

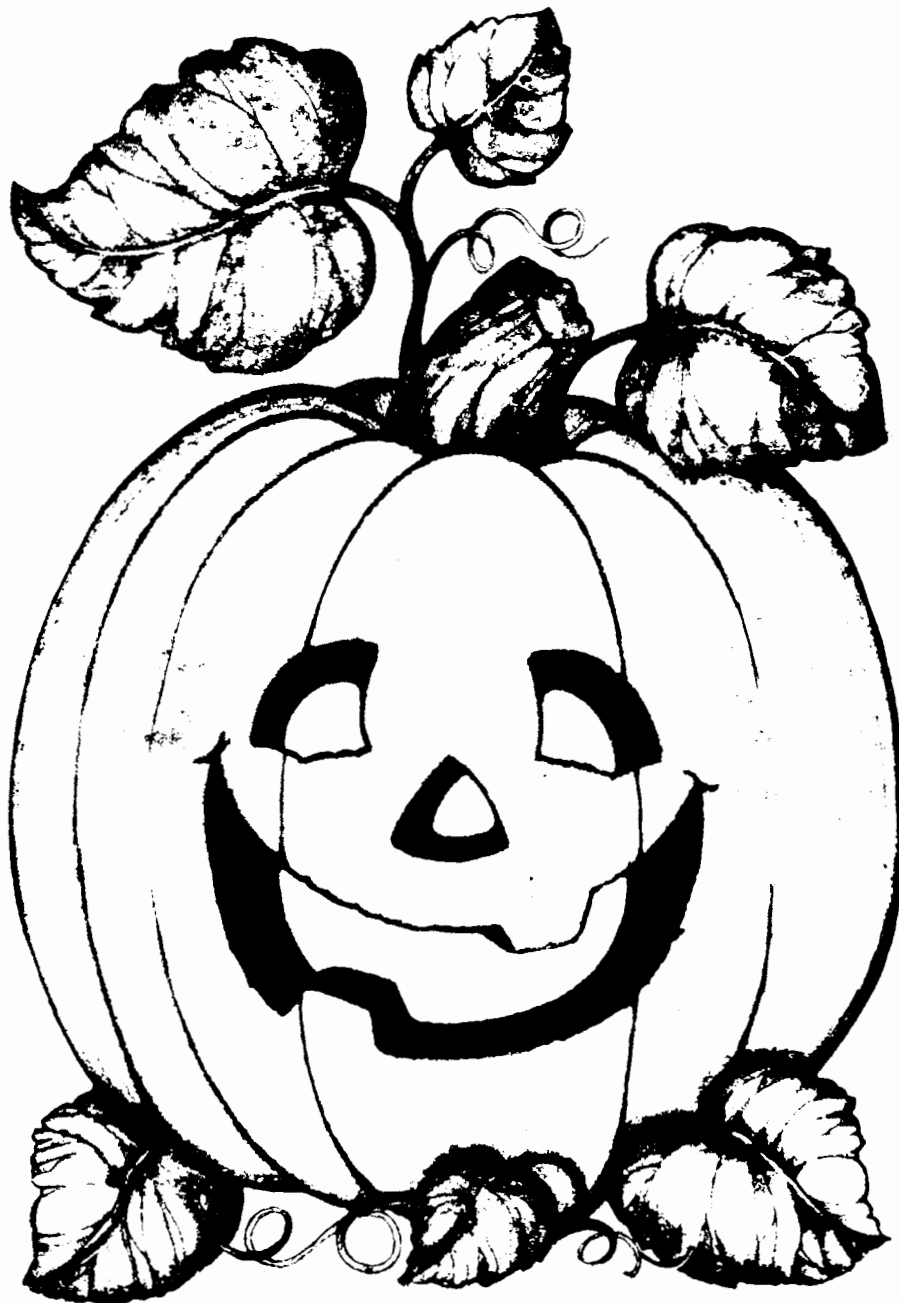


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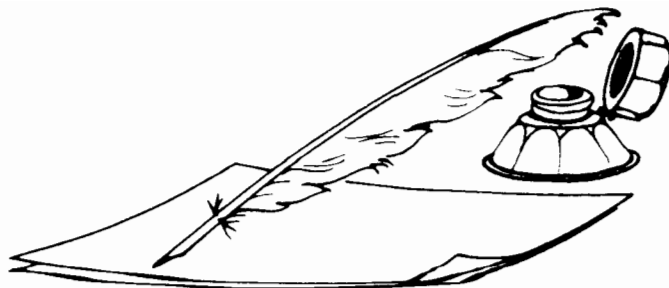
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From the Board

Wynfred Joshua, Vice President



President Ed Stolarun announced in his monthly report at the September session of the Board of Directors that he had signed the easement agreement with the Developer for the construction of the pedestrian overpass. After it had been signed by the Developer, the agreement was submitted to Fairfax County. The County is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the overpass unless the Virginia Department of Highways indicates that it is prepared to do so.

