

# The *House Special*

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## YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are delighted to welcome three new members of the Board: Ruth Ballard, Barbara Bear, and Robert Lowry; we are also happy to see our former Board member, Gordon Frank, back with us.

Board members held a short meeting to select the officers and appoint the liaison members with our committees. Our officers are:

President:	Merrill J. Collett
Vice President:	Wynfred Joshua
Treasurer:	Edward L. Stolarun
Secretary:	Barbara Bear

Board liaisons with the committees are as follows:

Community Relations:	Barbara Bear
Covenants:	Ruth B. Ballard
Financial Management & Administration:	Edward L. Stolarum
Physical Plant Operations:	Robert Lowry
Recreation:	Barbara Bear
Security & Fire Safety:	Wynfred Joshua
Architectural Planning & Control:	Gordon A. Frank



To insure that Board activities will reach our monthly newsletter in a timely fashion, the decision was made that the monthly Board sessions will be held every THIRD TUESDAY of the month. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 15.

Wynfred Joshua  
Vice President

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD



The April Board meeting was held on the 27th which was too late to be reported in our May newsletter. Several of the topics we covered, however, are of interest to our owners and other residents.

The Board finally received a ruling from our legal counsel that Skyline House can apply for a permit to conduct Bingo games, provided the standard regulations are observed. A permit takes about 2 months to get. It is now up to the Recreation Committee to go ahead with arranging for a Bingo program if it so desires.

Henceforth the Exercise and Sauna facilities are available to both men and women at the same time daily from 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. On alternate days from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM the facilities are open to men only and women only.

The Board directed the property manager to get in touch with Pflugg Enterprises/Build America, our neighbor, to insure that our driveway and its substructure are properly restored. The issue was raised that shoppers and employees of the stores and buildings next door might try to use Skyline House terrain for lunch or other purposes. The Architectural Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of building a wall between our property and that of Pflug Enterprises.

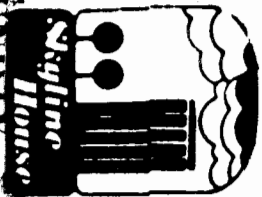
The problem of the window washing project of Skyline House was solved. Our management has a solution for repairing the fragile clips that hold the screens in place and that may break upon screen removal or replacement. Owners will be asked to pay repair costs if the clips break, even if the screens are removed by Skyline House personnel. Residents will soon be informed when the windows will be washed and arrangements will be made for those who need help from Skyline House employees in removing and subsequently replacing the screens. Note that the windows on the balcony remain the responsibility of the residents

The Board accepted the recommendation to establish concrete walkways at the east end of Skyline House from the East Building toward Skyline Plaza lobby. The establishment of a lobby sign at the steps at George Mason Drive leading to the lobby was also approved.

The Covenants Committee was asked to investigate whether the use of electric grills on the balconies should be permitted. Note that the use of charcoal grills is strictly prohibited under the county fire code. Unfortunately this rule was last year several times violated by residents oblivious to the serious fire hazard to which they exposed other residents. If anyone notices the use of charcoal grills on a balcony, please notify the receptionist or the manager immediately so that appropriate action can be taken.

The President of the Board closed the meeting with thanking the three Board members whose one-year term of office expired on 4 May for their contribution and dedicated efforts this past year.

Wynfred Joshua  
Vice President



SKYLINE HOUSE UNIT  
OWNERS ASSOCIATION

# THIRTEEN

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

# JUNE

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

Friday Night Cocktail Party - Friday, June 4, 1982, 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, if you wish, snacks to share. Casual dress. Come join us!

Flea Mart - Friday, June 18, 7:30 PM West Party Room. Bargains galore: arts and crafts, not so new items ..... free admission ..... complimentary wine..... bake sale ..... raffle! Sellers must reserve table space by June 14. See sign up flyers at lobby desk.

Charles Town Races - Saturday, June 12. Bus trip to Charles Town, W. Va. thoroughbred horse races. Price includes clubhouse admission, races and dinner of prime rib or fresh fish. See sign up sheet at lobby desk. For more details contact Babs James, 1715E.

Tuesday Night Happy Hours - Every Tuesday, at the pool promenade (outside pool area), 6:30 PM. Bring your own drinks, ice and nonbreakable cups.

Slimnastics - New Wednesday night classes begin June 9, 7 PM East Party Room. Advance reservations required. Look for sign up sheets.

Bridge - no partner needed, separate duplicate and rubber bridge games. Every Monday, 7:30 PM East Card Room. For more information contact Dick Atchison, 1101E.

Swimnastics - To form in June. Watch for dates and details.

