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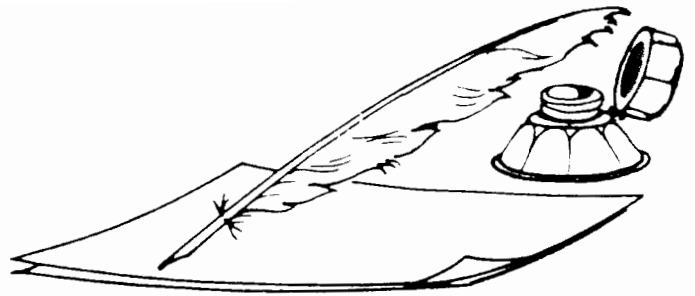
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*Happy
Summer
To All!*

From the Board



WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE PRESIDENT

President Ed Stolarun opened the May session with a report of the annual meeting of the Board and Committee Chairpersons. Key items of concern that were discussed included: ratio of owners and renters; staff salary policies; telephone switchboard system; insurance; beautification of the embankments at the rear of the buildings; TV receiving systems; and the possibility of a micro-computer in the management office. For each issue steps to cope with the problem were established.

Ed Stolarun further stated that he had referred to the property manager reports from the Physical Plant Committee on the deterioration of the balconies and new cracks in the garage deck. The committee dealing with the warrantees had also been asked to check whether our lawsuit should be amended to include the repairs. Ed Stolarun closed his report with noting the many comments he had had on the recent appreciation dinner which indicated that the affair had been a resounding success. He hoped to repeat the event next year. Board member, Bob Lowry, added that the costs for the dinner had run below what had been budgeted for.

Chairman Ross MacAskill of the Covenants Committee reported that both the Community Relations Committee and his had studied the issue of "lockout" charges. They had concluded that raising the current \$7.50 for letting residents into their apartments when they had forgotten their key during after duty hours, would not deter residents from leaving their keys at home. The Board had the option, however, of discontinuing the lockout service during after office hours. Most Board members wanted to continue the service. Bob Lowry's suggestion that no change in the current practice be made, but that management keep a written record for the next six months of when and to whom the service is provided, was accepted. In six months, the Board will reassess the issue.

Bob Lowry presented the proposed revision of the landscaping at the overpass. The original plan called for planting juniper bushes along the brick wall -- this was no longer suitable. The developer suggested to plant ivy instead. At the recommendation of Carroll Thompson of the Architectural Control Committee, the Board decided to request the developer to plant azaleas and to see to it that sufficiently high scrubs be planted at the west end of the walkway to prevent people from walking over the grass.

Secretary Ken Grant reported that he had attended a recent workshop sponsored by our attorney. He had had some valuable tips on accounting practices acceptable to the IRS. Upon checking with our property manager, we were assured that we followed the current practices.

The property manager provided a detailed explanation of his recommendation on how to repair the sundeck. He nevertheless wanted to postpone any decision until he could get additional information. The Board accepted his request to replace the rug and pad in the Assistant Engineer's apartment.

The property manager further reported that he had been in touch with Media General who would perform a study of how cable TV could be installed in Skyline House. In due course the Board would receive a report.

The recommendation of Ross MacAskill of the Covenants Committee for replacing the easel-type bulletin boards in the mail lobbies and the cork boards in the elevator lobbies with locked-type boards was accepted. So was the set of guidelines for use of the bulletin boards.

The Board endorsed the suggestion of our attorney to charge a turnover fee of \$25.00 to an owner when a delinquent account is turned over to the attorney. The charge would go toward covering expenses the attorney might bill our Association for in connection with the lien process or it would be applied to the Association's account as a means of recouping our annual retainer fee.

The final item covered the request of Ross MacAskill to publish an annual state-of-the-condo report. Committee chairpersons and Board officers would be invited to submit at the annual meeting a report of the past year's activities. The annual report would be designated to keep owners abreast of what had happened during the year. Although some concern was expressed about placing an added burden on the chairpersons, the Board decided to try it.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate bridge is played every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. We still have room for more players and those players who think this bridge is very very serious, please try it out. Monday night bridge is a social activity and all duplicate players are welcome.

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Also for any ailing plant you may have, plant clinic also open with expert advisors. Elcy Leshley, Skyline House resident is the coordinator of the Arlington Farmers Market.

