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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ed Stolarun

Goethe once said "Life belongs to the living and he who lives must be prepared for changes."

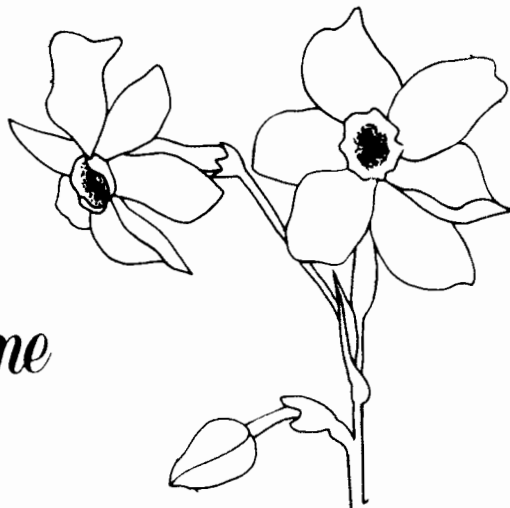
Mr. Merrill Collett recently resigned as President of the Board of Directors. Our association benefitted for having had his expertise and sympathetic understanding as a member of our community.

I am pleased to have been elected by the Board of Directors as President of our condominium association. I have lived in the Skyline Community since the early days of Skyline Plaza and served as a member of that Board, in addition to the Skyline House Board membership I now serve.

The high standards of excellence established by the previous administration will be maintained.

The coming year is crucial. We have many problems facing us. The consolidated efforts of all residents is vital. Many highly qualified people live in Skyline House. Our condominium will continue to be successful only if a sufficient number of co-owners step forward and contribute to this success by becoming involved in the workings of our association.

The deadline for nominations for Board positions to be filled in May, 1983 is 8:00 p.m., March 10, 1983.



Springtime

is here!



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

By Wynfred Joshua
Vice President

The Board started its February session with a report by Gordon Frank on what the developer was doing with respect to the deficiencies of our buildings. Mr. Frank and Chairman Gerstner of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee had made an inspection tour of the garage with a representative of the developer. Several deficiencies had been fixed; some were rejected by us; while work is progressing on some others. Our intention is to complete a consolidated list of deficiencies in the east and west buildings and to make a monthly inspection tour with the developer to check on progress.

A carpet expert selected by the Architectural Control Committee submitted a report on the condition of the carpet on the ground floor corridors. The expert's report is being sent to the Association's lawyer for advice. The Board generally felt that the report was not sufficiently precise; we decided to solicit a second opinion. Management was asked to write to carpeting manufacturers to check if they could provide an expert to check on the gallery rugs.

The issue of whether a Seven Eleven store will be permitted to open at the corner of George Mason Drive and Seminary Road has not yet been decided. The Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a meeting on February 24 at which representatives of the store will present their case to Skyline House representatives. The Board President decided that he would attend the session.

Mrs. Ruth Ballard raised the issue of the lack of respect for our building and property on the part of some of our residents. There was some concern about owners not picking up their issue of the newsletter and thereby not being aware of what was going on at Skyline House or what our regulations are. The issue remained unresolved.

The Board passed a motion to express its recognition for our past President's efforts and devotion to Skyline House concerns.

The matter of holding a town meeting for Skyline House was discussed. The consensus was clearly in favor of such an event. The decision was made to sponsor a session in the fall rather than in the spring, when already several extra meetings and the annual election session have been scheduled.

A lengthy discussion of the snow removal problem ensued. We noted that our own staff had done an excellent job, but that the contractor had not been able to handle the overwhelming task of clearing up our grounds. Contractor operators of the snow removal equipment were inexperienced and frequently did not turn up. Regretfully, there are no snow removal companies, and we may have to cope with the situation. Fortunately, however, the 18- to 24-inch snowfall is a rarity in the Washington area.

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Board Update: Two days after the February 15 Board meeting, a representative of Washington Cable Systems, Inc. (WCS) met with the Skyline House committee to discuss the initial draft of the proposed contract with WCS. The initial draft was finalized after some minor changes. This finalized version is to be evaluated by our legal counsel, after which it will be scheduled for consideration by the Board.