Committee Meetings - All meetings held at 8:00 PM:

Architectural Planning & Control - Monday, June 7, West Card Room  
Community Relations - Tuesday, June 8, East Card Room  
Covenants - to be announced.  
Financial Management & Administration - to be announced.  
Physical Plant Operations - Thursday, June 10, West Card Room  
Recreation - Thursday, June 3, West Card Room  
Security & Fire Safety - Monday, June 21, West Card Room

Board of Directors' Meeting - Tuesday, June 15, 7:30 PM, East Card Room.


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

July 2 - regular monthly TGIF.  
Mexican Dinner - Watch for details.  
BINGO - Watch for details.

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Committees - Please reserve card and/or party rooms in advance for your activities so that they'll be listed in the Skyline House Calendar.

Contact Pat Dews, 1712E, with information for July calendar by June 18.



CHAIRMEN COMMUNIQUE

# What's Up...

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL

Chairpersons

Philip & Pearl Heyman, 605E

Dead trees near the lobby entrance and on the pool deck need to be replaced, as do the azaleas near the lobby entrance.

The trees planted by the owner/developer of the property to the west after the sewer connection are dead or dying. In the view of this committee, these trees must be replaced by the adjoining property owner.

The raised brick circle in front of the lobby could be made more attractive by adding concrete planters filled with seasonal flowers. Price estimates are being obtained.

This committee is getting prices for the installation of a hand rail to be installed from the lobby to the street along the concrete wall. This would be an important safety measure, especially during the winter.

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## The HOUSE SPECIAL

Board Member Liaison-Barbara Bear

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Community Relations Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES

LEAF COLLECTION TAX -- At its meeting on April 26, 1982, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to recreate Small District One within the Mason District for the purpose of excluding all of the Skyline City area from the Sanitary District Created for refuse and leaf collection. It is good to know that the petition that so many co-owners signed earlier in the year will result in a reduction in county real estate property taxes in the future.

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RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE -- For those would would like to donate blood to our community: The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at these nearby locations on these dates and days in June:

Monday, June 7	St. Anthony's Catholic Church 3305 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 10	C & P Telephone Company 6400 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, June 14	Bloomingdale's Tyson's Corner, McLean	9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 29	First Virginia Bank 6400 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A reminder: Please call 591-8091 to confirm these dates and places, because the schedule is subject to change.

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NEW BUS STOP -- At our request, Metro has placed a new bus stop near the steps to the lobby. Both the 28G (Pentagon) and 25A and B (Ballston) service this stop. We had requested that the stop across the street be moved directly opposite the new stop, but Metro denied our request, saying that it would encourage people to cut across the grassy portion of the median strip.

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MEETING AT NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE -- Over a considerable period of time, residents of Skyline House and Skyline Plaza who live on the south side have complained about noise coming from Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC). The main sources of noise are these:

1. Activities conducted on the weekend, particularly Sundays, on the lower parking lot adjoining our property.
2. The air-conditioning compressors on the roof of the Engineering Building.

3. The automotive and auto repair shops.

To discuss these and other problems, a member of the Skyline House Community Relations Committee joined several members of the same committee from Skyline Plaza in meeting with officials of NVCC on Monday, May 17, 1982.

Relative to activities on the lower parking lot: Dr. Jean Netherton, Provost of the Alexandria campus, said that non-campus groups requesting the use of the parking lot are admonished to be considerate of campus neighbors, residents of Skyline House and Skyline Plaza. On recent Sundays, its use by the fire department for training purposes and by young go-cart drivers for racing was neither requested nor approved. Such unauthorized use is almost impossible to regulate because only one person from the Security Office is on duty. He must patrol the entire campus and the Bailey's Crossroads Annex as well. Since it is virtually impossible to reach the Security Office by telephone on Sundays, NVCC authorities will try to establish a process by which complaints about parking lot noise can be registered and acted upon promptly. This information will be disseminated to Skyline House residents as soon as possible.

There is not much good news about the noise of the air conditioning compressors on the roof of the Engineering Building. Noise baffling for each compressor (there are two) would cost \$15,000, an expenditure for which there are no funds in the NVCC budget. An attempt will be made to adhere to the established operating schedule of the air conditioning system -- on from 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. on weekdays, off on Sundays -- except when use of the building or very hot weather demands longer hours of operation.

The Provost will look into the operation of the automotive shops to see if some activities which are conducted outside, or indoors with the bay doors open, should be completely confined to the various work areas and laboratories, behind closed doors. The noise from compressed air cleaning of engines outdoors was a specific complaint made to the Provost. She will also look into the hours of operation to see if there may be persistent violation of them. She warned that instruction in and use of the automotive shops will increase rather than decline, since they are the most modern and up-to-date in the entire region. Since classes are held six days a week, it is unclear at the moment how much noise reduction can be achieved.

