



# News From Our Island

Tiber Island Cooperative Homes

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## February Board of Directors Meeting

- Directed Management to enter into contract to construct South Tower access ramp
- Approved contract to survey fire alarm system
- Approved infrared energy audit
- Reported on Capital Projects special meeting

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## 2008 Annual Meeting Nears

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm in the South Tower Lobby.

As at all Annual Meetings, the main order of business this year is the election of three resident shareholders to serve three year terms on the Board of Directors.

In addition, a period of time will be devoted to presentations on and a discussion of the Board's efforts to lower energy costs. An energy efficiency product for your unit will also be distributed.

The following resident shareholders are running for the Board:

### **Ruth Herman**

Member and Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee.

"I am happy to invest time and energy into creating a community here at Tiber Island that is well-managed, fiscally sound, environmentally responsible and respectful of the residents."

### **Kimberly Katzenbarger**

Member of the Conservation Subcommittee. Assistant Attorney General, DC Department of the Environment.

"I am interested in pursuing projects that will help "green" our cooperative, such as

instituting energy efficiency measures and considering the installation of green roofs and panels. I greatly appreciate the aesthetic environment in Southwest and I hope to improve upon such conditions."

### **Karen Krueger**

Served twice on Board of Directors. Former Chair of the Legal Committee.

"Monitor Southwest development; improving services for Tiber Island residents."

### **Michael Metcalf**

Served three times on Board of Directors. Member of the Landscaping Committee. Representative to the 4th St. Neighborhood Association.

"Skeptical toward spending; improve service; encourage membership on Committees; examine security."

### **Beverly W. Stripling**

Member and Secretary of the Board of Directors. Member of the Personnel and Grievance Committees.

"I will continue to support efforts towards the greater good for all Tiber Island shareholders. I will also continue to work with other members on the Board of Directors to keep monthly fees as low as possible and as good management and operating practices permit."

## Survey Results

Last month's issue included an Amenities Survey. We'd like to thank residents who took the time to share their views on what they would like to see added and/or enhanced to improve the quality of life at Tiber Island.

The Shareholders Services Committee will review the comments and consider their feasibility. One suggestion adopted by the Board was a Volunteer Recognition event to thank all those who share their time to make our community more livable and enjoyable. Details soon.

If you'd like to learn about the Shareholders Services Committee, please contact Board Liaison David Cohen at (202) 484-5308.

## Pet Etiquette

Dogs, cats and other pets are welcome and cherished members of the Tiber Island community. Like all members, there are "dos and don'ts" that apply to these friends--and those who keep them.

Perhaps the most important "don't"--after respecting DC's leash law--concerns waste. It is not acceptable for a dog and its owner to leave it anywhere on the Tiber Island grounds. It is unsightly and, more important, unhealthful. If you own a dog and walk it on the grounds, please carry a plastic bag and dispose of it and its contents in appropriate receptacles.

## Meet the Board: Paul St. Hilaire

The following is the first in a series of interviews with members of the Tiber Island Board of Directors.

**Editor:** Tell us a bit about your background.

**St. Hilaire:** I grew up and went to college in Maine. While I enjoyed it, I always wanted to live in a big city. That's what brought me to Washington. I spent 25 years working as a consultant to the Navy. I eventually went to work for the Navy as a civilian operations analyst. I enjoyed putting my training in physics to work there and retired in 1995. After retiring, I took up something I'd always wanted to do—painting. I took a fair number of courses from the Alexandria Art League, at the torpedo factory in Old Town. I have been enjoying myself ever since.

**Editor:** What attracted you to Tiber Island?

**St. Hilaire:** It's hard for me to believe, but I'm celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> year at Tiber Island. My partner Michael and I moved into South 308 in the fall of 1968. What attracted us were the architecture and the design of the complex and the waterfront location. In 1971, we moved into South 511 to take advantage of the river view. Upon conversion in 1981, we bought the unit. We could feel the excitement and admire the dedication of those who did the heavy lifting for all of us. It was only after I had been on the Board a few years that I truly began to understand all that went into that process. All of us here now owe them a large measure of thanks.

**Editor:** When did you run for the Board of Directors, and why?

**St. Hilaire:** In 1999, Steve Huff and Bill Whiston talked me into running for the Board. They even asked that I become Treasurer on the basis "I understood numbers." I've never regretted either decision. There is, to my mind, no better way to understand the meaning of cooperative living than to join the Board or one of its Committees.

**Editor:** What's been your focus on the Board?

**St. Hilaire:** I've focused my attention on developing and updating a ten-year plan to renovate and restore our property. While I understand that the increase in fees resulting from this effort was difficult for many of us, I believe the payback in property values and quality of life has been worth the price. We have a great property and will keep it that way.

**Editor:** You've achieved a great deal. What else would you like to do on the Board?

**St. Hilaire:** In the next, and what might be my last year on the board, I would like to investigate a mix of necessary projects with some involving the appearance of the complex. As examples of the latter, I mean beautifying the plaza, and redecorating the offices and front desk in a unified way. I hope that we can do this with the present major project budget but suspect that some re-adjustment in the timing of projects will be necessary. I also understand that this change of gears will require the input of all shareholders and the full participation of our Committees. Only after a full airing can we decide on what path to take.

