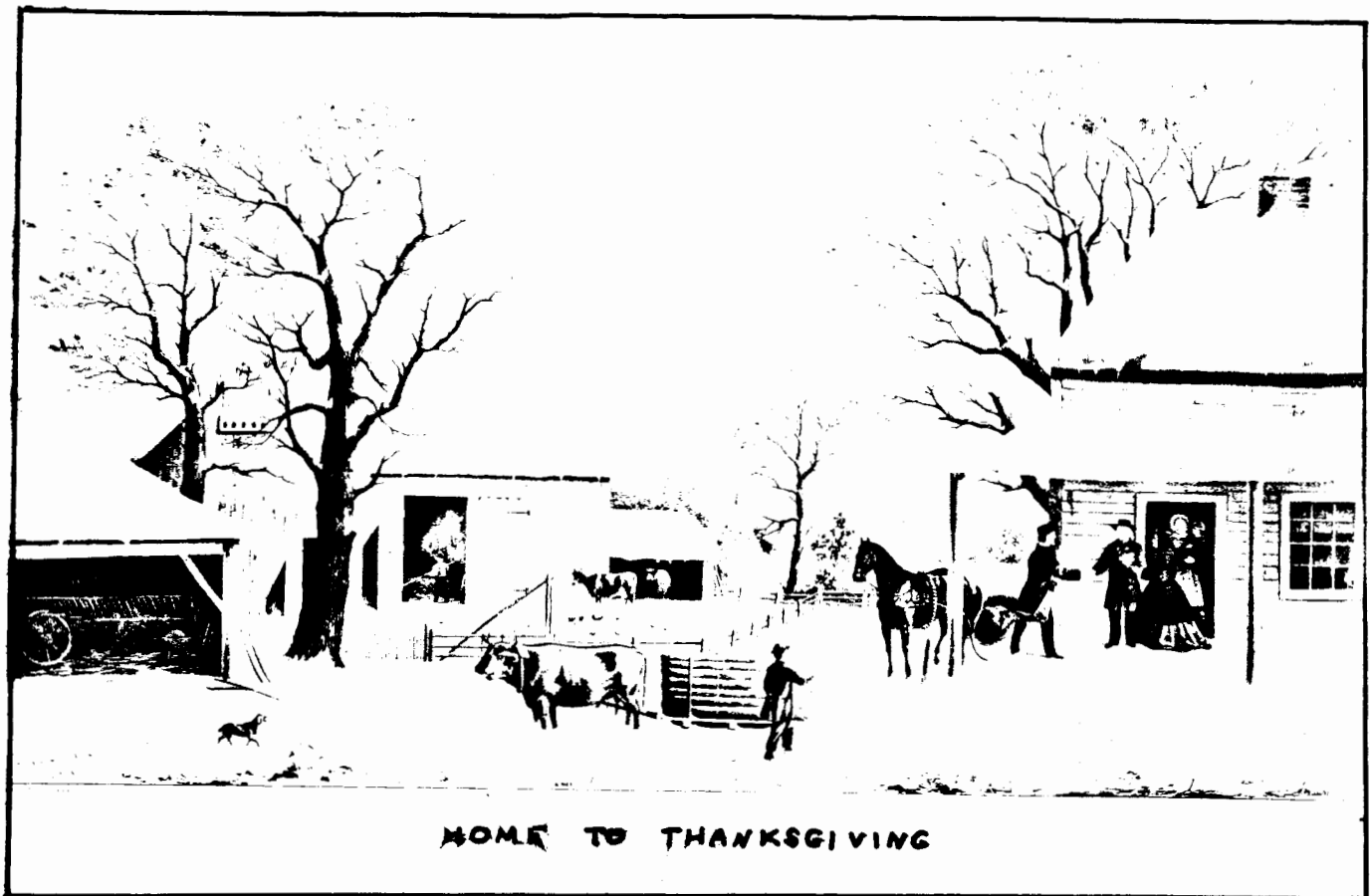


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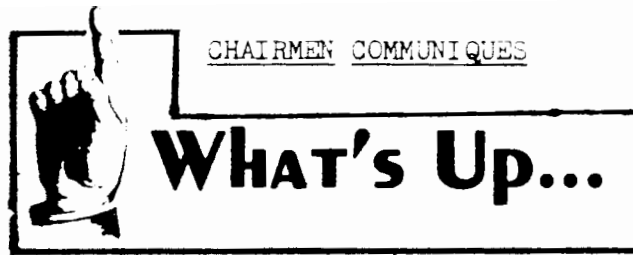
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## *Thanksgiving*



R E P O R T: Community Relations Committee . . . . . Juanita Mayer, Member

- A. The Skyline House Community Relations Committee has arranged with the Skyline Plaza Community Relations Committee for collaboration on matters affecting members of both owners' associations. This will strengthen our voice two-fold and more, creating a powerful force when persuasion is needed to achieve results in the Northern Virginia Community.

Each Community Relations Committee has arranged to send a representative to meetings of the other, and they also exchange newsletters. Juanita Mayer represented Skyline House at the most recent Skyline Plaza Committee meeting. George Ferguson, Chairman of the Skyline Plaza Committee, attended our last meeting.

- B. Some joint ventures now under way are (1) a study of development regarding the proposed overpass from Skyline House across South George Mason Drive to give pedestrians safe access to the shopping mall, and (2) alleviation of noise nuisance from the automotive shop of the Northern Virginia Community College.

- C. The Skyline Plaza Community Relations Committee arranged the "Meet the Candidates" night and invited the Skyline House Committee to participate. The meeting was held in the North Party Room of the Plaza, October 27, 1981. The candidates for election to the Virginia House of Delegates from the forty-ninth district spoke and answered questions.

- D. Studies limited to Skyline House internal affairs are (1) the merits of contracting for periodic washing of windows which cannot be reached from the balconies, and (2) alternative solutions to problems of guest parking.

- E. The Skyline House Community Relations Committee invites all residents to report to this committee any areas of concern needing attention by the committee. This committee exists to serve the needs of the Association, and wishes to represent the views of all residents of Skyline House.

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PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE: . . . . . Jerry Lagace, Member

