

THE HOUSE SPECIAL

NEWSLETTER OF THE SKYLINE HOUSE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

MANAGEMENT REPORT



Building Link:

A second reminder went out to all those that had not returned their updated informational forms. We have received several forms since the reminders went out. We hope to send data over to Building Link during the first two weeks of March for testing.



January 2020 Payments made:

ETC: \$11,710.80 (oversight of pool work)
 EV- Air: \$135,825.93 (Parapet wall work)

Millennium Pools: \$25,650.00 (Pool Demo)
 SKA: \$4,550.00 (Façade Bid work)



Pool Construction:

Most of the contractors have requested to work on Saturdays to make up for rain delays to stay on schedule. Saturday work has been approved with the requirements of no noise before 9am and work stop at 5pm. During the week, contractors are allowed to start at 8am.



GM Search Update:

Tom Willis/ Association Bridge placed our GM replacement ads on February 19th with job banks, local ads, and social media. The core competencies expected of the new GM are posted on both east and west bulletin boards for resident review.



Condo Fee Delinquencies:

One unit was a lender foreclosure on December 12, 2019. The previous owner owed about \$1,800.00 in late fees before the unit went into foreclosure. Our attorney is seeking to collect. One owner is on a continuing payment plan. The Association's attorney is handling the other 5 units. **Total Condo Fees past due as of January 31st was \$ 20,745.00**
As of January 31st, there 25% rental units 75 % owned.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BY RICHARD PORTER, PRESIDENT



President's Report

Our mild weather this winter thus far has allowed work on the plaza to proceed without major interruption. If we can maintain this pace, we should have a good chance of meeting our goal to re-open the pool this summer. This good news should help offset the inconvenience we face with deliveries, which are affecting our use of the garage and some parking spaces.

On a different note, we continue to work with our executive recruiter on identifying candidates for the General Manager position. We have firmed up the qualifications we are looking for in a new General Manager. We have acquainted ourselves with the major new Federal rules concerning emotional support animals and service dogs.

We are also working on getting bids for further facade and balcony work and also exploring our internet and cable options. We continue to prepare for starting Building Link. All of us should sign up to take full advantage of its offerings.

In short, we have a full plate, and we look forward to getting our jobs done. Your Board continues to work cooperatively to that end.

As always, our goal is to provide quality housing and services at the lowest cost.

Notice to Residents:

Due to the Corona Virus in many countries and states, Skyline House is taking additional measures for disinfecting common areas. Housekeeping has been tasked with disinfecting doorknobs, handles, elevator call buttons, etc. throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be placed in common areas and our offices.

We encourage our residents to take preventative measures as well.



Skyline House Management

TREASURER’S COMMENTARY (JAN)

BY KAREN JOHNSON, TREASURER



Preliminary data for the month of December and the year 2019 are now available.

The operating budget ended the year with a surplus of slightly more than \$20,000. This figure corresponds to the sum of the \$10,000 contingency item built

into the operating budget and the \$10,000 insurance deductible. So, on balance, the positive and negative outcomes of the other budget items were offsetting. In this sense, we ended the budget year 2019 about as planned.

Our reserve spending was primarily related to the two major projects that were underway throughout the year.

In the 2019 reserve budget, we had itemized about \$1.7 million of spending, but we knew that we could not know in advance the precise amount of actual expenditures we would experience. In the end, we spent about \$2.5 million. Of the money spent, nearly \$748,000 was for periodic maintenance needs, of which \$732,000 was for work on the façades of the two buildings. Also, replacement spending totaled almost \$1,510,000, of which about \$1,332,000 was for the pool deck, plaza deck, and pool project. Spending on consultants was a bit over \$250,000.

The total contribution to the reserve accounts from our annual income was just about \$1,540,000, so we needed to run down our assets to cover a significant portion of the reserve spending. The preliminary data report that owners’ equity in the Association as of December 31 was \$5.1 million, nearly \$1 million less than one year earlier. Thus, we still have substantial holdings in our reserve accounts, which will enable us to meet the large expenditures that we anticipate again this year.