Ed Stolarun, President



A Day to Remember:



Elizabeth Grant
Unit 1408-W

After a power outage hit the Eastern Seaboard back in the '60's, the main topic of conversation for months afterwards was "Where were you during the Blackout?"

Our recent snow storm may not rank in importance with that event nor evoke such exotic responses. But memories of that snowfall will certainly linger. . . different ones for each of us. Mine include the sight of two dogs "mushing" by, happily pulling a sled with a bag of groceries on top; the line of cars, slipping and sliding, trying to reach Route 7 or Seminary Road by way of South George Mason Drive. . . while mine stayed safely in the garage; Sandy Ziegler manning the lobby desk after having sent the staff (all of whom reported for work on Friday) home as weather conditions worsened; the Blizzard Party. . . a happy, impromptu occasion made possible by the combined efforts of many who pitched in to ready and clean up the Party Room; those who got on the telephone to contact residents, and the not-to-be forgotten cooks who provided bounteous fare. It was evidence that a Community Spirit is alive and well in Skyline House!

Then, after the snow ceased falling, my mental instant-replay shows skiers, children with sleds and an unusual number of people walking. . . just to enjoy the beauty of sun and snow. For one brief shining moment Lake Tahoe had little on us!

Now what was it you wanted to say about YOUR memories of the storm.....?



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ATTENTION: HELP PREVENT SEWER BACK-UPS

During the past month there have been two major blockages in the bathroom drain stack within the same tier. This week, the engineers retrieved parts of a disposable diaper from the drain line. Someone flushed a disposable diaper down their toilet. Diapers are not designed to be flushed down the toilet and should be disposed of in the trash chute. Do not put paper towels, Kleenex, sanitary napkins or other foreign objects down the toilet.

These stoppages in the drain line cause back-ups and damage to the lower units. This could happen to your unit next time, so please be sure you cooperate by following the above suggestions.

KEEPING THE KITCHEN DRAIN OPEN

The key to keeping your drain running well in the kitchen is a little extra care in the use of your garbage disposal. Turn on the COLD water first, then the disposal, and then feed the waste in slowly. When the grinding is finished, turn the disposal off but let the water run a bit longer to flush the ground up waste down the entire drain. Incidentally, this practice is also important to prevent back-up and overflow of your washing machine drain since they share a common drain.

We would also request that no grease be poured down the kitchen sink. Please pour into a can or jar, store in refrigerator until hardened, then discard in the trash chute. Grease will become hardened in the pipes, so that no water or debris will be allowed to pass thru them to the main sewer line. When this happens, residents on the lower floors experience sink back-ups.

To keep the disposal free from odors, grind up the peelings from citrus fruits such as grapefruit, oranges or lemons.

A NOTABLE NOTICE

You may have noticed the increased amount of notices for you to notice. Some of our notices have not been noticed. This is very noticeable! It has been noticed that the response to the notices has been noticeably unnoticed. This notice to the notices has been noticeable unnoticed. This notice is to remind you to notice the notices and respond to the notices because we do not want the notices to go unnoticed.

KITCHEN EXHAUST FANS

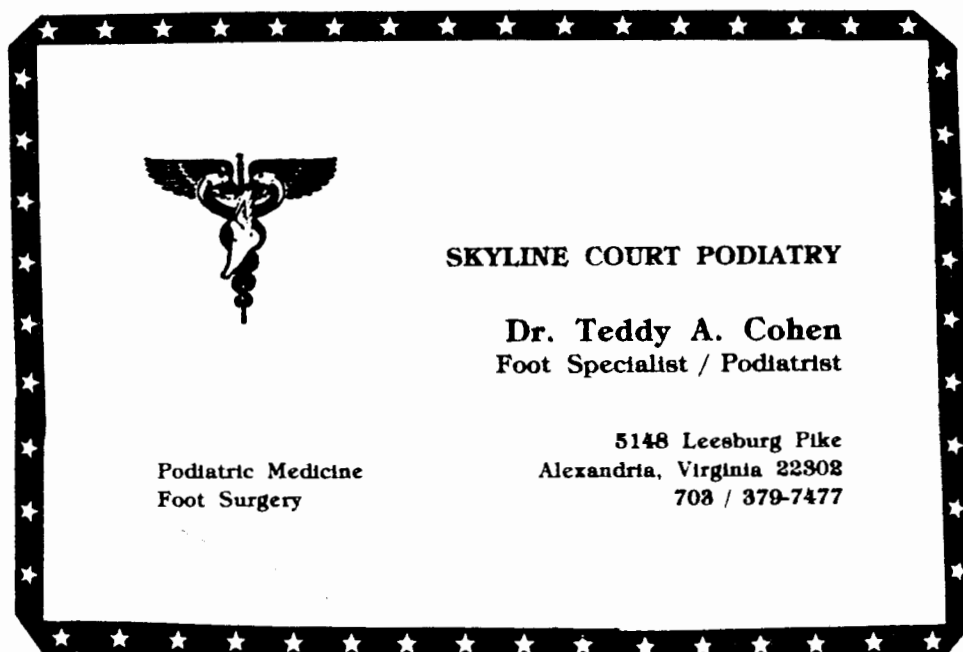
Please turn on your kitchen exhaust fan when you begin to cook. This will help keep cooking odors from entering the hallways and other units as well as preventing odors from lingering in your own unit.