The Committee devoted most of its' time in October to a matter which should be of paramount importance to all owners: the apparent, and not so apparent, deficiencies in the common areas of Skyline House. The funded and contracted study to identify these deficiencies is in progress, but much work remains to be done. The contractor has submitted a preliminary report to the Board and has also discussed its' findings with the Board. Concurrently, a listing of common area "cosmetic" deficiencies compiled by "walk-around" inspection by committee members and others has been submitted to the developer for corrective action.

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Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Gordon   
from your loving wife... what's-her-name!

### SECURITY AND FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman John Paoletta reports the committee is conducting a study of building security. If you have suggestions or input, please notify John in 404E. Also note that the signs in the garage denoting traffic direction are now affixed. The committee is especially grateful to Les Boykin of 914W, who suggested the signs.

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### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Bernice Kaminsky requests more committee members and suggestions from Skyline residents. This is the FUN committee of the condo, planning such events as cocktail parties, flea markets, trips, game parties, etc. Contact Bernice with your suggestions and assistance in 716W.

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Deadline for input for the next issue: November 20, 1981

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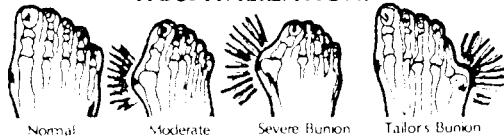
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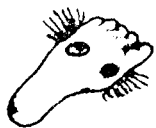
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Warts Under the Sole

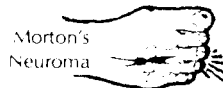


Plantar warts should have immediate attention. They easily break down and cause more warts to appear elsewhere on the foot.



Calluses and Deep Seated Corns on the Ball of the Foot

Usually caused when the underlying bone creates pressure. When padding and foot supports do not relieve the pain, minor surgery should be considered.