As of December 31, 2019, the total number of units in delinquent status to the Association rose to 17, with \$26,547 in amount due.

The number of renters occupied units dropped to 140, 25 % of the total.

TREASURER’S COMMENTARY (FEB)

BY KAREN JOHNSON, TREASURER

Preliminary data for the month of January are now available. With so little information available as yet, there are no critical results for this financial year available now. Accordingly, I will review the structure of our operating budget for 2020.

Our total expected income for this year is a bit less than \$5 million. About 92 percent of that income is from condo fees. Just under one-third of that income will be allocated over the year to our reserve accounts. Less than one percent is expected to be needed for taxes. The remaining two-thirds of income will go to meeting our expenses.

Of those expenses, forty-five percent is needed for payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits. Almost twenty-three percent is expected to be spent on utilities--that is water, sewer, and electricity. Fifteen percent is budgeted for spending on items for which we have contractual relationships with the vendors. The remaining funds are to be spread over various maintenance and administrative items and supply costs. The budget again contains provisions for \$10,000 of insurance deductible and \$10,000 of contingency funds. As adopted, the budget is almost exactly balanced.

As of January 31, 2020, the total number of units in delinquent status to the Association fell to 13, with \$20,745 in amount due. The number of renter-occupied units remained at 140, 25 % of the total.

PLEASE ... PLEASE...PLEASE!
Bag your trash before throwing it down the trash chute.

Do not put raw garbage in the chute.

Coronavirus and older adults: What to know and how to prepare

People ages 60 and up are at higher risk of novel coronavirus infection. Symptoms include fever, dry cough and difficulty breathing, and it's primarily spread between people. Here's how older adults can prepare and protect themselves from the novel coronavirus. This guidance comes from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and Drs. Carla Perissinotto and Samir Sinha, both geriatricians.

Note: Recommendations for Covid-19 may change as officials learn more, so monitor your local health department and the CDC for updates.

By Scottie Andrew, CNN

Take precautions

- Cancel non-essential doctor's appointments
- Schedule telehealth sessions for appointments you can't miss
- Designate an emergency contact
- [Wash your hands frequently](#) (scrub for 20 seconds with soap and water)
- Use hand sanitizer when soap isn't available

Stock up

- Make sure you have enough groceries and household products to last you a "prolonged period of time" at home
- Prescription medication may be difficult to get ahead of time, so consider mail ordering

Travel

- Avoid nonessential plane travel
- Don't go on a [cruise](#) — cruise ship passengers are at a higher risk of infection

Life

- Stay at home as much as possible if you live in an area where there's an outbreak
- In public, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated buildings
- Keep several feet of distance from people
- Wash your hands with soap after going in public
- If you need to isolate, keep in touch with family and friends

Nursing homes

- Most long-term care facilities have [pandemic plans](#)
- Call facility staff for information on their plan
- If you're sick, do not visit a nursing home
- If you're visiting a nursing home in an outbreak area, get screened before entering
- Figure out an alternative mode of communication if a nursing home bans visitors

If you think you're sick

- [Call your doctor](#) before going in for a test
- Don't use public transportation and stay at home as much as possible
- Call a local coronavirus hotline for more information.

Note to Skyline House Residents

- Please remember to be a good neighbor at this time of Pandemic!
- Call and check on your neighbors!
- If you can volunteer and help run some pickups for a neighbor let the front office know!

GLASS RECYCLING

BY ANN JOHNSON, CO-EDITOR

We can no longer put any glass in our recycling bins. For those who wish to act in the best environmental way, glass can be taken to the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, or the Arlington County recycling in the school bus parking lot next to the Shirlington parking garage, 2700 S. Taylor St.



Fairfax County COVID-19 INFO

Stay Informed: Text FFXCOVID to 888777 for updates or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19

Food Distribution Sites Open to All:
Breakfast from 8am-10:30am
Lunch from 10:30 – 2 p.m.

