA that is scheduled to begin in May or June 2014 will cause an infiltration of mice throughout the Skyline area. As a proactive measure, Management has already requested our extermination contractor to place additional bait traps throughout the property. **HOWEVER, we need residents to stop throwing food over the balconies and/or leaving bags of trash in your homes, or the trash rooms.** Food draws mice on the exterior grounds of the property, to your homes, and to our trash rooms. **If you see someone (or their children) in the act of throwing food (or anything else) over balconies, please report it immediately to the Front Desk, or to the Management Office. This is your home; help us keep it clean and free from mice and vermin!**

**TREASURER'S COMMENTARY**

Treasurer, Karen H. Johnson

Financial data through the end of March are now available. In this report, I will cover our financial outcome through the first three months, one quarter of our budget year.

With respect to our income, we have recorded just slightly less than the amount budgeted. This is the net result of less-than-expected income from the rent of facilities and from in-unit maintenance. Above-

expected income from move-in/refinance charges offset this shortfall.

Regarding expenses during the first three months, payroll and the related other costs are approximately on budget. Taken together, legal fees are slightly less than budgeted as a result of less spending on legal costs related to unit Owner expenses. Our books currently show allocation to bad debt provisions that is less than budgeted, but I expect that will be restated

shortly and put back on budget. We have so far experienced some net saving in spending on insurance. Utilities over the three months are close to budget; electricity remains over budget, but water costs have come in below the budgeted amount. For the spending items on maintenance and supplies, we are about on budget so far, although there are offsets of greater-than-budgeted and less-than-budgeted amounts for individual items. Contract spending remains on track, with trash removal and security spending each showing spending under budget. Even snow removal costs are within budget, although we will need good outcomes in November and December to end the

year on budget. Over all, with the expected restatement of bad debt allocation, our expenses are a bit below what we had budgeted. Our outcome for the operating budget during the first three months is about as expected and healthy.

Our situation with respect to delinquent payments from Owners remains stable. We have a total amount of \$14,834 past due to the Association from 15 Owners. This number does reflect that some amounts have been written off as a result of bankruptcy filed by the Owner. Our attorney continues to work to recover amounts more than 60 days in arrears.



INFO FROM THE ENGINEER

Chief Engineer, Greg Grimm

Spring is here! So it must be time for your annual preventative heat pump maintenance service to be completed. Our Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning preventative maintenance (PM) includes the following services at a very affordable cost:

1. Check refrigerant levels
2. Clean the evaporator coils
3. Clean the drain pan
4. Flush the drain lines
5. Add an algaecide treatment package to the drain pan (to prevent clogging)

Due to the numerous filter sizes throughout the buildings, we do not bring filters with us when we perform this service. If you think you need a filter, and you want us to replace it, please have it in your unit at the time of your scheduled appointment. You can purchase most filter sizes at the lobby Front Desk. Or you can purchase one from the vendor of your choice. If your heat pump fails to operate in heat or cool mode, check your filter and change it. More than 50% of all heat and cool repair calls are due to dirty filters. Remember: It is your responsibility to change the filter on a regular

basis. Doing so will keep your heat pump in good working condition!

FREE! TOILET SUPPLY LINES REPLACED

Many resident/Owners still have not requested a replacement of their toilet supply lines that attach to the bottom of the toilet tank with a plastic nut. 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. However, almost all 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, or stressing it to the point that it will break in the future. Also, over time, the plastic will break down, causing it to fail.

You need to examine your toilet supply line. If you see a white plastic nut where the line attaches to the bottom of the toilet tank, please call the Management Office for an appointment. We will replace your old supply line with a new, strong, long-lasting metal connector nut **FREE!** We want to insure that you and your neighbors below will not experience flooding caused by a broken plastic supply line nut.



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS

Chair, Al Lambert

Greetings!

On Thursday, April 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC), not having formally met in March, resumed the task of reviewing pending projects, discussing future initiatives to reduce operating costs, and exploring ways to augment Skyline House amenities.

At the beginning of the meeting, a committee member (Mike Hanson) who has undertaken the task of analyzing the Association's Virginia Power electrical bill to identify systemic costs, provided insight on the changing pricing structure related to the seasons, calendar days, and daily timeframes in which the unit cost of electricity changes.

Thereafter, the first undertaking was to approve the installation of electrical wiring for the two garage exhaust fans on the lower D Level. The current wiring (cable) from the fans to the electrical power source was installed underneath the concrete floor. There is a short in this cable; hence a new power cable must be installed from the fans to a distant power source. The exhaust fans are required by county code and must be operational. The Committee recommended that Kolb Electric install new cable at a cost of \$4,426. The second project reviewed was replacement of the Honeywell main energy management system network controller at a cost of \$9,990 by Emtech Inc. This firm understands our existing hardware and software and has a good reputation in the industry. The final project submitted by Management for PPOC action was a bid from Whitlock, Darlrymple, & Poston (WDP) to provide oversight of the scheduled garage sealant project this year. This is the same contractor that completed the garage repairs last year. The Committee recommended approval of \$8,635 for consulting fees. The next topic, a proposal to renovate the two restrooms (women & men) on the Penthouse levels in both buildings, was presented by a committee member for future action. The Committee will formally review and discuss a

"... keep our grounds free of litter."

recommended course of action at the May meeting. The final topic for committee discussion was the procurement of three air curtains for our main entrance/exit doors (West Building main entrance, main lobby, and bridge-way entrance doors). The Committee recommended that funding be allocated for the purchase of three air curtains in the 2015 budget at a total cost of \$6,000. As a final note, the PPOC will host an energy-saving meeting on Thursday, April 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. This was a continuation of the effort to implement energy-saving initiatives such as using light sensors to turn off gallery and main lobby lights during daylight hours.