Mr. Stolarun reported that the Developer had completed repairs to the C-level of the East garage.

The President also reported that the Charles E. Smith Company, our property management firm, held a symposium for condominium officials concerned with finances in order to acquaint them with new accounting procedures. The Smith Company is moving to a full accrual system of accounting. An additional session will be conducted for the Finance Chairpersons of condominium associations managed by the Smith Company.

The maintenance of balcony doors and panels was discussed at length. Some Board members were concerned that if the doors and panels were repainted next year, the panels between the windows would look drab and stained. The issue was considered whether this could all be done at the same time. However, the painting of the panels between windows would require the increased expense of scaffolding. It was therefore decided to treat balcony maintenance separately.

Ed Stolarun informed the Board that the collection of debts from two Owners who are delinquent in assessment fees has now been referred to our attorney. Mrs. Ruth Ballard cautioned that the Board

should be prepared to handle all delinquencies in the same manner. Treasurer Joe Strahs explained that the total amount owing to the Association is less than \$1,000. The Board decided to refrain for the time being from publishing the names of any delinquents.

The Property Manager confirmed that most actions ordered by the Board last month had been completed. This included the installation of a cement sidewalk at the rear of the West building, window washing of the apartments, installation of a cover on the swimming pool, mounting of a light above the rear entrance door to the East building, etc. Board members commended the Manager for the planting of flowers in the octagon in front of the lobby. Hopefully this will bring some more color to the area.

The final item discussed at the September session involved the condition of the bike rooms in both buildings. Resident Manager Sandy Ziegler explained that the rooms are in total disarray without any racks to park bikes. There are clearly defective bikes on the floor that have been lying there for months, probably long ago discarded by current or departed owners. At her suggestion, all residents will be notified shortly to register their bikes with the Manager's office. Decals will be issued, and if after a reasonable time there are bikes with no decals, they will be removed from the bike room. Meanwhile, prices for bicycle racks will be checked and included in the 1986 Budget.

Committee Communiqués

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

October 1977

After the summer hiatus, there are several things to report concerning your community:

"MEET THE CANDIDATES" NIGHT

On Tuesday, October 15, the Skyline Plaza Community Relations Committee will again sponsor an opportunity to meet the candidates for local political offices and to discuss the bond referendum that will be on the ballot for the statewide general election on Nov. 5.

We have invited the two candidates for the House of Delegates from the 38th District to come to tell us about their qualifications and to present their views on current issues. You will have an opportunity to meet Gwen Cody, the Republican incumbent, and Leslie Byrne, the Democratic challenger.

The meeting will be held in the Skyline Plaza South Party Room at 7:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for questions following the presentations. Why not attend and be an informed voter?

On the November ballot, voters will be asked to choose a Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Delegate District Member. Fairfax County voters will also be asked to approve (or not) a \$137 million road bond. If passed, part of this sum would be used to widen South George Mason Drive between Route 7 and the Arlington boundary.

In order to understand the options available to registered voters, attendance at this meeting would be useful.

WHO'S BUILDING WHAT, WHERE?

-- By looking out the north side of Skyline House, one can notice activity on the site of the old sales office. This heralds the beginning of construction of One Skyline Tower, a 26-story office tower covering 465,000 sq. ft. The exterior finish will be of pewter reflective glass (which could be a blessing or a curse; that remains to be seen). There will be parking for 1,200 cars . . . all of which will be entering and exiting via South George Mason Drive.

This brings us to the pedestrian overpass, which we hope will be completed before all those automobiles start entering and exiting! Our Board of Directors have checked with legal counsel to make sure the change of the construction easement does not penalize in any way Skyline House, and that either the State or County will assume responsibility for its upkeep. The Smith Company is eager to get started with construction. We wish them well!