- Bailey's Primary Elementary, 6111 Knollwood Drive, Falls Church
- Braddock Elementary, 7825 Heritage Drive, Annandale
- Burke School, 9645 Burke Lake Road, Burke
- Crestwood Elementary, 6010 Hanover Avenue, Springfield
- Dogwood Elementary, 12300 Glade Drive, Reston
- Garfield Elementary, 7101 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield
- Graham Road Community Center, 3036 Graham Rd., Falls Church
- Hybla Valley Elementary, 3415 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria
- Mount Vernon Woods Elementary, 4015 Fielding Street, Alexandria
- Weyanoke Elementary, 6520 Braddock Road, Alexandria

NOTE TO DRIVERS!



If you are turning left from our driveway onto S. George Mason, don't pull into the crosswalk. If you are in the crosswalk, the light doesn't cycle properly, and it goes from red to green to red in an instant. Stay back behind the white line!

Also, give pedestrians the right of way. Too many drivers have been seen driving right in front of the walker in the crosswalk. You may save a few seconds, but you're endangering a person.



COVID-19 and resident's concern regarding the HVAC system

A few residents had questions regarding COVID-19 and if it can travel through the air system.

- Our in-home HVAC systems circulate air inside our units only.
- The hallways HVAC system brings in fresh air from outside, and it is not recycled.
- When it comes to COVID-19, the CDC recommends social distancing and defines it as "remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible".

The virus is not airborne, and there is no threat of it spreading through the HVAC systems.

The virus can travel on a flying droplet from the mouth of an infected person in the range of 3-6 feet. That droplet can land on surfaces and later transmitted by touching the surfaces.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (JAN)

BY JUNE BAKER, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on Monday, January 27, 2020, for the first meeting of the year. We noted that significant parts of our responsibilities this year will revolve around

recommending façade contracts and subsequent change orders and contracts/change orders for the pool deck. Preliminary, unaudited financial figures are available for the month of December 2019 and the entire year. The auditor will be on-site in early February. For December, the figures were:

Total Income	\$ 397,352
Total Expense	\$ 279,189
Reserves Contributions*	\$ 128,334
Federal & State income tax	\$ 6,500
Net Income	\$ 16,671

Please note that for 2019, our Net Income is a positive \$23,467, most of which is derived from unused operating budget accounts for the insurance deductible of \$10,000 and the contingency account of \$10,000. The approximately \$3,000+ remaining is close to the estimated positive amount of \$1,029 in the 2019 Operating Budget.

Reserve budget spending reached \$2.5M, mostly because of pool deck and unanticipated façade expenses. Board Treasurer Karen Johnson summarized a January meeting that was held with our Merrill Lynch representative regarding our investments and cash holdings with regard to our anticipated reserve spending in 2020.

We received two checks totaling \$213.20 for October and November for use of the ATM machine.

Acting General Manager Tycia Haight provided the Committee with a detailed Management Report and answered questions about the financial statement. Board Secretary Charley Roberts summarized the status of the pool deck work now being performed by three contractors. He also spoke of the RFPs for façade work that have been circulated to four companies and the anticipated start of work on the West Building in March or April.

The FMC is recommending that the Board of Directors Approve ETC's \$60,000 proposed consulting contract for the pool deck once the contract is finalized. The recommendation passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FEB)

BY JUNE BAKER, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on Monday, February 24, 2020, for the second meeting of the year.

Financial figures for the month of January 2020 are:

Total Income	\$ 403,607
Total Expense	\$ 256,241
Reserves Contributions*	\$ 132,192
Federal & State income tax	\$ 0
Net Income	\$ \$15,173

Board Treasurer Karen Johnson spoke about discussions she had with the auditor, Bookkeeper Lucy Bei, and Acting General Manager Tycia Haight regarding the way in which the reserve budget is currently handled in our accounting system and the balance sheet. The reserve spending had been divided into periodic maintenance and replacements for years. With our latest reserve study (done in 2018), these categories were not used by DMA, and it was exceedingly difficult to fit the various reserve items into them. The auditor had no reservations about using one category for totaling reserves going forward, nor did Ms. Bei nor Ms. Haight. Consequently, the FMC is making a recommendation to the Board of Directors (see below) to henceforth use one category for reporting reserves and spending. We received a check totaling \$96.20 for November use of the ATM machine.