SECURITY AND FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

AUTO AND BUS SECURITY

Whether you drive or use public transportation, it is always safer to travel with at least one other person.

If you use a bus regularly, get and use a schedule to minimize the length of time you have to wait -- perhaps alone -- at the stop.

If you own a car, keep it locked at all times. That means when it is parked and when you're driving it. Keep the windows rolled up high enough so that an intruder can't reach inside. If you do this as a matter of habit you'll always be protected.

If you are harassed by someone on foot, honk your horn in short blasts and drive off. If you are being followed by another car, also honk your horn in the same way and pull into a police or fire station, drive-in restaurant, gas station or some other well-lighted place where others can help you. Never go home while still being followed. If you do, you will be indicating your address to the person following you.

Always park in well lighted areas. When returning to your parked car, have your key ready to unlock the door without a lengthy pause. However, look inside the car first to make sure someone isn't waiting in hiding.

If you have car trouble, turn on your emergency flasher, but wait inside with doors locked. If people stop to help, don't get out. Rather, ask them to call the police. If they really want to help, they'll make that call.

Similarly, if you see a car in trouble, don't stop to help. Go to the next available phone and notify the police.

As a habit keep valuables out of sight. Remove the temptation of the sight of your bags and packages by locking such things in your trunk.

Don't pick up hitchhikers.

FAIRFAX COUNTY DECALS STOLEN

There are some people out there who are stealing county stickers from vehicle windows. Surprise the thief by using a sharp razor blade to make a few (3 to 4) cuts through the sticker after it has been placed on the windshield. If anyone tries to take the sticker off, it will be very difficult for anyone to use the stolen sticker without detection.

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Committee Communiqués

COMMUNITY NOTES

Elizabeth Grant

The latest rumors say that the new Giant store will be ready to open in June of this year and that Erol's Video store the month after that. So you will be able to buy the ingredients for your gourmet meal and rent the tape of a movie for an evening's entertainment either by parking the car just once or living dangerously and walking across Route 7 to the shopping center.

The mammoth excavation on the corner of South George Mason and Route 7 looks abandoned; all the big machinery has been removed from the site, making one wonder when construction of One Skyline Tower will be resumed.

Due to the prolonged drought, it is not the most propitious of times to be landscaping the area disturbed by construction of the pedestrian overpass. However, close attention is being paid to what must be done by Carroll Thompson and Management. So, by the time this month's "House Special" has gone to print, there should be visible evidence that that part of our property will soon be giving residents facing the structure as green and lovely a look, as before!

Last evening there was a meeting to discuss the proposed widening of South George Mason Drive between Route 7 and the Arlington line. This "missing link", as it is called is to be widened and graded to conform with the two four-lane sections on either side of it. Mr. Jim Cole, project engineer, indicated that the price tag for this will be 1.4 million. By the time all the preliminary steps of plan finalization and property acquisitions have been made, it will be, at least, next spring before work is begun. At no time, once construction starts, will that section of highway be shut off. Plans are to use heavy equipment during non-commuter hours and, I expect, do a good bit of lane switching! Six to nine months will be needed to complete the operation. The majority of people at the meeting were from the immediate neighborhood: home owners, church representatives and the developer and President of the Skyline Village Town Houses. Surprisingly, there was more contention over whether or not there was to be a sidewalk built on the side of the road where one does not, at present, exist than on any other facet of the discussion. This was particularly distressing since the Community Relations Committee has taken the lead in pushing for a more complete network of sidewalks in our area, a necessity for greater pedestrian safety. Since the County plans already provide for sidewalks, I have written to Tom Davis and to the Office of Road Program Management asking that the sidewalks be built as originally planned.

The Fifth Annual Fairfax Fair will be held on June 14th 10-8 p.m. and June 15th 12-5 p.m. at George Mason University's main campus. It will include exhibits of all kinds, children's activities, live entertainment and the Virginia State Chili and BBQ Cook-off. It sounds like fun!