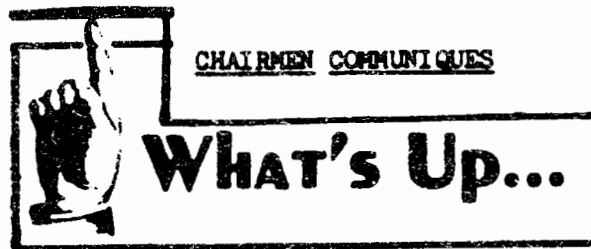
Directions for using the exhaust fan is located above your top oven and is called Rich-n-vent. Pull chrome handle toward you and up. Fan will come on automatically. This is a two-speed fan and can be controlled by pushing in on the silver button on the right side. The fan will go on and off automatically when the front cover is opened and closed. The filter should be cleaned periodically. Remove by pulling plastic tab up, wash in soapy water and replace.

Remember, what may be your favorite dish and have a pleasant odor to you, may be very unappealing and distasteful to others.

HAVE CORRESPONDENTS USE YOUR APARTMENT NUMBER

We would like to remind you to notify your correspondents to include the apartment number in the address. U. S. Postal Regulations specify, that first class mail must be delivered to the addressee directly as addressed or otherwise be returned to sender; the mailman is not allowed to leave mail he cannot deliver with the receptionist or at a front desk. To facilitate the delivery of mail we have made available to the mail carrier an alphabetical list of residents with their apartment numbers. U. S. Postal Regulations stipulate that for any building with more than 15 (fifteen) apartments, the mailman is not obliged to check the unit number for mail which omits this. Our regular mailmen are courteous enough to check the alphabetical list when they have to deliver mail which does not have an apartment number. Substitute mailmen have not always done so and obviously are not required to do so. This helps explain why you may not have received a particular first class letter. If you want to be sure that your mail reaches you expeditiously, please tell your correspondents to include the Unit Number in your complete address.





COLD ROOMS AND OUTSIDE NOISE:
A SOLUTION TO A CONTINUING PROBLEM

By Jerry Lagace, 806-E
Member, Physical Plant
and Operations Committee

Many residents were uncomfortable in their units last winter because they could not heat some rooms to reasonable temperatures. The problem was particularly acute in some of the larger units with northern or corner exposures. Although Old Man Winter has been kinder this year, the same problem is likely to recur during future winters. The problem can be eliminated by installing a very lightweight window in front of any one of your existing windows. The additional window has a mobile part which opens and closes exactly as does the basic window, and it can be easily removed. I have just had such a window installed. Although the true test of its effectiveness still awaits the arrival of a prolonged cold spell, I am totally delighted with the results so far. The temperature has been raised significantly, typical winter electricity bills are expected to decrease by a large amount, and the window is quite attractive. An added dividend is that noise from buses and other outside sources has decreased greatly. To those of you who have been seeking solutions to the same problems and wish to see the window, call me (578-3846) in the early evening or place a note in my box at the front desk.

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Security and Fire Safety Committee

By Les Boykin

The following information was supplied by the Arlington County Police Department and is being distributed in an effort to inform all our residents of a problem in a nearby community:

Subject: Sexual Assaults/Robberies(5), in the Four Mile Run, Walter Reed Drive and Fairlington area since October, 1982.