Ms. Haight provided the Committee with a detailed Management Report and answered several questions about the financial statement.

Board Secretary Charley Roberts gave a brief update about the proposed change order from Millenium for removing additional quantities of plaster and gunite from the pool. The construction committee is questioning the rationale, and the contract is being looked at to determine what SHUOA's response should be.

The FMC is recommending that the Board of Directors Approve the bookkeeping change to report reserves under one category number in the future. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Approve Coates Heater Company's \$7,490 proposal to provide an additional set of boiler elements. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Approve Chesapeake Iron Works, Inc., \$6,381 proposal to fabricate and install large and small ladders for the rooftops. The recommendation passed unanimously. The next regular FMC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020. As always, we welcome all residents.

PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS

BY BRYANT STUKES, COMMITTEE CHAIR



Welcome and remarks by Chair, Bryant Stukes.

The Chair welcomed everyone. As there was not much to discuss, the Chair asked that the Acting General Manager read her report.



The PPOC received the report of the Acting General Manager with updates on:

See the most recent Management Report for full updates.



Actions:

The PPOC approved the following items:

- Replacement of the 2nd set of Boiler Elements (5 bundles) by Coates Heater Company for \$7,490.
- Fabricate and install (2) large and (2) small equipment ladders with rails to replace the original rooftop ladders for \$6,381.



Other Topics:

- The Cable Alternatives Subcommittee was asked to present their findings to the Committee at the April PPOC meeting, after meeting with a representative from Verizon Fios.
 - PPOC members were shown the most recent updates on the Plaza/Pool Deck.
 - PPOC members were informed that in April they would review the In-Unit Maintenance program as it relates to abuse of the program by Unit Owners.
 - PPOC members were informed that the Construction Committee is overseeing the 2020 Façade & Balcony Repair Project-Phase 2 and will meet with the prospective bidders in March.
 - PPOC will also review proposals in April to update our IT infrastructure.
 - PPOC will also see a presentation in April for the Lobby HVAC system replacement.
 - **PPOC has put out an “ask for volunteers” to join the following:**
 - Library Refresh Subcommittee
 - SHUOA - IT Infrastructure Subcommittee



The next regularly scheduled meeting of the PPOC will take place Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend!

COVENANT’S COMMITTEE

BY BERT BARROIS, COMMITTEE CHAIR



As you all know from reading your mail, there is an election coming up. No, not the one you are dreading. One closer to home.

It should be very exciting, what with three candidates competing for two seats on the Skyline House Board. Early voting is encouraged but be sure to include your notarized proxy form with your ballot. You can also vote at the meeting itself and enjoy the buffet, but bring your picture ID, and be on time. The “polls” must close before the meeting starts at 7:00. We wouldn’t want to fall short of the required quorum. (Why the rigmarole about notarization and picture ID? The developer’s lawyer wrote those rules into our by-laws back in 1970s, so we are stuck with them as legal requirements.)

Management update: We are encouraging call in for the annual meeting, we are not serving any food this year – we are asking folks to vote early of it they vote the night of, we ask them to vote and leave.



I would like to thank the team that endured wrist cramps to stuff 560 envelopes: Ann Johnson, Lynn Klubek, Gladys Manrique, Betty McLaurin, Ron Polan, Fran Price, and myself. It’s a 35 “man-hour” job, and we could always use more help. It gets harder by the year to line up enough volunteers for the stuffing bee. We want you as a new recruit! Fun, gossip, camaraderie, and paper cuts. (Seriously, if you might be available next year in mid-February, please e mail me, and I’ll add you to my distribution list. You can always drop out if it’s inconvenient. My e-mail address is Bert.Barrois@gmail.com.)

CHILDREN’S INTEREST COMMITTEE

BY ARA ALAN, CO-CHAIR



A regular meeting was held on, February 06, 2020. CIC discussed changing of the flooring in the Kiddie room to a foam type. Additionally, CIC looked at different kids’ playsets for the room.