Although unrelated to noise, another subject of continuing concern to residents of Skyline House and Skyline Plaza was introduced by Mr. Cecil W. Shuler, Dean of Financial and Administrative Services, NVCC. The matter of the building of steps on the campus property leading up from the concrete walkway which the Charles E. Smith Company has constructed to the property line at the east end of the East Building of Skyline House will be taken up by NVCC officials with Tom Davis, Fairfax County Supervisor for the Mason District. Coordinated plans for such construction were apparently never agreed upon by the developer and NVCC. According to Dean Shuler, neither the county nor the state will approve construction that does not make possible the use of such an access route by handicapped persons; it will therefore be necessary to involve all parties in a renewed planning effort.

NVCC officials and our Community Relations Committee and that of Skyline Plaza will continue to work to solve these problems and will meet from time to time to discuss possible solutions or to consider ways to improve situations which cannot be basically changed.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES -- Each resident of Fairfax County has, by now, received the bulletin, "Education, Recreation and Parks - Summer '82." If your copy went immediately to the disposal room without perusal, you'll be sor-r-ry! The outside leaf contained a map showing the locations of the major county parks. Inside are several pages giving information on them. Are you a fisherman? Burke Lake Park, for example, has a 218-acre lake with rowboats to rent, along with bait and tackle. Do you want a quiet setting for a wedding? Contact Cabell's Mill for use of a room in what was once a 19th century grist mill. Huntley Meadows Park has nature trails and scheduled nature programs; Jefferson District Park, a golf course. . . . 270 individual parks of all sizes, offering a broad variety of recreational facilities and open land.

If the Great Outdoors is not "your thing," the Bulletin also lists a Calendar of Special Events and classes in a myriad of subjects from fencing through the crafts to bluegrass guitar and on and on!

Summer is a time for a break in the routine - for getting out of doors - for trying something new, even if it's only a new diet! All classes begin the week of June 21st. If you no longer have your Bulletin, a copy can be found at any library branch. Fairfax County is doing its best to help you enjoy these coming months. Take advantage of what is offered and ENJOY!

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#### SECURITY AND FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Les Boykin, Chairman

The Security and Fire/Safety Committee has decided not to recommend to the Board, at this time, that the locks and security keys for all of the common area doors be changed. Such a project would have cost between an estimated \$2000.-\$5000. depending on the type of key requested. Comments are invited on this matter from any residents who may have reason to consider that such a change in the future would add substantially to our security.

This Committee does believe that the far greater key to our security lies in having adequate lock protection on our individual unit entrance doors. If you have questions on this subject or wish to discuss it, call Les Boykin (820-1567).

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## LETTERS

The Editors of "The House Special" welcome letters from residents of Skyline House. Let the Letter Editor, Elizabeth Grant, 1408-W, know if you have a question; want to express an opinion, or simply have something of interest you would care to share.

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To the Editor, The House Special:

Upon reading Mr. Fleischman's letter in the May, 1982, issue of The House Special, I was dismayed to discover that his car was towed away without his having been informed that such drastic measures were to be taken. This was of special concern to me because I had been under the impression that an experience I had last fall had served to initiate a change in this inconsiderate practice.

At that time, I was involved in a similar incident. Upon returning home after 11:00 p.m., I found my parking space occupied. There was an owner's sticker on the rear view mirror of the car in my space, from which I copied the number.

I went to the desk and asked the employee on duty to give me the name of the owner of that sticker number so that I could ask to have the car moved. His response was that he was not allowed to give me the name of the owner and that I must have the car towed away. My reply was that it would be unthinkable for me to do that to one of my neighbors who had undoubtedly made a mistake. When I could not get the name or unit number of the owner of the car, I asked the employee to call the owner for me. Again, he said that that would be improper--that I must call for a tow truck.

At this point, I asked to talk with Nancy Reed by telephone to ask her authorization for the employee to give me the name of the owner of the car. This request was denied because, I was told, my only solution was to call the towing company. (Made me wonder if management has a financial interest in or arrangement with the towing company.) It was only after I convinced the employee that I was going to knock on Nancy Reed's door that he granted my request and rang the unit of the owner of the sticker, using the intercom.

I was under the impression that surely the practice of towing away an owner's car without warning or notification would have been changed after that. It could be so easy to make the mistake of parking in the relative position on the wrong level of our garage that we should give the offender an opportunity to correct his mistake. I do not agree with Mr. Fleischman that it is the prerogative of the owner of a parking space to subject one of his neighbors to such unfair, as well as costly, treatment.

*Juanita Mayer*

Juanita Mayer  
713W

To the Letter Editor:

### HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.  
The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.  
You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.  
Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.  
You get winded playing chess.  
Your children begin to look middle aged.  
You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it leaning against the wrong wall.  
You join a health club and don't go.  
You begin to outlive enthusiasm.  
You decide to procrastinate but then never get around to it.  
Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.  
You look forward to a dull evening.  
You walk with your head held high trying to get used to your bifocals.  
Your favorite part of the newspaper is "25 years ago today."  
You turn out the light for economic reasons rather than romantic ones.  
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.  
Your knees buckle and your belt won't.  
You regret all those mistakes resisting temptation.  
You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, and 106 around the golf course.  
You stop looking forward to your next birthday.  
After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.  
Dialing long distance wears you out.

