



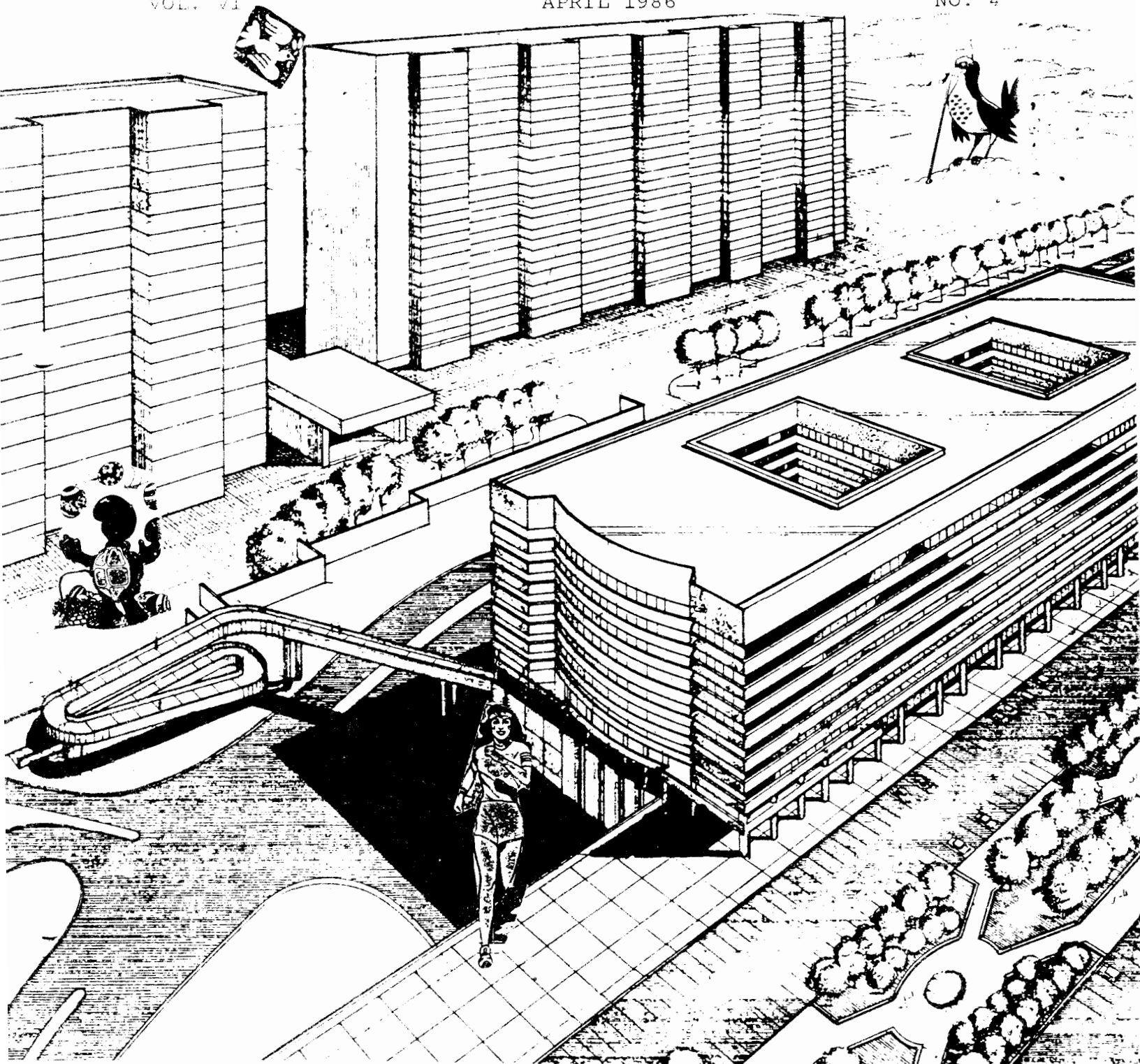
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# House Special

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TO: All Skyline House Residents and Employees

FROM: Sandy Ziegler

As most of you know by now, I am resigning as Manager of Skyline House, effective April 11, 1986. I have accepted a position as Property Manager for The Charles E. Smith Companies.

I have enjoyed working and living at Skyline House, which has been a very good experience for me and one I will look back on with many good memories. I look forward to my new job and the challenges it presents.

My thanks to the great staff at Skyline House, without whom I would not have been able to perform my duties as Manager. I hope all of you will be just as helpful to the new manager and show the same enthusiasm you have given me. I will miss all of you. You've been great to work with and to have as friends.

I would also like to thank the Board Members for their confidence and support. You have been a great Board of Directors to work with and I appreciate the opportunity you gave me to be your Manager.