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – HOME DELIVERY OF BOOKS/DVDS

BY SUSAN M. GRADY, CONTRIBUTING WRITER



This message concerns a free service offered by the Fairfax County Public Library for people who can no longer drive to the library to take out books or DVDs. (Skyline House is located within Fairfax County.)

This service is called Home Delivery. Book or DVDs are mailed in the U.S. mail (for free) in a special bag to a person in Fairfax County who has requested specific library books. When the person has finished reading the books, he or she just needs to put the books back in the bag, put the pre-addressed label that comes with the bag on the front, close the bag and take the bag to the U.S. Mail slot at Skyline House and put the bag in the Mail slot. The U.S. Postal Service will return the bag to the Fairfax County Public Library for free.

If you are interested in using this service, please telephone 703-324-8380. This is the number for Fairfax County Access Services. Please ask to speak to Mr. Ken Plummer. He will mail an application to you which you need to fill out in order to use this service. Once you have filled out the application, please mail it back to him. (He will give you the address that tells where you have to mail the application.) Once your application has been approved, he will let you know so that you may start using this service.

PETTY CRIME IN SKYLINE HOUSE

BY DIANE M. ZIERHOFFER, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Fairfax County Police have repeatedly reported that the easiest crime to commit is to steal items from cars with unlocked doors. Whether residents park on the street, in parking

garages, or in their driveways, it is easy for people to walk by and test a car door. Sure enough, two Skyline House residents recently reported having had items stolen from their cars in our garage. And: the doors to their cars were unlocked.

The bottom line is:

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS AND DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLE ITEMS IN YOUR CAR.

Note: as a precaution for the Coronavirus outbreak the Kiddie room will be closed until further notice.

THE SECURITY, SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

BY DIANE M. ZIERHOFFER, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Security, Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee met on 12 February

2020 for an out-of-cycle meeting.

One resident attended the meeting and expressed concerns about problems on the East Penthouse. She had reported that the library was in disarray on February 1st. Books thrown to the floor and other books were mis-shelved. It appears from video children were in the playroom, inadequately supervised, and at least one child, yet unidentified, left the playroom and went into the library. Video does not capture activity in the library.

The Management Office reported that two residents have complained of items being stolen from their cars. Both residents admitted that their cars were unlocked. The Fairfax County police have repeatedly reported this same issue in other neighborhoods. This is true for street parking, parking garages and cars in driveways. If you leave a car unlocked, expect someone to take advantage of your kindness. This is the easiest crime to commit, and the hardest to stop. **UNLESS** you lock your car doors.

The Fairfax County police are investigating a hit and run that occurred early on the morning of 4 February in the driveway behind the West building.

Management has provided video to the police to assist in solving this crime. The SUV of our Assistant Chief Engineer was hit and pushed into a second car, damaging both vehicles.

Leadership of the SS&NW Committee was handed over to Mr. Steve Butler, as Ms. Zierhoffer is moving away from Virginia. Mr. Butler spoke of using BuildingLink when it is launched to communicate with residents about safety issues. He hopes to encourage residents to assist with Neighborhood Watch patrols. Ms. Chilman has trained new volunteers and will

I am sorry I am unable to attend this February Board Meeting; I am moving into my new home. I would like to say that I have truly enjoyed being a member of the Safety Committee. I have learned so much about the safety of our condominium and the surrounding community. By attending CAC at the Mason District Police Station monthly, and attending SS&NW meetings sharing ideas, I feel empowered to protect myself and my property. I hope you are a part of the safety solution and not a part of the problem.

We plan that the next meeting of the SS&NW Committee will likely be on 13 May 2020.

WATER LEAKS & DETECTORS

BY GREG GRIMM, CHIEF ENGINEER



Water Leaks

For many of us, our homes are our pride and joy. It doesn't matter what size home you have, whether you own it or rent it, or if it's super clean or super messy. It's home and that means many of us will want to do everything we can to protect it to ensure no harm comes to it. Unfortunately, there are plenty of factors that can hurt our homes from burglars, to fires, to water leaks and when they do, the after effects can be devastating, both physically and emotionally. There are things we can do to try and prevent these factors though, whether that's install a smoke detector, a smart security camera to alert us of irregular movements, or a water leak detector to notify us before a drip becomes serious, for example. This article focuses on the latter, because like a fire, a flood or burst pipe can cause tremendous damage that is difficult to come back from.



