



News From Our Island

Tiber Island Cooperative Homes

February 2009

Board Elections...VOTE!

January Board of Directors Meeting

- Formed Maintenance & Repairs Committee
- Approved Rules & Procedures Committee's draft language on resident/non-resident shareholder ratio
- Approved web site redesign
- Approved elevator contract
- Approved insurance policy renewal

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This year's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17 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.

The following resident shareholders are running for the Board:

Kael Anderson, West 607

Resident Shareholder since October 2003

Committee Service:

- Former member of the Board of Directors
- Member of the Landscaping Committee
- Member of the Law House Committee
- Former member of the Budget and Finance Committee

With my background in community planning and finance, I believe I'm well qualified for Tiber Island's Board of Directors. Moreover, having served in several community roles at Tiber Island, I've come to understand the many challenges and opportunities that Tiber Island faces.

While Tiber Island has been blessed by good civic leadership,

many challenges remain. How will Tiber Island be affected and respond to upcoming development proposals and the competing residential complexes currently under construction? Or new government standards, like the new Impervious Area Charge that the DC Water and Sewer Authority plans to levy?

As a member on the Board, I would work to:

- Conserve and improve the appearance of Tiber Island's buildings and landscaping, ensuring the property remains the premier community in Southwest
- Maintain an affordable fee structure
- Ensure that neighboring development activities in Southwest are consistent with the interests of Tiber Island

Steve Dean, North 108

Resident Shareholder since August 2003

Committee Service:

- Thomas Law House Task Force
- Rules and Procedures Committee

As a member of the Board of Directors, I would strive to keep the Board up-to-date with the changes in the financial markets as they relate to cooperatives.

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Board Committees

Tackle Critical Issues

Tiber Island is governed by an elected nine-member Board of Directors. Three members are elected each year. This year's election will occur at the Annual Meeting on March 17. The Board is assisted in its work by Committees. These Committees are designed to advise and assist the Board on the implementation of its initiatives. They are led by a non-Board shareholder Chair and assisted by a Board Liaison. The exceptions are the Budget & Finance Committee, Chaired by the Treasurer; and the Personnel Committee, chaired by a Board member.

Over the past three years, Committees have grown in number as well as in the breadth and depth of tasks they take on and issues they address. The following are the Committees, their missions and contacts should you wish to become involved in the governance of our community.

Architectural Design & Review Committee

Advises the Board on structural and design changes and enhancements to the property.

Chair: Joe Doran, jdoran@sagco.com
Board Liaison: Robert Kelly,
RobertKelly@CooperCarry.com

Budget & Finance Committee

Meets monthly to study and review major components of the TICH budget in preparation for work on the draft annual budget recommended to the Board of Directors and membership each fall.

Chair: Ruth Herman, tomruthherman@verizon.net

Communications Committee

Communicates Board of Directors and other community actions to internal and external audiences through various media, including a monthly newsletter.

Chair: Lauris Irby, lauris.lirby@hud.gov
Board Liaison: John Jordan, jjordan737@yahoo.com

Conservation Committee

Advises the Board on strategies to minimize the use of energy and all inputs to increase sustainability and efficient use of shareholder resources.

Chair: Meghan Gelaida, gelaida@case.org
Board Liaison: Kim Katzenbarger,
Kimberly.katzenbarger@dc.gov

Conversations Committee

Organizes discussions with interesting and accomplished neighborhood residents.

Chair: Beryl Rice
Board Liaison: Ruth Herman,
tomruthherman@verizon.net

Landscape Design Committee

Plans and implements the landscaping of the property.

Chair: Mark Whitaker, markwhitaker1@yahoo.com
Board Liaison: TBD

Maintenance & Repairs Committee

Works with the Board of Directors and Management to monitor property capital projects, repairs and maintenance.

Chair: TBD
Board Liaison: TBD

Personnel Committee

Advises Board on Management and staff-related issues.

Chair: Patricia Ford-Roegner,
patfordroegner@yahoo.com

Resident Grievance Committee

Assists the Board of Directors by conducting inquiries into disputes among residents, or disputes between residents and TICH staff.

Chair: Lee White
Board Liaison: Paul Greenberg, contact through South Tower Desk

Board Committees *(con't from pg. 1)*

Rules & Procedures Committee

Advises the Board on changes to governing procedures and documents, including the House Rules, By-law and Proprietary Lease.