My husband, Larry, and I will be living at Skyline Plaza in a unit we have owned for a couple of years, so that I'm sure I will see many of you while shopping in the area. My best to all of you.

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#### GOODBYE TO SANDY ZIEGLER

The Board announces that our resident manager, Mrs. Sandy Ziegler, will be leaving Skyline House in mid-April. Sandy has accepted the position of property manager with the Smith Company.

We have been exceptionally fortunate in having Sandy run our condominium for several years. Sandy has made a tremendous contribution to creating the relaxed and comfortable environment in which we live. We are sorry to see Sandy go and will miss her professional guidance and cheery disposition. We are proud, however, that Skyline House has contributed to her career and current promotion. We wish Sandy a fond farewell and lots of luck in this new stage of her career.

The Board meanwhile has started the search for Sandy's replacement.

Skyline House Board of Directors

## COMMUNITY NOTES

APRIL, 1986

Elizabeth Grant

### TAX SEMINAR

On March 12 we were very fortunate in having Sherry Loop give us an illuminating talk on taxes. What was so valuable was that her terminology was at the layman's level. Her explanations of the forms were crystal clear. There was a question and answer period at the end. She answered every question right to the point. We hope to have her back next January when the timing for tax information will be less pressured.

Luckily, there was a nice supply of refreshments left over from the "Meet the Candidates" night. Thanks to Sandy Ziegler we all enjoyed the goodies.

Submitted by Connie Potter

### FAIRFAX COUNTRY FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

This month's regular meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations has been postponed until early April. A report on that meeting will be an item in the May "House Special."

### SKYLINE TASK FORCE REPORT

The August 1985 issue of the House Special contained a report on changes in the Development Plan for Skyline Center that are being proposed by the Charles E. Smith Companies. In brief, the changes as explained to the Skyline Task Force are as follows.

1. Switch positions and heights of a hotel and office building to result in:  
Hotel - located in area between the Square and the Towers as a low rise one story above the plaza level.  
Office building - located on Rte 7 behind the 'Black Office Buildings' with 14 stories above grade, the same number of stories as a hotel originally planned for that site.
2. Reduce the number of hotel rooms from 400 to 287.
3. Modify the parking lot layout.
4. Reduce the originally planned commercial area to that already developed.

Mention was also made in the same issue of the newsletter of the Skyline Task Force. It was organized by Supervisor Tom Davis to provide an opportunity for the residents of the community to have their concerns addressed before the plan changes are set in concrete. Subsequent issues of the House Special and meetings of the Community Relations Committee covered the activities of the Task Force. In response to expressions of interest from residents, the group has thus far concentrated on the issue of safety and access for pedestrians and the handicapped. The specific problems presented to the County and to the developer include:

- . Missing sidewalks;
- . Missing crosswalks and associated controls;
- . Missing curb cuts;
- . "Walk" signal inadequacies;
- . The hazardous traffic situation at the west entrance/exit off Skyline House.

In response to the presentations of the Task Force, the developer has tentatively agreed to incorporate in his formal request for a plan change a firm commitment to identify all missing sidewalks and curb cuts within the boundaries of his property and to install them as soon as adjacent construction permits. The developer has also agreed to work actively with the County and the community in obtaining VDHT approval of, and action on, the signals, controls, roadway modifications, crosswalks, etc., necessary to eliminate existing hazards to pedestrians, the handicapped and to vehicular traffic.

The exploratory phase of the change process is drawing to a close. The developer is also working rapidly to complete the construction of both Skyline Square and One Skyline Tower. There thus remains little time for further efforts to deal with any outstanding problems through the task force mechanism. Accordingly, residents of Skyline House should bring any concerns or suggestions that they believe have not been adequately addressed to the attention of the Community Relations Committee at, or in time for, its May meeting.

Prepared by Brian Le Bert-Francis, Member Skyline Task Force, for the House Special April 86 issue.

FRANK PRESTON

Born March 9, 1910

Died March 1, 1986

We, his friends and neighbours at Skyline House will always remember Frank. He was a devoted and caring husband - a neighbour who befriended all who came in contact with him - a wonderful person - he will be missed.

To Priscilla Preston - we know he left you with only fond memories - our sincerest condolences.

## THE PLAZA

What happened during the last year? How did the Virginia General Assembly vote on your and your neighbors' positions of your local representatives on such controversial issues as mandatory seat-belt use, stricter standards on drunk driving, conflict-of-interest requirements, gasoline tax increases, and transportation funding? What's new in Fairfax County? Will real estate taxes have to be increased soon?

The Skyline Plaza Community Relations Committee has invited State Senator John Russell, Delegate Leslie Byrne, and Fairfax County Supervisor Thomas M. Davis to come to Skyline to give their views on current issues and to answer questions from the Skyline community. This is your opportunity to meet your local representatives and to hear their views first-hand. The meeting will be held in the Skyline Plaza South Party Room at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 1986. All residents of the Skyline community are invited.