Modus Operandi: Suspect is usually on foot, approaches intended victims when they are on foot or in a vehicle, tries to gain their confidence by small talk, asks for a ride if they are in or near a vehicle; produces a knife and threatens to kill victim if she screams. Sexual offenses occur either in victim's vehicle or if on foot, in or near vacant townhouses.

One of the victims in these cases became a victim because she left her car with the door unlocked while she went into a store. She did not check the back seat area on her return. The assailant was hiding there and it was too late to extricate herself from the situation.

To avoid this most serious situation, lock your car, even if you are only leaving for a short time. Always check the rear floor area - it only takes a second!

For additional information or to furnish information, contact :
Arlington Sex Crime Unit 558-2383 Detective Karen Schoembs

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

By Bill Miller

The committee met on Tuesday, February 1, 1983, with eleven members and Ken Gresko, Board Liaison Representative, being present. Three committee members were unable to attend the meeting.

Ken Gresko, the new Association Treasurer and Board Liaison Representative for the Financial Management and Administration Committee, was welcomed and congratulated on his appointment to fill the remainder of the term of Mr. Merrill J. Collett. The committee will now forward proposals, recommendations and study results through Ken to Ed Stolarun, Board President.

The committee members also wish to welcome back to the committee Grace and Wayne Krumwiede. Their participation as committee members in the review and control of the financial affairs of the Association will be appreciated by all unit owners.

At a meeting of the Committee's Audit Working Group on February 19, 1983, the ground rules for handling the inquiries and audit proposals were established. Also established at the meeting was a schedule of activities for the Audit Working Group: February 15, 1983 was established as the last day audit proposals would be accepted; a meeting of the group was scheduled for February 16, 1983 to review proposals and select candidates qualified to perform the Association's audit; February 17 to 28 was designated as the period for interview of selected firms, and between March 1 and March 4, preparation of a recommendation package to be forwarded to the Board of Directors no later than March 5, 1983.

Brian Le Bert-Francis presented a paper to the committee members covering the breakdown of Board tasking for the committee into three groups -- two subcommittee groups and one overall committee responsibility group. After full committee deliberation, the Chairman requested all members to again review the proposal presented to the committee and develop their own recommendations and alternatives for presentation at the next meeting on March 1, 1983.

The Chairman requested a paper be presented at the next meeting on proposed review and control of procurement procedures for the committee in cooperation with other Association committees. These recommendations will be discussed by the members at the March 1 meeting with final development of a plan of action being developed at the committee meeting on April 5, 1983.

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PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

By Diets Gerstner

On February 10, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. in the East Card Room, the Physical Plant and Operations Committee held its monthly meeting, which was attended by seven members. Also present at the meeting was Gordon Frank, the Board member who is conducting the negotiations with the developer to correct Skyline House warranty items.

In the past three issues of the HOUSE SPECIAL we reported on three major warranty items that still require corrective action by the developer and gave estimates on what it would cost to repair them. The three items were the garage expansion joints -- estimated to cost \$59,500 to repair, the aluminum fencing around the pool and the east and west penthouse sundeck areas -- estimated to cost \$12,800 to repair, and cracked exterior brickwork -- estimated to cost \$39,700 to repair. These estimates came from the final report that was done by ALPHATEC, an engineering consulting firm located in Washington, D.C. ALPHATEC was hired by our Board of Directors to perform an engineering evaluation and study of the building systems of Skyline House Condominium. The objective of hiring ALPHATEC was to get an independent and expert assessment of the structural, mechanical, and electrical condition of Skyline House as it was built by the developer. ALPHATEC, as part of its job, identified deficiencies in the buildings and grounds, recommended corrective repairs, and provided cost estimates for these repairs. The final ALPHATEC report was submitted to our Board of Directors on March 5, 1982, and described deficiencies in the common areas of the east and west buildings, garage, and grounds. Many of the deficiencies remain to be corrected by the developer.