-- Giant Food has begun construction of their new store which will be nearly double the size of the existing facility in our area. It is to be located at the extreme opposite end of the shopping center from where it is now. So next Feb. or March, just when the winter "blahs" have set in, there will be a "happening" right across the road,

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What's Up . . .

so to speak . . . an in-store bakery, a fresh fish counter, a deli section, and gourmet items.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Telecommunications Exchange for the Deaf, Inc. ("TEDI") provides services to hearing- and speech-impaired individuals in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Volunteers essentially become the voice and ears of these individuals by (1) receiving the incoming request from the client on a TDD machine; (2) making the requested call on another line; and (3) then typing the answer/conversation back to the client.

TEDI has sites in Old Town Alexandria. Orientation and training is provided. If interested, call 691-3460, the Voluntary Action Center of Fairfax.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR BICYCLE HAS BEEN TODAY?

If it has been in one of the passenger elevators . . . FOR SHAME! It only takes one experience of being pinned against the rear wall of the elevator and/or being run over by the wheel of a bike -- while both of you are standing still -- to make one ask the question, "WHY?"

Since it takes courage to risk life and limb on streets in this area, and since Skyline bikeriders must have stronger leg muscles and more lung capacity than most of us, SURELY they can walk that extra few yards to the freight elevators and save residents from being fun over on the way to the 14th floor!

AAA DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

If you are interested in a complete computerized Engine Analysis and a Maintenance Check done right here on the grounds of Skyline House, you will have the opportunity on Nov. 16 and 17. The Community Relations Committee is arranging for this service which will cost each participant \$30 and will take about 40 minutes.

The analysis of your engine's performance will include: starting system, fuel system, timing system, charging system, ignition system, cylinder balance test (whatever that is) and a computer print-out which can be taken to a service station of your choice.

The maintenance check will include: battery and cables, hoses, fluid levels, belts, tires and lights.

This service is being offered just in time for the inclement weather to set in. A sign-up list will be at the Front Desk as of October 1st. AAA will not come unless they can be assured of 12-14 requests for service. On November 1st an appointment schedule will be put at the Front Desk for those who are really serious.

I quote from the AAA "blurb": "Get your car tested today . . . it could save you hundreds of dollars tomorrow!"

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SKYLINE
INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The August presentation of "Britain In Brief" included the showing of an extremely interesting film called "The Washington Trail". Despite the fact that this program was being held during the peak of summer vacation, attendance was 102. This sort of turn out, following the 120 who attended in July, points to the growing interest of the community in the activities of the Skyline International Club.

If you want to enjoy yourself, then be with us at our October 29th meeting which will be held at the Skyline Plaza, North Party Room, at 8 p.m. Come and make new friends.

Watch your notice boards for details about the program, and don't forget to keep the evening of the 29th free from any other involvement. If you would like further details, call Albert Tidman at 931-3831.

Special Request To Members of The
Diplomatic Corps Who Are Residents
At Skyline:

The International Club wishes to present as many different cultures to its members as possible. Since one of our basic goals is to achieve understanding among the multitude of peoples, what better way than to explain your country and its people to the Club membership:

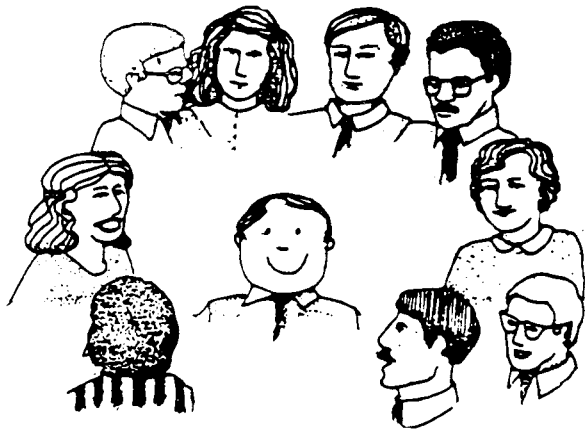
In order to accomplish this, we need to have contact with your embassy. Can you help us? Please contact:

Mohebat Ahdiyyih		Lisa Astudillo
Apt. 912-N	<u>OR</u>	Apt. 1913-S
578-0981		998-5460.



Why not choose from an expert's collection of rubies, sapphires, emeralds, star sapphires, cat's eyes, rhodolites, peridots, tanzanites, tsavorites, aquamarines, diamonds, amethysts, chrosoberyls, garnets and many more.