**Editor:** Thanks Paul. Any final words?

**St. Hilaire:** I'd just like to thank all my neighbors and friends for a fully satisfying experience here at Tiber Island.

## Community Room

One of Tiber Island's nicer amenities is the Community Room. Located next to the Thomas Law House, this informal space with views of the Great Lawn and the river is an ideal spot for receptions, parties, club meetings and other private gatherings.

The Community Room may be reserved by a Tiber Island unit two times within a calendar year without charge. Any use beyond two times in a calendar year will cost \$100 per event. Non-residents pay \$1,000 per event and are not limited to twice a year.

To reserve the Community Room, a resident must complete a reservation form at least seven days prior to the function. A \$200 refundable security deposit must be submitted at the time the reservation is made. For more information, please contact Management.

## Meet the Candidates

A Meet the Candidates Night will be held on March 11 at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Wine and light appetizers will be served.

Last year, the Board of Directors instituted a less structured program to facilitate discussion among Board candidates, current Board members and residents. Candidates now present short remarks and they and residents then discuss concerns and plans in an informal setting.

Please join Board candidates on March 11 for an informative and enjoyable evening.

## Energy Update

On the recommendation of the Conservation Subcommittee and Management, Tiber Island has contracted with a firm to conduct an infrared energy audit. This audit will determine energy flow and loss patterns in a representative Tower unit, townhouse and Tower Lobby.

The process works like this: The firm goes through a space with an infrared camera and "maps" energy flow patterns--how energy moves out of windows, through walls, under doors etc.

The technicians then use a high-powered fan to blow cold air through the space. This simulates conditions likely to be encountered in a winter storm. They go through the space a second time and map energy flows.

The firm then analyzes the two maps and offers recommendations to increase energy efficiency and resident comfort. Each recommendation is ranked according to cost and relative effectiveness.

Audit results and recommendations will be considered by the Conservation Subcommittee and Budget & Finance Committee. Their analysis and recommendations will then be considered by the Board of Directors at an upcoming meeting.

If you'd like to learn more about TICH's energy efficiency activities, please contact Conservation Subcommittee Chair Mark Whitaker at [markwhitaker1@yahoo.com](mailto:markwhitaker1@yahoo.com).

## We're Gonna Be in Pictures!

Perhaps you've seen people with clipboards around the property lately. That's because Universal Studios and TICH have signed a contract to use a Tower Lobby, elevator and corridor to film a scene for "State of Play," an upcoming movie starring Russell Crowe. TICH will still receive partial payment if, for whatever reasons, the studio decides not to film on our property.

The scene will be shot between 6:00 pm and 6:00 am. The scene will entail an actor coming into the Lobby and looking at the directory. He will then enter an elevator and travel to a designated floor. After leaving the elevator, he will look down the hallway, spot a second character and run after him down the corridor toward the stairwell.

Details, including the date of filming and the Tower to be used, have not been finalized. Management will share them as soon as it learns them. All efforts will be made to inform and accommodate any affected residents.

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase Tiber Island and its unique architecture, and opens the door to similar projects in the future.

# Calendar of Events

## MARCH

**11**, 7:00 pm, Meet the Candidates Night, TICH Community Room

**12**, 5:30 pm, TICH Happy Hour, South Tower Lobby

**16**, 10:00 am, TICH Brunch, North Tower Lobby

**18**, 7:00 pm, TICH Annual Meeting, South Tower Lobby

**28**, 8:00 pm, Arena Stage Southwest Night, "View from the Bridge"

**29**, 4:30-6:30 pm, Family Night, TICH Community Room

## APRIL

**10**, 7:30 pm, Meet TICH Authors George Seay & Lee White, TICH Community Room

**16**, 5:30 pm, TICH Happy Hour, East Tower Lobby

**20**, 10:00 am, TICH Brunch, East Tower Lobby

## MAY

**18**, 10:00 am, TICH Brunch, West Tower Lobby

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Every Mon**, 7:00 pm, Yoga in TICH Community Room

**Every Wed**, 7:00 pm, Blues at Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Every Fri**, 7:00 pm, Jazz at Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Every Sunday**, 10:45 am, Mass, Babysitting for children 9 mos. to 3 yrs.  
St. Dominic Parish, 6th & E St., SW

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## Many Thanks

Dorothy (Dottie) Moskowitz recently concluded her term on the Board of Directors. She brought many skills and interests to the Board, not least of which was her consistent commitment to fiscal responsibility. Dottie....all of us at Tiber Island thank you for your service!

## Annual Report

If you would like to receive a copy of the 2008 Annual Report, please contact Geraldine Williams in the TICH Management Office at 202-554-4844 or via e-mail at [frontdesk@tiberisland.com](mailto:frontdesk@tiberisland.com). To conserve resources and funds, there will not be a mass distribution of the report to all shareholders.