Besides the three warranty items already described, there are others that will require extensive correction. The concrete and asphalt pavement around the buildings has low spots where water collects and freezes. This condition is most evident in and about the guest parking area just north of the west building. Rain water collects in the handicapped parking area, at the far west end of the guest parking spaces, and in front of the brick walkway leading to the residents' entrance on the north side of the west building. Also, there are wet weather springs in the asphalt pavement east of the garage car entrance, and west of the garage car exit up to and past the emergency diesel generator. You may have noticed that after it rains, water continues to bubble up through the asphalt pavement for several days. The places where this occurs are called wet weather springs and are caused by insufficient drainage underneath the asphalt pavement. The ALPHATEC report estimated that it would cost \$23,200 to repair the concrete and asphalt pavement.

The landscaping around the complex is not correctly graded in several places. On the south side of the garage, the slope of the ground is such that water collects at the outside base of the south garage wall and is unable to run off. This causes the inside of the south garage D-level wall to leak. There is a similar situation in the open area between the north side of the garage and the south side of the east building. The ALPHATEC report estimated that it would cost \$26,000 to regrade and correct the affected areas.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY (T.G.I.F.)- Friday, March 4, 1983, 6:30 P.M. EAST Party Room. Everyone is 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!

OMELETTE BRUNCH - Sunday, March 6, 1983, 12 noon EAST PARTY ROOM. Advanced reservations required. Look for sign up sheets at front desk.

SLIMNASTICS - New Thursday night classes begin March 3, 1983, 6:45 P.M. EAST PARTY ROOM. Look for sign up sheets at front desk. Advanced reservations required.

T'AI CHI CH'UAN - NEW Wednesday night classes, 7:00 P.M., EAST CARD ROOM. Reservations required. For further information about this exercise classes contact GI WOM POST (instructor) 379-9628.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - Tuesday, March 15, 1983, 7:30 P.M. EAST PARTY ROOM.

BRIDGE - Every Monday, 7:30 P.M. EAST CARD ROOM.

BINGO - Thursday, March 17, 1983, 8:00 P.M. WEST PARTY ROOM. CARDS 25¢ each.

***** COMING EVENTS *****

April 1, 1983 Regular T.G.I.F.

April 27, 1983 INTERNATIONAL NIGHT - COVERED DISH DINNER- Watch for details.

The HOUSE SPECIAL

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Items for The HOUSE SPECIAL must be submitted to the Editors before the 20th of the month preceding publication.

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 SKLINE HOUSE
 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR
MARCH

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| 6 Omelette Brunch* 12 noon EPR | 7 Architectural Planning & Control 8:00 P.M. WCR BRIDGE 7:30 P.M. ECR | Finance Mgmt. 7:30 P.M. WCR | T'ai Chi Ch'uan* 7:00 P.M. ECR | Silmanastics* 6:45 P.M. EPR Recreation Comm. 7:30 P.M. ECR | T.G.I.F. 6:30 P.M. EPR | |
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| | | Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 P.M. EPR | T'ai Chi Ch'uan* 7:00 P.M. EPR Covenants Comm. 7:30 P.M. ECR | St. Patrick's Day Silmanastics* 6:45 P.M. EPR BINGO 8:00 P.M. WPR | | |
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| | | Passover | T'ai Chi Ch'uan* 7:00 P.M. ECR | Silmanastics* 6:45 P.M. EPR | | |
| | | | | | WCR - West Card Rm. ECR - East Card Rm. WPR - West Party Room EPR - East Party Room * Reservations Required - see back. | March |

In the fire stairwells of the east and west buildings, the nosings, or edges, of many of the steps were severely gouged during the course of construction. Also, much of the floor tile installation in the hallways is uneven and the tiles are wearing abnormally. The ALPHATEC report estimated that it would cost \$27,300 to repair the steps and floor tile. The covered bridge that connects the east building to the garage is another item that needs correction. Needless to say, we all know that it leaks. In fact, during the snow storm of February 11, 1983, snow even blew in through the open joints of the bridge. The leakage has in turn soiled the red outdoor carpet which covers the floor of the bridge. The ALPHATEC report estimated that it would cost \$3,000 to repair the bridge and stop it from leaking.