What are the benefits of a water leak detector?

A water leak detector will make sure you are aware of a leak. There are stand-alone detectors that notify you with a loud piercing sound, and wi-fi enabled which is able to notify by beeping and will alert you via your smartphone and the accompanying app wherever you are, meaning you have the power to do something about it before it gets out of hand.

gladly train other residents who would like to help in identifying safety and security issues.

Most leak detectors are battery-operated, with the battery lasting around two years and some use an extra hub and some directly connect to your wi-fi. Installing a water leak detector means the chances of you coming home to a water-filled apartment are significantly reduced. It may sound like an extravagant device to buy but is a lot less than the price of replacing your entire home's contents, some of which won't be replaceable at all if they carry sentimental value.

It's also a lot less hassle to buy a water leak detector than to deal with the problem of not only the flood itself, but the drama of claiming through your insurance and figuring out who is to blame in the first place.

Floods are one of the biggest insurance claims and many start with a tiny leak so while you think it may never happen to you, could you cope if it did and your home was destroyed? We know we couldn't.



How does a water leak detector work?

A water leak detector's job is to detect a leak before that leak turns into a problem and notify you of the leak in the most convenient way possible by beeping and/or using the device many of us don't let out of our sight - the smartphone.

You can place a water leak detector and cable sensor anywhere that a leak could occur, such as near water heaters, heat pumps, washing machines, basins, toilets and drains.

Once you've been alerted of the problem, you can then do what you can to prevent it from getting worse. There is the classic saying of what you don't know won't hurt you, but in the case of a water leak, it could very easily hurt you, and your home in addition to all those living below you. Knowing is definitely best when it comes to leaks and frozen pipes and for this, your best option is a water leak detector.

We sell stand-alone leak detectors in the office for \$16.81.

You can find many leak detectors on Amazon, simply search for "water leak detector".

SAUNA AT SKYLINE

BY CONTRIBUTING STAFF WRITER



Did you know we have a sauna at Skyline House? It's tucked in the mini-gym at the Mezzanine level and it's in pretty good working order. Simple directions for usage are displayed at the door.

Saunas are small rooms that are built to contain heat of temperatures between 158 and 212 degrees F. There are many types of saunas that are common around the world. Ours is a dry rocks sauna, and you can change the humidity level by pouring water on the rocks.

The benefits of a sauna are so many, but here are just ten to consider:

1. Detoxification.
2. Total body relaxation.
3. Stress relief.
4. Eases aches and pains.
5. Promotes better sleep.
6. Improves skin health.
7. Strengthens the immune system.
8. Helps to improve heart health.
9. Weight loss.
10. Improves mood.

The Skyline sauna can be used at any time that the mini-gym is open; however, the schedule is modified to accommodate those who prefer gender separation between the hours of 11am and 2pm on weekdays. During these restricted hours, it is open for women only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and men only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In order to gain access, just stop by the front desk to get a key and leave your picture ID with the receptionist on

duty; your ID will be given back to you when you return the key.

Moderate use of saunas is safe for most people; however, if you have any health conditions, you must consult with your physician first. ALWAYS listen to your body and follow these common sense precautions:

1. Avoid using saunas alone.
2. Avoid alcohol.
3. Drink lots of water before and after.
4. Spend no more than 20 minutes inside a sauna.
5. Enjoy!

ST PATRICK'S DAY

BY ANN JOHNSON, CO-EDITOR



Many Americans only think of St. Patrick's Day as an occasion to drink a Guinness or Irish coffee. Our grandmothers cooked corned beef and boiled cabbage to death. In Chicago, green dye is poured into the

Chicago River.

But Patrick was a person with a fascinating biography. He was probably born in Britain to a Romanized family and grew up in wealth. But he was kidnapped at 16 and forced to be a shepherd in Ireland, a wild and brutish place in the 400's. He had no interest in the Christianity of his parents but while in Ireland he had some sort of religious conversion and a dream that told him to escape. He did just that and fled on a pirate ship back to Britain.