Gem Gallery
3823-B1 South George Mason Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041
(703) 845-1686



"Come join the fun!"

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, September 11th. The meeting was well attended, and as usual we remind you that all Skyline House residents are invited to attend and participate.

October will be a busy and enjoyable month for the Committee and residents alike, with: T.G.I.F. on the first Friday, the Oktoberfest, and the Mexican Dinner.

COMING EVENTS

October 4	T.G.I.F.
October 6	Oktoberfest
October 30	Mexican Dinner
November 1	T.G.I.F.
November 13	Covered Dish Supper
November 20	Flea Market
December 6	Holiday T.G.I.F.

The Oktoberfest is planned for Sunday, October 6th, from 3-6 p.m., in the Skyline Park next to the pool area. The menu will include Knockwurst, Whitehurst and Bratwurst, Sauerkraute, German Potato Salad, Beans, and Beer. There will be music and a sing-a-long. The cost is \$6 per person w/advance reservations, and \$7 at the door. The last Oktoberfest was a smashing success. Be there! See the flyer on the next page for complete details.

The Mexican Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th, at 7 p.m., in

the West Party Room (B.Y.O.B. cocktails at 6:30 p.m.). This is another outstanding dinner. Make your reservations early. See the full-page information sheet in this newsletter for the menu and full details.

Bread Baking Class (daytime). A 2½ to 3-hour session (either Tuesday or Wednesday), once a week for four weeks is being planned. Class would start at 12 or 12:30 p.m. (we can be flexible). The four sessions will include white bread, whole wheat bread, french bread/pizza and sweet rolls. You will not only see how bread is made, but this will be a "hands-on" experience: you will actually make the dough, take it home and then bake. Bon appetit.

Anyone interested in attending such a class, please leave a message at the Front Desk for Tony DiSalvo, 502-E. The class will be limited to five persons since work space is limited. If you have any questions, call 824-1958. No night sessions this year, please. The cost will be \$15 which will include all supplies.

NEXT MEETING. The Recreation Committee will meet again on Wednesday, October 9, West Card Room.

(NA)

Oktoberfest

Celebration of the Harvest

Time: 3 to 6 pm. Sunday Oct 6th
Place: Skyline House



*6:00 per person
advance
reservation*
*7:00 per person
at door*

Music and Sing-a-long
Decorations - from Germany
Imported German Beer
Imported Champaign Sauerbraul

*To be held in Skyline Park - Next to pool (East Party room
in case of rain) Sponsored by the Skyline House Recreation
Committee: J. T. Satterwhite - Event Chairman*

I/We (circle one) will attend the Oktoberfest at Skyline House, 3709 South George Mason Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, on October 6th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in Skyline Park next to our pool. (Will be held in East Party Room in event of rain).

NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
NAME _____	ADDRESS _____
NAME _____	ADDRESS _____

Make check payable to SKYLINE HOUSE RECREATION COMMITTEE -- Leave at Skyline house desk for Unit #405-E, J. T. Satterwhite, Event Chairman. Thank you.

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		1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS 7:30 p.m. ECR	2 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m. EPR	3	4 T.G.I.F. 6:30 p.m. WPR	5
6 OKTOBERFEST SKYLINE HOUSE PARK 3 p.m.	7 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m. ECR	8	9 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m. EPR	10 PHYSICAL PLANT 8:00 p.m. ECR	11	12
13	14 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m. ECR	15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:30 p.m. WPR	16 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m. EPR	17	18	19
20	21 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m. ECR	22 SECURITY CMTE. 8:00 p.m. WCR	23 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m. EPR	24 COVENANTS CMTE 7:30 p.m. ECR	25	26 Sweetest Day
27	28 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m. ECR	29	30 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m. EPR MEXICAN DINNER 7:30 p.m. WPR	31 Halloween		
Mother's Love's Fest.						

On September 19th, the Covenants Committee resumed their monthly meetings after the summer recess. We had seven members in attendance, including the Board Representative Ralph Huppert. The June meeting minutes were adopted without any changes.

The second order of business was the Rules and Regulations violations for the months of July, August and September. The total for the three months was 42. The Chairman reported the violations as follows:

- Compliance, 2.
- Access to building, 2.
- Balconies and patios, 6.
- Noise disturbance, 5.
- Parking and speeding, 4.
- Proper dress, 1.
- Storage, 1.
- Swimming pool, 5.
- Other facilities, 3.
- Roller skating, 1.
- Accident in garage, 1.
- Barbecue and grills, 1.
- Secretarial service, 1.
- Trash, 2.
- Special complaints, 4.
- Cooking odors, 3.