Although the majority of the warranty items remain to be corrected, some repair work has been done and continues to be done by the developer. On February 8, 1983, Mr. Gordon Frank and the Chairman of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee toured the garage and pool promenade areas with Mr. Robert Malone, a Richmarr construction foreman. The purpose of the tour was to view work that had been completed since December 20, 1982. On that date, a consolidated list of warranty items for the garage and pool promenade areas was given to Mr. Malone for corrective action. As of February 8, 1983, twelve items out of a total of forty-two on the consolidated list had been corrected. Mr. Malone said that supplies were on order and additional work is scheduled and will be started when warmer weather arrives.

The following matters were brought before the Physical Plant and Operations Committee for action at its February 10, 1983 meeting:

Warranty Obligation to the Veterans Administration - Since the developer received Veterans Administration (VA) approval to sell units through VA loans, he may have a warranty obligation to the VA to correct common area deficiencies. If so, we may be able to enlist the aid of the VA to have warranty items corrected. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee voted to recommend through its board liaison that the Board of Directors ask the Association's legal counsel to investigate this matter. In particular, the legal counsel should examine all aspects of any warranty obligation the developer might have with the VA and recommend a course of action to be taken that could increase the probability that defects in the condominium would be corrected.

Clogged Dryer Vents - There is a continuing problem with lint clogging the dryer vents at the wire mesh screen where the vents exhaust to the outside. This is a serious problem for the units on the east end of the east building and the west end of the west building. The dryer vents for these units exhaust through louvers located next to the dining room and as such are not accessible for cleaning, unless you lower a scaffold down the side of the building. All other units have the dryer vent located above the balcony door. These vents can be cleaned from the outside using a short length of stiff wire with a small hook at the end. Our management agent has proposed a solution for clogged vents whereby the dryer duct to the outside would be extended and capped with a flapper valve. This would mean cutting through the louver in which the dryer duct is now located and installing a metal duct and flapper valve. The committee considered this a good technical solution and made the

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Physical Plant and Operations Committee con't:

following recommendations: 1) the flapper valve proposed by the management agent be replaced by movable louvers; 2) this be considered a limited common area problem with the cost of installation borne by the Association for all units; and 3) as an alternate solution, the present wire mesh screen be removed and no new duct work be installed.

Place to Wash Cars - The Covenants Committee has suggested two places where residents might be able to wash their cars. One is by the loading dock on the south side of the west building, and another one is by the loading dock on the south side of the east building. Both locations have problems with regard to water drainage, trash, fire engine access, and disturbance to the residents on the lower floors. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee considered this matter and voted not to allow any car washing on the condominium grounds. The problems that would be created would far outweigh any advantages to be gained.

Lawn Maintenance - The performance of Landcaster Landscapes in maintaining our grounds has not been altogether satisfactory. Among other things, sprinkler heads have been cut off, lawn mowers dripping oil have been pushed across the red carpet of the galleries, mowers without mufflers have been used, tree support wires have been cut off, hedges have not been trimmed, dead bushes have not been removed and replaced, and grass has been thrown off the pool promenade area onto the light sensors for the lights on the south wall of the garage, thereby causing the lights to burn all day. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee agreed to draw up a set of lawn maintenance requirements for use by the Financial Management and Administration Committee in selecting a lawn contractor for this summer.

Technical Plan for Cable TV - Washington Cable Systems has come back with a technical plan on how it intends to lay the cables to connect our master TV antenna systems to the satellite receiving station atop the Plaza south building. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee reviewed this plan and found it lacked the details needed to determine exactly how the coaxial cables would be installed.

With regard to actions by the Resident Manager to correct the maintenance items that are submitted monthly by the committee, progress continues to be good. As of February 10, 1983, seven monthly lists had been submitted. They contained a total of 144 items, of which 125 had been repaired.

The next monthly meeting of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee is scheduled for March 10, 1983, at 8:00 p.m., in the West Card Room.

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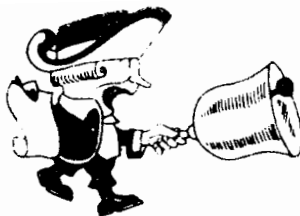
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COMMUNITY NOTES

By Helen Wiener
Elizabeth Grant

MINI-TREK. How well do you know the lay-out of Skyline House? Are you a resident who goes directly from your unit to an exit and back again without ever having explored further?