Morton's Neuroma

An acute stabbing pain that comes and goes in the toes. In most cases, this condition can be relieved by controlling foot function. Occasionally minor surgery is required.



Heel Pains

Heel Spur

Pain beneath the heel bone is common. This condition can be relieved in many cases by physiotherapy, medication and supports.



Hammer Toes and Corns

Persistent cases require minor office surgery for permanent relief.

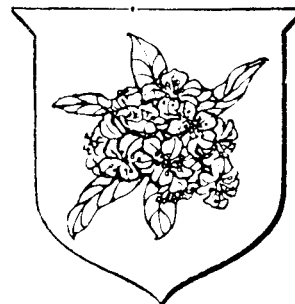


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Ingrown toe nails with modern podiatry can be cured permanently while you continue your work schedule.

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- 1st Helen Wiener
- 3rd Millie Lowry
- 4th Gordon Frank; Anna Mae Connor
- 10th Harry Dews
- 11th Jerry Lagace
- 25th Jody Hensen; Jack Connor

## SECURITY BULLETIN

Recently, the Security and Fire/Safety Committee issued its first "Security Bulletin" at which time the cooperation of all residents was requested in order to make our community here at Skyline House more secure. Unfortunately, there appears to be some amongst us that still are not aware of security measures. For example, residents are leaving cars unlocked in the garage with their garage key card and security key in the car. Some residents are not reporting unusual occurrences; e.g., when a car or suspicious person follows them into the garage without using a key card of their own.

Recent incidents have been confined to the garage and include

- a stolen car radio/tape deck,
- air let out of tires,
- a tire slashed and
- a garage key card stolen.

Also, early Monday morning, October 26, a pair of thieves entered and burglarized approximately twenty cars in the garage. The guards discovered the crime in process and gave chase, but no one was apprehended. In addition, early Tuesday morning, October 27, a guard discovered someone stealing tires from a car in the garage and gave chase again to no avail. However, most of the goods were recovered. In both incidents, a description was taken and the Fairfax County Police are investigating.

We are reporting these incidents to keep all residents AWARE of what is happening in our building complex. As stated previously

AWARENESS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN COMBATING CRIME

IMPORTANT Consult  
your advisor for  
counsel on your  
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If the property is residential, cost recovery is treated as ordinary income only to the extent that the accelerated depreciation exceeds straight-line depreciation. Because of this, there is no penalty for the faster write-off.

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We have Assumptions with no escalation with as little as \$18,000 to assume. If you have a friend who has expressed interest in being a resident of Skyline, please pass this on.

We are in need of a Driscoll in the West Building and a three bedroom in either House. Please call if you have given any thought to selling.

A LITTLE CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS, PLEASE

Living in as close a community as we do, some noise is invariably transmitted between units. Much of this can be avoided with a little consideration for others. In at least one unit there are sounds reminiscent of either dumbbells (from weight lifting or otherwise) falling with a thud on the floor, or of loud pounding on the walls, and these noises extend over a long period of time. Of course, the noise could instead be a water-hammer problem, which is a loud noise in the water pipes that occurs in some units whenever water faucets are opened and closed. The water-hammer problem can be corrected by completing a customer service request at the front desk, assuming the relevant warranty is still in effect (and it probably is).

And how many residents with wood floors and few rugs realize that residents below them listen to the tap-tap-tap of shoes to a degree that can be greatly reduced with one or two additional small and strategically located rugs? Listening to a tap-tap-tap- may be entertaining on the dance floor but it is no great pleasure elsewhere, and certainly not to those early risers who are trying to get some sleep.

So please, a little consideration for others.