The greatest debate arose in regard to the swimming pool operations and the violations of same. It appears that many of the Unit Owners are quite upset about what went on during this season at the pool. An observation was made that compared to last season: fewer people used the pool this year than last year.

Many violations were observed and reported to Management. Letters were read to the Committee that had been sent to people by Sandy Ziegler calling to their attention that they had to cease and desist their conduct at the pool. The Life Guards were also warned by Management that they were not doing their job.

After about a one-hour debate, the Committee unanimously passed a motion that, prior to the review and approval of contracts and the presentation of Committee recommendations to the Board of Directors, a notice be posed for all Unit Owners letting them know when the meeting is to be held for consideration of the pool contract so that Owners can attend the meeting and express their feelings in regard to the 1985 pool operations.

The President of the Board of Directors contacted all Committee Chairpersons and requested them to check their charters to insure that the charters accurately reflect the present activities of their respective committee. The Covenants Committee reviewed its charter and determined that no changes are necessary.

There was a discussion on the problem of speeding in the garage, and all Committee members agreed that there has been quite a change in this particular issue, though acknowledging there are still violations of the posted speed limit. It was reported that Captain

Gallagher of the security services
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has been doing a great job in slowing many people down in the garage when he conducts his tour of duty there. The Covenants Committee has contacted him and extended our thanks for his efforts.

There was no old or new business, and the meeting adjourned with the following closing thought:

"LET'S GET MORE UNIT OWNERS INVOLVED."

How about this: why not spend a couple of hours a month helping to make our condo a fine place to live. We would appreciate some new members. "COME ON DOWN."

NEXT MEETING: The Covenants Committee will meet again on Thursday, October 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room.

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MILLER**
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931-4242
3604 FOREST DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22302
(across from Skyline)

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D I N N E R

West Party Room

Bring your own liquor and set-ups.
Ice and glasses will be furnished.

LISTA de PLATOS

tortillas, green peppers,

ERISJOLLES..... (Berns)
TENSALADA..... (Sulad)

\$6.25 per person, nonrefundable

A rectangular table will seat 10
A round table will seat from 6 to 8

Yes, we wish to attend the Mexican Dinner scheduled for 10/30/85.
NAME: (PLEASE PRINT) _____ UNIT # _____ PHONE: _____

If possible, I would like to reserve a table for _____ persons.

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SECURITY & FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Les Boykin

5th ANNUAL REPORT

The following listing of reported criminal activity and other incidents covers the period from September 15, 1984 to September 15, 1985. Some of these occurrences are very aggravating despite being minor, and it sometimes seems that some of them are due more to thoughtlessness than to criminal intent.

Why would anyone who can afford to live here steal his neighbor's morning paper? Yet, this has been a fairly widespread happening. Maybe if they were to cut out the comics, this problem could be eliminated.

Anyhow, once again we had very few "serious" criminal activities. By "serious" we mean the serious categories designated by police departments nationwide. We had relatively few incidents, and, more important, no physical harm was reported to have befallen any of our residents, guests or employees. Our strong, stabilized guard force, particularly Jim and Wayne, and our Resident Watch deserve some credit, and we ask you all to keep our Watch active. The patrolling will benefit physically all who participate.

Garage

- License plates removed from car. Since resident moved out a few days later, we do not know if they were recovered.

- Attempted removal of outside rear view mirror and emblem on Mercedes.
- On Halloween weekend, approximately 20 car trunks were punctured and one car was driven to a different parking space. Very little taken; damage basically limited to cost of fixing trunks. One car had 3 lug nuts removed from a wheel and placed inside the wheel cover. No harm done, but dangerous.
- Home stereo worth \$500 stolen from car on A-level of West building.
NOTE: Do not leave valuables in cars!
- Station wagon lock and door handle vandalized. Nothing taken.
- Car lock tampered with. Nothing taken.
- Mercedes hood ornament stolen.
- Resident's car hit by another resident backing out near exit door. No injury reported.
- Two young boys (10-13), one believed to be a resident, apparently threw rocks from the East building area outside the bridge, hitting a resident's windshield.
- Broken headlight reported.
- Car parked in wrong space was towed by owner of space. Towee complained he wasn't notified, but it appears he is a chronic violator.