### SKYLINE HOUSE APPRECIATION DINNER

Wednesday, 30 April 1986

The Board decided last year to sponsor this spring a dinner for Skyline House volunteers who have given so much of their time and energy to help making our condo the place of which we are all proud. An evening of appreciation, dedication, and commitment to our Skyline House community has been planned to recognize our many faithful volunteer workers. The dinner has been scheduled for Wednesday, 30 April at 7:00 PM at the Fort Myer Officers Club.

Current and past chairpersons of the committees have submitted names of those who are or have been active in the past in the condo affairs. Invitations will be sent in early April. Volunteers whose spouses have not been active or who wish to bring a guest to the dinner will be asked to contribute \$15.00 for the dinner for the spouse or the guest. Please reserve the evening of Wednesday, 30 April on your schedule.

Board of Directors



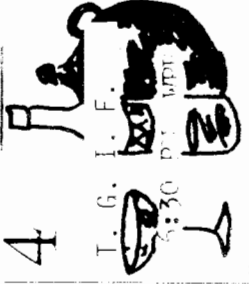



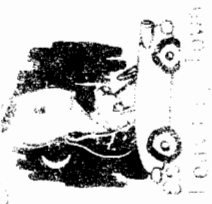

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We thank you so much, whatever the part.  
By the family of  
A. Harold C. & M. C. Lennan*

# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 12 	7 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m.ECR 	1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS 7:30 p.m.ECR	2 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m.EPR	3	4 I. G. I. F. 6:30 p.m.WPT 	5 
13 12	14 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m.ECR 	15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:30 p.m.WPR	16 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m.EPR	17 <i>Covenant Committee</i>	18 INTERNATIONAL DINNER 6:30 p.m.WPR	19
20 6	21 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m.ECR 	22 SECURITY COMMITTEE 7:30 p.m.WCR	23 <i>Security Plan</i> SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m.EPR	24 <i>Presented</i>	25	26 
27	28 BRIDGE 7:30 p.m.ECR	29	30 SLIMNASTICS 6:30 p.m.EPR		 Slimnastics*	

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Saturday, May 3

Approximate Cost: \$15.00

PROPOSED ITINERARY:

Depart Skyline:                    9:00 a.m. (Charter Bus)

Arrive Ellicott City:            10:30 a.m.

Walking Tour of City:           11:00 - 12:30

Lunch:                                On Your Own (seven restaurants within  
easy walking distance)

Afternoon:                           Shopping, Antiquing, Crafting, Gallery-  
ing, Museuming, Resting

Depart Ellicott City:            4:00 p.m.

Arrive Skyline:                   6:00 p.m.

NOTE: Ellicott City is not flat; wear comfortable walking shoes!

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL NUMBER IN PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form by Tuesday, April 15 to: Mary Jo Long 301E  
to allow enough time to reserve transportation and tour guide.  
Thank you for your interest.



## SECURITY AND FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Les Boykin 914W

After two kitchen fires in less than a month, the first triggering the kitchen sprinkler with resulting water damage to a number of units in the West Building, more than 70 residents turned out March 4th to hear Sgt. Tom Wolf, Public Affairs and Education Officer, Fairfax County Fire Department. He reviewed the proper procedure in a fire emergency, focusing on the following points:

Most fires occur in the kitchen. Upon discovering same, try to smother it with a lid or a cookie sheet if it is in a pot on the stove to shut out the oxygen. **DO NOT PUT WATER ON A GREASE FIRE AND NEVER TRY TO CARRY IT ANYWHERE**, such as the balcony or bathroom. You may drop it and spread the fire out of control. **KEEP IT IN THE KITCHEN.** If you fail in your efforts to smother the fire, grab your small (2 1/2 or 5 lb.) kitchen fire extinguisher (available from Management at bulk rate) and think PASS:

- P 1. Pull Pin
- A 2. Aim nozzle at base of fire
- S 3. Squeeze trigger
- S 4. Spray over entire base of fire

Stand about 6 to 6 1/2 feet away from the fire source when you begin extinguishing and then move a little closer, if necessary, to get on target at the base of the fire source. NOTE: Common sense must prevail, i.e., don't put your skin into flames if trying to squelch a fire with a lid. You may have to skip the smothering attempt and go straight for the extinguisher. If there is any doubt about whether you can control the fire, call 911 for help. Even if you put the fire out, you still must call the fire department to have them investigate the situation and for possible insurance purposes. Be sure to alert them if their vehicular equipment is not necessary.