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Wall Street Journal Subscribers

Skyline Center is just beyond the delivery area of the Wall Street Journal. Resident subscribers must now receive the paper by mail (day or more late) rather than being delivered. However, if enough residents subscribe, the Journal would probably make a delivery stop here. If you have any interest in subscribing for delivery, please give your name and unit number to Gordon at 931 4426.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: Re: Pot Pourri Column by Jan Flynn

Dear Jan: I can't believe you're leaving me - them - us - your loyal readers of Pot Pourri! Pot Pourri is our piece de resistance. You say you are "too busy" - you say your "well ran dry" - you say you "will be traveling". But if it has to be; we wish you well. We will miss your keen wit; your on-time, camera-ready copy. You are a treasure indeed.

NOTE: Jan Flynn's final Pot Pourri column will appear in the December House Special.

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# From Management

## NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN

Thanks to the Security and Fire Safety Committee's work, we now have an established traffic pattern for our garage. At their suggestion, the Board adopted their traffic plan in an effort to avoid the possibility of collisions or vehicle confrontations which could result in "fender bender" type accidents.

The East side has been designated exclusively for use when entering the garage; the West side for exiting.

When entering the garage, you must continue to proceed on the East side until reaching your level and parking space. When exiting, only the West side may be used.

Please observe the new blue and white directional signs which have been installed to aid in directing vehicle traffic. The lighted EXIT signs, required by the County, are not part of the vehicle traffic pattern. Their purpose is to direct pedestrians to the nearest stairwell exit in the event of an emergency in the garage.

## MANAGEMENT OFFICE

The Management Office will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 A. M. to 12 Noon. Weekday hours will remain the same. If no one is in the office, please leave a message with the receptionist at the front desk.

## FIRE LANES

You may have noticed that some of our curbs were recently painted yellow. These curbs are newly designated Fire Lanes by the Fairfax County Fire Marshall's office. New signs, as required by the County for these curbs are on order and will be installed as soon as they are received.

This means, No Stopping, Standing or Parking at anytime will be permitted in these areas. We would also like to inform you that the Fairfax County Police do enforce the No Parking etc. Fire Lane Ordinance to ensure that in the event of an emergency, Police, Fire and Rescue vehicles have access to the building.



### NEWSNAPPERS ? ?

A number of residents have reported that frequently, their morning newspaper is missing, only to find, after checking with the paper's circulation department, that it was in fact delivered to their door.

For the convenience of those residents who do not receive home delivery, newspaper vending machines are located on the terrace level of the lobby building adjacent to the garage elevators.

### LOCKOUT CHARGES

When residents are accidentally locked out of their units, emergency lockout service is provided by Condominium personnel upon proper identification. The charge for this service is \$7.50, payable to the employee at the time the door is unlocked. During regular business office hours, the management staff will unlock your door at no charge.

Please note, that Condominium personnel who perform this service may not always be immediately available to unlock your door. In this event, a locksmith should be called to provide entry into the unit.

### CATERING POLICY

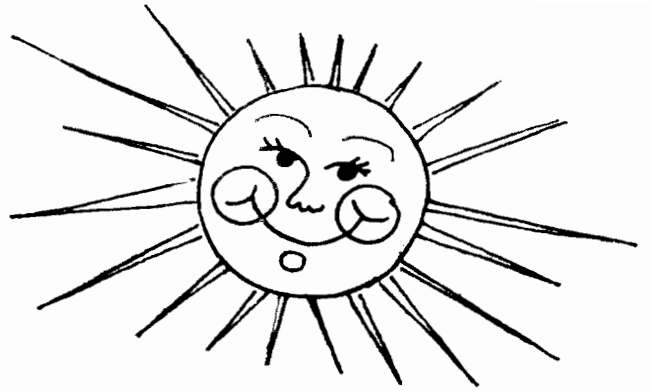
With the advent of the holiday season, we are restating the Condominium's policy, so that residents who have engaged caterers may apprise them of it.

Caterers providing service to functions in the penthouse are to enter through the rear building service areas, proceed to one of the passenger elevators, and go to the penthouse.

Caterers providing service to individual units must use the rear service areas and take the service elevator to the appropriate floor (thereby, not using a passenger elevator).