The next PPOC meeting will be on Thursday, May 8th, 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!

Footnote: Littering and cigarette butts. Sadly, we are experiencing detrimental behavior from a few of our residents. There are instances where residents (adults, unsupervised children or visitors) are discarding food items such as raw fruits, pre-packaged foods and meat products over the balcony onto the lawn. When visitors see the littering they tend to form the wrong opinion of Skyline House, and this brings down property values. Even if one is not planning to sell their unit, the mere sight of litter is offensive and lowers the quality of the neighborhood. Finally, food in open areas attracts rodents, mice, and small animals such as possums or raccoons. Rodents and mice could then enter our building and possibly subsequently your home. Small animals can be rabid and on rare occasions could bite a small child or adult. We do not have a rodent or insect issue because of an ongoing and active pest prevention program. However, discarding food on the grounds will neutralize the pest prevention program. Please monitor children's behavior and enlist the support of all family members and friends to keep our grounds free of litter. Cigarette butts are probably the most littered item in the United States. Damage to our

flowers and shrubs results when numerous butts are discarded over the balcony onto the rose bushes or other small plants. Please ask family members to

extinguish cigarettes and dispose of them properly within the confines of the residence. Thank you!



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Chair, Wynfred Joshua

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on Monday, April 21st. A review of the financial statements for the month of March showed a total income of \$362,222. Total expenditures for March were \$220,488. Total reserve contributions for the month were \$119,409, leaving a net income before taxes of \$22,325. This is about \$3,000 more than we projected in the budget for this month.

Most expenditures were roughly in line with budgetary calculations. Our traditional problem accounts—utilities—were more than we had projected; notably, electricity was almost \$3,000 over budget for the month, but this was due to the exceptionally cold March we had. Snow removal was up, some \$3,700 over budget, reflecting the past snowy winter. Nevertheless, if we do not have any more snow storms until the end of the year, we will still be within our snow removal budget.

Rental-occupied apartments remained at 22% even though the actual number decreased to 121 units for the month of March. The remaining 435 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.

FMC members discussed the four proposals to enhance revenue: fees for storing bicycles in the bike rooms; advertisements in our monthly newsletter; access to an ATM machine in Skyline House for Skyline House residents; and use of a meeting room for realtor closings. The proposal for access to an ATM machine will come directly from the approached bank to the Management Office and will be submitted to the Security, Safety, and Neighborhood Watch Committee for its review before submission to the Board. The FMC requested that the proposals be finalized, to include procedures for collecting the funds. We plan to distribute the proposals as soon as possible to the FMC membership

for final review and submission to the Board at its May meeting.

The FMC unanimously adopted for recommendation to the Board the following three proposals:

- (1) To award to Kolb Electric a contract for \$4,426 to repair the wiring to the exhaust fans in the garage at the D level. This is clearly a health and safety issue as well as a legal requirement. Kolb has performed more than satisfactory electrical work for us on numerous occasions. While this project has not been provided for in the reserve budget for this year, it can be charged to the budget under our cash flow system.
- (2) To award a contract for \$9,990 to Emtech Inc. to upgrade our energy management system. Our current main network controller will no longer be serviced and will be replaced and upgraded as needed to provide proper control of the existing Building Automation System. Emtech was the only company prepared to upgrade the software system, since the software is proprietary. It offered a one-year installation warranty. Components would fall under factory warranty. Funds are available in our reserve budget.
- (3) To award to Whitlock, Dalrymple, Poston & Associates (WDP) a contract for \$8,635 to provide the engineering oversight of the garage sealant project. WDP has worked with us on several garage projects and is intimately familiar with our garage structure. Funds are available in the reserve budget.

The next meeting of the FMC will be on Monday, May 19th. We welcome members of our Skyline

House community to join us and share their views with us.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Chair, Janice Hill

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) met on Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. The CRC hosted a town hall meeting with officials from the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Alexandria campus concerning an upcoming NOVA construction project. On the land currently occupied by Parking Lot B, the college will construct a new building. It will replace the Tyler Building. When the new building has been completed, the Tyler Building will be demolished and replaced by a parking lot.

NOVA officials shared with Skyline House the details of the project including timeline and answered

questions about the project. NOVA officials also agreed to provide advance notice to Skyline House residents concerning major construction activities. The CRC will share this information with the Skyline House community.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 15th (third Thursday). The meeting agenda will be posted to the bulletin boards in May. We are continuing our focus on healthy living and will discuss upcoming events at the May meeting.

Please join us at our next meeting! We are interested in your thoughts and suggestions.



COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Chair, Frank Szumilo

The Covenants Committee last met on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room, with four members and the Chairperson present. This is the last report to be submitted by Manuela Guill, who was elected to the Board of Directors and must therefore vacate her position on the Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Board had approved the final draft of the SHUOA Rules & Regulations Handbook at its February 26th meeting. The group then discussed proposed methods of distribution to Owners and tenants. Subsequent to our meeting, a notice appeared in the April newsletter informing residents that the new Rules & Regulations will be posted on the Association website at www.shuoa.org. The notice also requested that they inform the Management Office regarding whether they would like to receive their copy in a printed booklet or via e-mail.

The Committee reviewed a draft of the Supplemental Rules & Code of Conduct which were revised to match the updated 'Rule 24: Swimming Pool' and the

revised Fairfax County ordinance. The final draft of this document, which was also reviewed by Management, was submitted for approval at the April 23rd Board Meeting, in time for the opening of the 2014 pool season. The Committee recommends that the revised swimming pool Supplemental Rules & Code of Conduct be approved and that Management disseminate them to residents as necessary.

Given the comprehensive work done on updating the Rules & Regulations, which should remain unchanged for the next few years, and the fact that no committee hearings were necessary for serious rules violations during 2013, the Chair recommended that the Committee meet only quarterly, or as necessary, for the remainder of 2014 and beyond. Members present all agreed. This proposal was approved by the new Board on March 25th, 2014 following the Annual Meeting.

Since the Chair was elected to the Board at the 2014 Annual Meeting, the March Covenants Committee was the last one she could vote at or chair, per a 2010

Board Resolution. Given the need to finish the updated Rules Handbook project, the Chair will continue to present related recommendations to the

Board and finish the distribution process with Management. Frank Szumilo, a member of the Covenants Committee, has accepted the position.



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair, Sharon Milton

The Recreation Committee met on April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. Eight members were present, and we made final plans for the following events.

April 11th T.G.I.F., held in the West Party Room 7:00 p.m., was reserved for adults, who were to bring their own adult beverage and a snack to share. Coffee, tea, and water were provided. The Krumweidie's agreed to host this event as both Mike Hanson and I had other obligations. This went off smoothly. It is good to have some depth on our committee.

On Sunday, April 27th, in the West Party Room from noon to 2:00 p.m., we hosted a brunch-coffee for established and new residents to explore the assets of Skyline House. This gathering provided a welcoming social environment for questions and answers about our home. Refreshments included croissants,

muffins, cheese tray, fruit tray, coffee, tea, and water.

At our May 5th Committee meeting, we will finalize plans for the Memorial Day BBQ. This will take place from 12:00 to 3:00 on Monday May 26th, Memorial Day in the afternoon, by the pool. We will provide meat, buns, condiments, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, water, pop, potato salad, and chips. The final ticket price will be determined by the anticipated costs. Bryant Stukes is going to provide the price. Last year we charged \$5 a plate and made up the difference from our funds. There will be one price for presale and a higher price at the door. Guests will be asked to provide side dishes or dessert. We learned from last year's BBQ and can therefore plan better. Our purchasing estimates and decisions can be much more precise. For example, since we sold only two veggie burgers last year, they will not be an option for May. And we will not have to rent a BBQ pit.



GARDEN CLUB

Chair, Al Lambert

What's happening? It seems as if Old Man Winter is reluctantly departing and spring is getting some traction. Everyone seems delighted to see any flowers or indications of green amongst plants, shrubs and trees. In between promising bursts of spring and a brief reemergence of winter, the Garden Club has achieved some plantings.

As residents depart the garage and proceed up the incline, they pass a small Venus Dogwood tree between two older trees in distress. The intent is that they enjoy the small tree (with spring flowers) as it matures and ultimately replaces the two aging trees. As they reach the mid-point and cross the speed bump, they will notice on the left a row of Gulf Stream Nandinas, evergreen shrubs that will

provide color through all four seasons (particularly in the winter). Finally, as one approaches the right curve and the chain link fence, several new evergreen flowering vines at the fence line come into view. These vines grow rapidly and will ultimately block the view of Build America, providing a more pleasing landscape. A glance to the right reveals a bald patch of soil concealing a tree stump which will ultimately be planted with grass. Nearby is a small crape myrtle that displays lavender blooms and will have orange-red foliage in the fall season. Last but not least, as the nurseries begin to stock and sell colorful flowers, planting will commence with mixing and matching that should please the eye.

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.

May

June Baker, 703-824-3619

Toska Prather, 703-379-7849

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.



SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

May 2014

(WWW.SHUOA.ORG)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Recreation 7:00 - 8:00p.m. Meeting Room Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	6	7	8 Physical Plant & Operations 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. W. Card Room	9	10
11	12 Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	13	14 SSNW 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting Room	15 CRC 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting Room	16	17
18	19 Financial Management 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting Room Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 BBQ 12 – 3 p.m. Mezzanine Library Open 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. East Penthouse	27	28 Board 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meeting Room	29	30	31
GOOD NEIGHBORS: June Baker, 703-824-3619; Toska Prather, 703-379-7849						

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