Sgt. Wolf strongly advised you purchase an extinguisher and keep it accessible in the kitchen. There are large extinguishers in the common hallways but you may not have time to get one. The importance of controlling a fire is to prevent the room temperature from rising so high that the automatic sprinkler is activated.

Individual sprinklers in each room can be turned off by knowledgeable building personnel but this may be academic since the system allows for an entire floor to be turned off.

The alarm and voice enunciator system only sounds on the floor of the fire (or false alarm) and the floors directly above and below. If you are not on those floors, stay in your unit. Also, if you are handicapped and cannot leave your unit on the floor of a fire, it is better to stay in your unit. If you decide to evacuate, feel the door with the back of your hand (not your



alarm - if it is hot, do not go out. Instead, tape up the entire space around the door with "duck" tape (purchased from any hardware store) to shut off your air flow system; make sure all windows and the balcony door are shut; then go on the balcony with a sheet or large towel to signal your presence to the firemen.

You should also know how many doors are in your hallway between your unit and the exit stairwell (also a good idea when staying in hotels) in case you have to crawl along the hallway to the stairway. Descend the stairwell until you are several floors below the fire; it is safe to remain there if you cannot completely evacuate.



If you have specific questions, call the Bailey's Crossroads Fire Department - 820-2345.

If you have not yet purchased your extinguisher (75 residents have), see the Management to order via a bulk purchase price.

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Bulgaries decreased in Fairfax Country in 1985 for the 5th straight year! Violent crime against persons remained unchanged, but a higher percentage of these crimes were solved. Fatal traffic accidents and alcohol-related traffic deaths also declined in 1985 in Fairfax.

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Training for WATCH personnel will be conducted on May 7th (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Mason Police District Station, 6505 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Be there.

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NOTE FROM THE ED:

Is there a photographer in the House?????

The HOUSE SPECIAL would be glamorized (not to mention immortalized...or is it immortalized) with the addition of timely photographs. Unfortunately your Ed. is not much of a shutter bug (doesn't even own a camera if the truth be known). If someone would like to volunteer to snap the residents at various House functions, please let her know.

NOTE FROM THE ADVERTISING MANAGER:

If there are service and/or trades people with whom you have dealt successfully, why not let Tony DiSalvo (502E) know so he can pursue them as future advertisers.

# From Management



## BALCONY ETIQUETTE

It's springtime again and many residents will be using their balconies. We would like to remind you of the following rules which pertain to use of the balcony:

### RULE 15 BALCONIES-PATIOS AND WINDOWS

- A) Laundry, clothing, rugs or other items are not to be hung on or upon the exterior of buildings.
- B) Clothes lines, clothes racks or any other similar devices may not be used to hang any items on any balcony, patio or window.
- C) Unit Owners/Residents shall not throw anything out of the windows or from balconies or patios.
- D) Shaking of mops, brooms or other cleaning materials from the balconies, patios or windows is not permitted.
- E) Flower boxes, if attached to the railing, must be on the inside of the railing and securely fastened.
- F) Awnings, blinds, shades, screens and like items and appurtenances, except window screens as installed by the developer, shall not be installed by any Unit Owner/Resident beyond the confines of his unit without prior written consent of the Association Board of Directors. (The balcony or patio associated with a unit is considered beyond the confines of that unit.)
- G) Balconies and patios shall not be used for storage.
- H) Bicycles may not be stored on balconies or patios.

If you are looking for a product to clean your balcony railings, door and panels, we have "Sheila Shine" for sale in the Management Office at \$4.00 per can. It's great stuff.

### LOCK CAR DOORS

It is very important that residents who park their cars in the garage lock their doors and close windows.

Guard reports received by the management office indicate that residents have become lax in terms of security of their automobiles.

The reports include unlocked doors, doors not closed, open windows and even trunk lids left open.

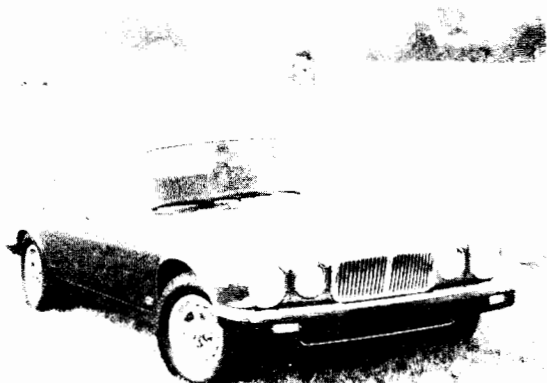
It is also noted that some vehicles are being ransacked and minor articles stolen. The incidents appear to be of a nuisance type and not the work of a professional; however, please do be aware and protect your vehicle.

The guards have been alerted to the developments and it is hoped the ransacking will be put to an end very soon.

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(APPOINTMENT SUGGESTED)