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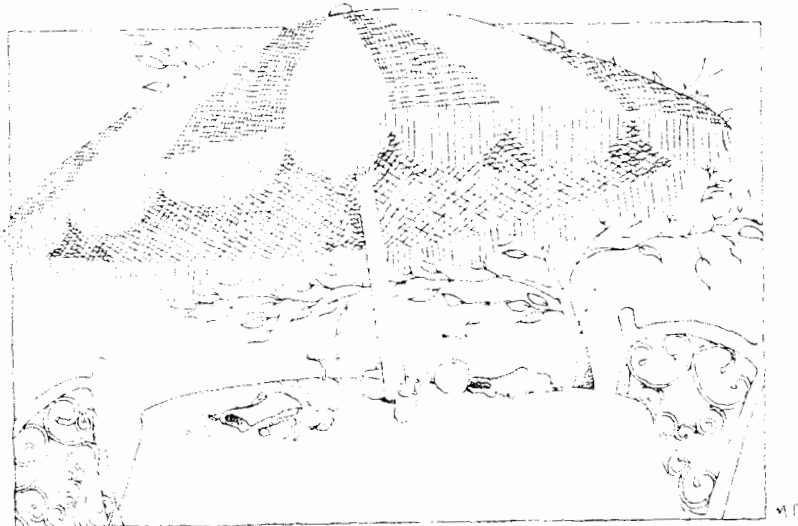
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A notice from the Voluntary Action Center of Fairfax County announces that the Annual Clara Barton 10K Run will be held on Sunday, June 8th. The Red Cross sponsors this event and needs volunteers in a variety of areas. The run will start at the Kaiser Permanente building at 201 North Washington St. in Falls Church. So whether you wish to join the runners or help with the logistics of the race, call: 691-3460.

It is regrettable that Larry Ziegler was unable to present his talk on "We Are What We Write" as had been scheduled. Not only does the subject sound fascinating but it would have given us who had gotten used to seeing him around the building a chance to ask how he and Sandy are faring outside our walls! We are hoping for a "rain-check".

Let's Eat Out





RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carroll Thompson
1108 West

The Recreation Committee met on May 14 in the East Party Room.

The Recreation Committee appreciates the attendance of so many residents at the May 7th TGIF. Their participation made the 5th Birthday Anniversary of Skyline House a great success. A large cake and champagne was provided by the Recreation Committee.

We are sorry the Ellicott City trip had to be cancelled because not enough people signed up to go. However, there still seems to be interest in such a trip and it may be re-scheduled at a later date.

Coming events include:

Cookout Saturday July 12th by Ora and Don Kerlin. We are sure you remember the outstanding previous cookouts put on by the Kerlin team. Sign up early for an evening of good food and fun...Watch for notices.

Luau, August 1st TGIF. Plan now to attend this Island event. This TGIF will have a Luau theme. More about this party in the July House Special.

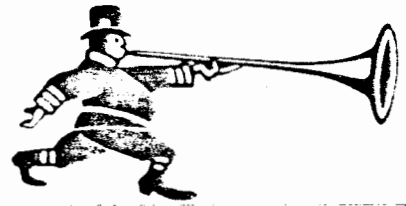
Atlantic City Bus trip is being planned for September.

Activity dates:

June 6	TGIF	West Party Room
July 9	Recreation Committee Meeting	East Card Room
July 12	Picnic/Cookout	Pool area
Aug 1	TGIF	East Party Room



From Management



GRILLS

Please be reminded that no charcoal or gas grills may be used on any balcony or patio as provided by Fairfax Code #F-311-1.

You may only use electric grills with lava rock plugged directly into the outlet on patio or balcony.

BICYCLE RIDING

Rule #12, Page #4, in Skyline House Rules and Regulations states that wheeled vehicles used for recreational purposes shall not be used in the garage, outside parking areas, non-parking zones, sidewalks or grounds. Bicycles may only be used for leaving and entering the property and may not be left unattended in any of the above mentioned areas.

KEYS AND LOCKS

A key must be furnished to the management office when a lock is changed or added to a unit door. If we do not have a key and there is an emergency, the owner will be responsible for repairs to the unit in order to gain access.

CAR DECAL

All vehicles that are to be parked in the garage or outside space on a regular basis must be registered with the management office, and must display the sticker on the outside of the rear view mirror.

BATHING ATTIRE OR ROBES

We request residents not to use the lobby or lobby entrance when dressed in bathing suits or robes. The pool/mezzanine elevators can also be reached by taking the passenger elevators to the terrace level which is exactly the same distance.

We appreciate your cooperation and extend our best wishes for a safe and happy summer.