Chair: Martin Welles, martinwelles@lawyer.com

Board Liaison: Paul Greenberg

Shareholder Services Committee

Advises Board on new and enhanced services to improve the quality of life.

Chair: George Seay

Board Liaison: David Cohen, cohendn@state.gov

Social Committee

Organizes social events for the community's enjoyment.

Chair: Dennis Wirks, wirks.dennis@usa.net

Board Liaison: TBD

Thomas Law Task Force

Advises the Board on alternative uses of the Thomas Law House.

Chair: Ruth Herman, tomruthherman@verizon.net

Board Elections *(con't. from page 2)*

Steve Dean

In the current financial crisis, the requirements for government-backed and private mortgages have been frequently changing. With my resourcefulness, access to information, and access to experts in the industry as a professional realtor, I would work to ensure that the Board of Directors is kept aware of the ongoing changes. I would strive to ensure that decisions made by the Board do not adversely impact the ability of current or prospective shareholders to obtain mortgages on their units or cause the property taxes to increase sharply

I have my finger on the pulse of the neighborhood, with extensive neighborhood experience and knowledge. I know members of management and board members of our neighboring associations. My desire is for TICH to maintain its status and outstanding reputation in the neighborhood by continuing with TICH's long history of maintaining

and improving the property. When reviewing our capital improvement program, I would keep an eye to the new residential developments planned around us and strive to see that our projects conserve energy and modernize infrastructure wherever possible. I would like to do my part to make TICH a place where people want to live and where residents want to stay.

John Jordan, TH 427

Resident shareholder since March 2005

Committee Service:

•Communications Committee

In March 2006, I was elected to the Board of Directors. In asking for shareholder support to serve, I promised to work to increase resident participation in the governance of our community and to enhance and improve communication among shareholders, residents, the Board and Management. The main focus of this multi-year effort would be to increase participation in Board Committees.

At the first Board meeting I attended, my fellow Board members gave me the honor of serving as Vice President. They also agreed to allow me to initiate an effort to revitalize the Committees. Since then, the Committees have assisted the Board on numerous important initiatives. They have grown in number, reach and membership. They are once again a central part of the our community's governance.

As part of this effort, the Board gave me the task of reactivating the Communications Committee. The Committee reinstated our monthly newsletter, *News from Our Island*, of which I am editor. In addition, the Communications Committee led the redesign of the Tiber Island web site. Future projects include redesigning our in-house television station and producing a Welcome Package for new residents.

My family enjoys living at Tiber Island and is excited about the changes in the neighborhood. It's our home. I have enjoyed working to maintain our quality of life by serving you on the Board. I ask for your vote to do so for another three years. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

20, 5:30 PM, *TICH Residents Art Show Closing Reception*, South Tower Lobby

MARCH

4, 7:00 PM, *Conservation Committee*, TICH Community Room

11, 7:00 PM, *TICH Book Club*, “The Places in Between” by Rory Stewart, TICH Community Room

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

17, 5:30 PM, *TICH Residents Happy Hour*, North Tower Lobby

17, 7:30 PM, *TICH Annual Meeting*, South Tower Lobby

31, 7:00 PM, *Board of Directors Meeting*, TICH Community Room

APRIL

1, 7:00 PM, *Conservation Committee*, TICH Community Room

8, 7:00 PM, *TICH Book Club*, “The People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks, TICH Community Room

19, 10:00 AM, *TICH Residents Brunch*, East Tower Lobby

28, 7:00 PM, *Board of Directors Meeting*, TICH Community Room

MAY

5, 5:30 PM, *TICH Residents Happy Hour*, West Tower Lobby

6, 7:00 PM, *Conservation Committee*, TICH Community Room

17, 10:00 AM, *TICH Residents Brunch*, South Tower Lobby

26, 7:00 PM, *Board of Directors Meeting*, TICH Community Room

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Monday, 7:00 PM, *Yoga*, TICH Community Room

Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM, *Blues Night*, Westminster Presbyterian Church

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New TICH Web Site

The new Tiber Island web site is up. The Board of Directors would like to thank the Communications Committee for its work, especially Chair Lauris Irby. The Board would also like to thank designer Roger Wicker who, with Ms. Irby, patiently made suggested changes and offered ideas to embody the vision put forward by the Committee. Judy Tyrrell also deserves our thanks.

A new feature of the site is an “In-House” section. This contains documents and other information of interest to Tiber Island residents.