As another in the "Know Your Community" series, a tour (approximately one hour) is being arranged to include some of the less frequented, lesser-known facilities in our two buildings. Both the Physical Plant and Fire/Safety Committees are cooperating with us in this effort.

So, under Saturday, March 19, make a note on your calendar to join one of the groups which will be leaving from the Main Lobby at ten-minute intervals between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Watch the bulletin boards for further announcements.

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TRAFFIC ON SOUTH GEORGE MASON DRIVE. It is to be hoped that the long lines of cars on our street, more visible during the recent snow emergency, will attest to the increased importance of South George Mason Drive as a vital link between Route 7 and Seminary Road, a fact to which the Highway Department has, until now, turned a "blind eye" when considering the need for an additional traffic signal and pedestrian overpass!

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SEW? Do you have small pieces of bright-colored fabric which you can't seem to find a use for but hate to get rid of? Do you have odds and ends of trimmings like lace, rick-rack or seam and hem bindings? The Community Relations Committee is sponsoring the making of Pinkie Puppets and sock dolls for Fairfax Hospital. Every baby and small child who is admitted to the hospital is given one of these as his very own. He keeps it with him throughout his hospital stay as his friend and confidante, and he takes it home with him when he is discharged. The faces for the puppets and the socks and stuffing for the dolls are furnished by the hospital. You supply the fabric for the body of the puppets and the workmanship for both. A sewing machine is not a necessity, since both may be made by hand as well.

If you do not sew or do not at present have time to make these small gifts, we should be extremely happy to receive any materials which you can contribute. Any nylons which you might otherwise discard are needed to be used as stuffing for the heads of the puppets. Please call Helen Wiener, 1506-W, on 820-0659 to offer your talents and/or materials, or for additional information. And take a look at the bulletin board!

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CHECK IT OUT! Are you aware of the many different materials and services provided by the Fairfax County Public Library to our community? Our local branch is the Woodrow Wilson Library, located two blocks back of the Culmore Shopping Center at 6101 Knollwood Drive. Ms. Carolyn M. White, the branch manager, would like to make the Skyline Community knowledgeable about what the library can do to serve our needs and expand our horizons. Please plan to meet her on Wednesday night, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the East Party Room.

This is another in our series of programs on Your Community. Again, the Community Relations Committee is inviting residents of Skyline Plaza, Skyline Square and Skyline Towers to join us.

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YOUR GOOD HEALTH. Continuing our listing of topics of interest in the new series of community education programs offered by the National Hospital for Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, we announce the following for March 1983:

Stroke: Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. This course, offered by the Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments, will teach participants what a stroke is and how its victims are affected. There will also be a segment on the process of rehabilitation of the stroke patient.

Shaping An Exercise Program: Monday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. This program is presented by the Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation and will discuss the benefits of a regular exercise program and how it can be designed to meet your special needs. Strong and weak points of your program will be evaluated, and you will learn where your exercise limit is. Exercise "how to's" relative to time, temperature and pulse rate will be covered.

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These programs are intended as self-help tools and not as substitutes for the advice of a physician. They are open and free to the public and are held in the hospital auditorium. The National Hospital is located at 2455 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22206. For additional information on these or future programs, please call the hospital's Public Affairs Office at 553-2461.

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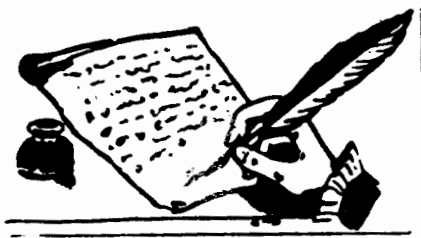
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To the Editors:

Sometime between 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 1983, and 9:30 a.m., Saturday, February 5, 1983, my automobile, a blue 1979 Chrysler LeBaron, was struck while parked in the inside parking garage, parking space P-516-E. The left front fender was dented and the chrome over the wheel well was torn off. The damage has been estimated to be about \$200.

The driver at fault, who obviously is a resident of Skyline House, has not yet come forward to assume responsibility for the damage. It is hoped that the person will still do so. While it is disturbing to learn that our cars are not safe from traffic damage while parked in the inside garage, it would be even more disturbing to learn that one of our residents is dishonest. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate being contacted by anyone knowing more about the accident.

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