Within Building

- Wall Street Journal stolen from unit before 6:30 a.m.
- Man calling himself "Jim Davis" called female resident saying he

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lived near her and was notifying residents of a burglary and rape in the building. When questioned by the resident, the caller hung up. Motivation not clear, but it was smart of resident to report it.

- Three units in West building were apparently forceably broken into on Dec. 3, 1984. All had Medeco cylinders, but the deadbolts had not been secured which nullified the security advantage of the Medeco. (NOTE: Always throw deadbolts, no matter what type of cylinder you have.) Jewelry and cash stolen from two units, but third unit reported nothing missing so break-in attempt may not have been successful. (NOTE: Resident Watch was initiated the next day.)
- Storage bin with two locks was broken into; nothing missing. (Now has three locks.)
- Strange man reported in West building. Manager and Engineer unable to locate him.
- 8th floor East building reported an unknown Washington Post thief. Complainant left him a Merry Christmas card with 30¢ taped to it for the thief to buy himself a paper.
- Pizza handbills distributed. Manager talked with owner and received promise not to repeat this violation.
- Guest in West building became uncontrollable and threatened resident and security guard with a knife. Police called and guest removed.
- Hawaiian vacation flyers distributed. Manager called sponsors and advised charges would be filed if it reoccurred.
- Pan left on hot stove by resident who left unit; caused heavy smoke. Fire department called. Another such incident occurred in another unit.
- Boisterous male who was apparently inebriated and claimed to know a resident was escorted out of lobby

by security guards after checking with resident who did not wish to have him visit. Police were called and he was arrested.

- Two different residents on 5th floor of East building reported missing newspapers on many occasions this summer on Sundays and Wednesdays. NOTE: If anyone has any info on this low-class activity, please notify Sandy Ziegler.
- W. Penthouse roof door was broken apparently by ramming a roof deck lounge chair through the glass.
- Bicycle stolen from East bike room.
- Three elevator pads stolen from East service elevator.
- Telephone on mezzanine floor stolen.
- Newspapers stolen on T-W floor 2 or 3 times a week.
- Hand truck (privately owned) stolen from Storage Room #4.
- Vacuum cleaner stolen while employee was emptying trash.
- Bike bag stolen from bike in East bike room.

Outside Building

- Resident pulling out of our entrance onto S. George Mason Drive with vision blocked by large truck, collided with another vehicle; considerable property damage but no injuries.
- West building female resident chased from NOVA parking lot back to building in afternoon by young white male. Police called.
- Skyline Plaza female visitor had purse snatched by young black male while next to her vehicle on inner roadway at east end of Skyline house.
- Brakes failed on moving van backing up and van pushed a resident's car up over the curb at the rear of the East bldg.

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From Management

CAUTION!

Please, do not drop any lighted object or ashes into the TRASH CHUTE. On Friday, September 20th, there was a fire in the east compactor bin, apparently due to someone disposing of hot ashes or a lighted cigarette. We have a sprinkler system in the chute which was activated. The fire department was called, the trash bin had to be pulled from the building and emptied. The water from the sprinkler caused the tile in the corridor outside the compactor room to become loose and it will have to be replaced. The floor in the boiler room will have to be repainted due to the water from the sprinklers flowing into the boiler room. However, we are most thankful that there was no major damage to the building and no injuries. Our thanks to Ed and Russell for their prompt action in getting to the scene of the fire and using the fire extinguisher and hose until the sprinkler activated. We hope that the person who dropped the ignited item into the trash chute, without realizing the consequences, will be more careful in the future.

GUEST PARKING

Residents may only park in guest parking for one hour. We do not issue guest passes to residents, only to your guests. The decal on the rear view mirror will allow you to park in guest parking for the one hour period. We encourage residents not to use guest parking because you take up one of the limited guest spaces. For those of you with more cars than parking spaces, you must park on the street. Guest parking is not for your second car parking. Your cooperation is anticipated and appreciated.

FILTERS

Are available in the management office for your heat pump/AC unit. Please change the filter frequently to insure that your heat pump system is working to its capability. A dirty filter will cause the unit to cut off. We have two sizes, 16" x 20" and 20" x 20", at a cost of \$1.00 each.

We remind you that if your heat cuts off, check the filter before calling the desk for assistance. If the engineer responds and finds the only problem is a dirty filter, you will be charged the minimum fee of \$15.00. Save the engineers time and your money by checking the filter frequently.