When a caterer is known to have damaged a common area, or generated unnecessary trash in a common area, the owner or resident will be billed accordingly. Under no circumstance, should catering service personnel enter either building through the main lobby or the west lobby.





### INTRODUCING

We are pleased to introduce Mrs. Hazel Cowles, who has been hired as our new Assistant Manager.

Hazel is a true native Virginian and a former Capital Airlines Stewardess. She has been with the Charles E. Smith Management for three years; the past two in the position of Assistant Manager at the Skyline Towers Apartments.

### PET POLICY

Again, we are receiving complaints and experiencing problems with pets being brought into the building, specifically dogs.

While we can appreciate the affection one has for a pet, our Documents are quite clear concerning the policy on pets.

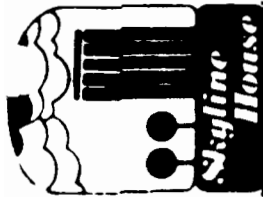
Article X, Section 3 (m), makes it implicitly clear that pets of any kind are STRICTLY PROHIBITED, and it is this section of the By-Laws that Management must enforce.

Please advise your visitors that they may not bring their pet(s) with them when visiting in the Condominium.



FROM THE MANAGEMENT STAFF,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

# NOVEMBER

SKYLINE HOUSE  
UNIT OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

# 1981

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Redskins/Cardinals 4 PM HOME	2 Election Day Financial Mgmt. & Adm. 8 PM WCR Duplicate Bridge 7:30 PM ECR	3 Financial Mgmt. & Adm. 8 PM WCR Duplicate Bridge 7:30 PM ECR	4 Covenants Comm. 7 PM WCR	Slimnastics * 7 PM EPR 5 Recreation Comm. 8 PM WCR	6 Cocktail Party 8:30 PM WPR	7
8 Redskins/Lions HOME - 1 PM	9 Flea Mart/ Holiday Bazaar 7:30 PM WPR	10 Community Relations Comm. 8 PM ECR	HOLIDAY Veteran's Day 11	Slimnastics * 7 PM EPR 12 Physical Plant Operations Comm. 8 PM WCR	13	14
15 Redskins/Giants AWAY 4 PM	16	17	18	Slimnastics * 7 PM EPR 19	20	21
22 Redskins/Cowboys AWAY 3 PM (local time)	23	24	25 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 PM WCR	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 Redskins/Bills AWAY - 1 PM	30	WCR West Card Room WPR West Party Room ECR East Card Room EPR East Party Room *See back for details.	COMING EVENTS: Dec 4 - TGIF Dec 9 - Spaghetti Dinner	31	DECEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	November

\*\*\* THIS MONTH'S EVENTS \*\*\*

Friday Night Cocktail Party - Friday, November 6, 1981. 6:30 PM West Party Room. Everyone's invited: singles, couples and guests of both. No charge. No reservations required. Bring your own drinks, mixes and snacks to share. Casual dress.

Flea Mart/Holiday Bazaar - Monday, November 9, 1981, 7:30 PM West Party Room. Sellers must reserve space by Nov 2. See flyers previously distributed. Bake sale .... Complimentary wine. Come join us.

Duplicate Bridge - Tuesday, November 3, East Card Room. Contact Dick Atchison, 1101E, for details.

Slimnastics - Continuation of eight week classes. Thursdays, Nov 5, 12 & 19, 7 PM East Party Room.

Committee Meetings - All meetings held at 8:00 PM unless otherwise noted:

Financial Management & Administration - Tuesday, Nov. 3, West Card Room  
Physical Plant Operations - Thursday, Nov. 12, West Card Room  
Recreation - Thursday, Nov 5, West Card Room  
Community Relations - Tuesday, Nov 10, East Card Room  
Covenants - Wednesday, Nov. 4, West Card Room, 7 PM

Board of Directors' Meeting - Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 PM West Card Room

\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*

Dec 4 - Regular Friday happy hour.

Dec 9 - Spaghetti Dinner. Watch for details.