Another revelation came to him, saying he should become a priest and return to Ireland, and again he followed the vision and spent the rest of his life there, acting as a Christian missionary, until he died at 71. It was not an easy life; the Druids and Irish kings tormented him and he was even threatened with death. But he just kept traveling over much of Ireland, converting the people to Christianity and founding monasteries which became the main centers of learning in Ireland. Later monks carried the tradition of such schools all the way across Europe to Hungary. And no, he didn't drive the snakes out of Ireland – there were no snakes there – it's an island and the sea was too cold for them to swim there!



**Reminders from Management;
Pest control Issues:**

Some residents have been dealing with pest issues (mice) entering into their units. When they reach out to Management, we are able set up additional inspections of their units with the technician’s supervisor. He spends time to look for any entry points and seals them while also providing suggestions of other areas that may need securing by an outside contractor, but often it is a service that we can perform in house.

As a reminder to residents, we have a contracted pest control company that is on site every Wednesday this is included in your condo fee. If you are ever concerned about a pest control issue, please have the front desk sign your unit up for services. Please remember to advise the front desk if you will be home or will leave a key and admit. It is important for residents to leave a key and admit. We cannot provide access without this. It is also important to follow up each week until the issue is resolved.

In addition to providing services in units, our pest technical checks on a weekly basis, common areas both inside and outside the building. Outside of the building we have bait stations and smart boxes to deter mice from entering in the building. The smart boxes are moved around to different locations as needed.

Residents are also reminded to keep pantry foods in sealed containers and to avoid leaving any food on counters as this would attract roaches and mice. Units should be clutter free as it provides hidden areas for mice to travel and is a source of nesting materials. It is also good to make sure that you have a tight seal around your unit door as well as balcony door.

His fame came long after his life, and no doubt, many who go about on March 17 saying, “Erin go bragh”, have no idea who he really was!

SPEEDING FINE INCREASED! SLOW DOWN!

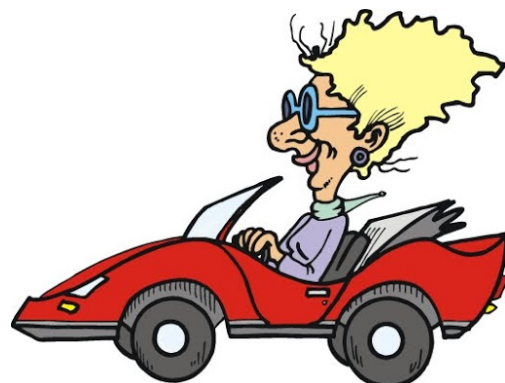
BY ANN JOHNSON, CO-EDITOR

If you’ve got a lead foot, you should probably slow down, especially — soon — on three particular Arlington streets. In January the Arlington County Board voted to start imposing an additional \$200 fine for speeding on certain residential streets.

At the County Board meeting on Tuesday, County Manager Mark Schwartz announced the first three streets that would be subject to the new fine.

- Carlin Springs Road from Columbia Pike to George Mason Drive — through the Glencarlyn and Arlington Forest neighborhoods
- Military Road from Old Glebe Road to Nelly Custis Drive — through the Bellevue Forest and Donaldson Run neighborhoods
- Lorcom Lane from Military Road to Spout Run Parkway — through the Maywood and Woodmont neighborhoods

The \$200 fine would be in addition to standard \$6 for every mile per hour above the speed limit and the \$66 in court fees.





SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Yoga class 10:30 am East Party room	6 Yoga class 6pm East Party room	7
8	9	10 Meet the Candidates	11	12 Yoga class 10:30 am East Party room	13 Yoga class 6pm East Party room	14
15	16	17	18 Covenants 7:00 PM Meeting Room	19 Yoga class 10:30 am East Party room	20 Yoga class 6pm East Party room	21
22	23	24 ANNUAL MEETING	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Pictures of the Pool Repair and Plaza Renovation Project progress..