You're startled the first time you are addressed as "old timer."  
You remember today, that yesterday was your wedding anniversary.  
You just can't stand people who are intolerant!  
The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.  
You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 PM.  
Your back goes out more than you do.  
A fortune teller offers to read your face.  
Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.  
The little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.  
You get your exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who exercise.  
You get too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.  
You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

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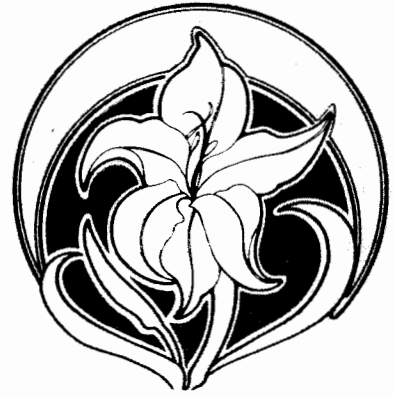
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# From Management



## BALCONIES

We have received several complaints and concerns from residents about finding cigarette butts on their balconies. In some cases, the cigarettes have burned holes in the carpeting. Please do not throw cigarette butts or any other objects from your balcony.

We would also like to remind you, when sweeping your balcony please do not sweep the debris over the side of the balcony. The wind will blow the debris onto other balconies. Please consider those persons living below you.

## TRASH CHUTE

Please do not use the trash chute between 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. The noise of objects being dropped down the chute is disturbing to those persons living next to the disposal rooms.

We request that you use your kitchen sink disposal for food waste instead of placing it in your trash cans and then in the trash chute. This will help make the odor less offensive during the summer months. If you must put food waste down the chute, please place it in tightly closed bags.

## SECURITY

Please do not open doors for people you do not know. This occurs frequently at the lobby level west entrance. Guests must check in at the front desk, be announced and receive their parking permit before going to any Unit.

We also request that you check to be sure outside doors are closing behind you. If you find any that are malfunctioning, please advise the office or the front desk.

## NO PARKING IN DESIGNATED FIRE LANES

Fairfax County ordinances prohibit vehicle parking or standing in designated fire lanes. These lanes are clearly marked with both "No Parking" signs and "Yellow" painted curbs in the front of the building. Please "NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE LOBBY" as this is a designated fire lane, and parking by either you or your guests causes unnecessary congestion. We have asked Fairfax County Police to increase their patrols of these areas since they can ticket violators. Management has the authority to have illegally parked vehicles towed. Your guests must use designated parking areas while they obtain a guest parking pass. If either you or your guest must wait to pick up a passenger at the lobby entrance, we suggest you use designated parking spaces until your passenger exits the lobby. If these spaces are filled then a very brief wait on the left side of the drive, while the driver is in the vehicle, might not result in the receipt of any traffic ticket. Do not leave vehicles unattended in the circle in front of the building.

## USE OF EXERCISE FACILITIES

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on April 27, 1982, the Board approved the use of the exercise facilities on a COED basis during the following hours:

6:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

The exercise room will be closed from 9:30-10:00 A.M. daily for cleaning.

The hours of 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. will be for use by women on ODD days and men on EVEN days as previously designated.

## WHEEL CHAIR PURCHASED

The Board of Directors authorized the purchase of a wheel chair for use by residents and guests as transportation from the lobby to their individual units. The chair will be kept at the front desk and must be signed for when borrowed. Use will be on a first come basis. Please return the chair promptly to the desk.



## SWIMMING POOL

Pool Opens May 29, 1982 at 11:00 A.M. Hours of operation will be 11:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M. daily.

We would like to emphasize a few important rules:

1. No glassware of any kind is permitted on the pool deck or in the sunning area.
2. Food and drink must be consumed in the sunning area outside the enclosed fence - no food allowed in the pool area.
3. The volume of the radio or other musical equipment shall be kept at a level which does not disturb others.
4. Robes or other suitable outer garments and shoes must be worn to and from the pool area.

You are requested to take the passenger elevators in your building to the "G" level and walk to the west garage elevators which will take you to the pool mezzanine level rather than going through the lobby.

If you have not already picked up your pool passes, you may do so at the front desk. Pool passes are issued according to the number of occupants allowed in your Unit.

They are:	One bedroom	2 passes
	One bedroom & den	3 passes
	Two bedroom	3 passes
	Two bedroom & den	4 passes
	Three bedroom	4 passes

Should you wish additional passes for guests, they may be purchased at the front desk. The cost is \$1.50 weekdays and \$2.00 weekends. Your pool passes are transferable and you may use them for guests or residents.

