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# From the Board

WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of President Ed Stolarun, your Vice President chaired the June session of the Board and opened with the monthly report:

- (1) The East Building had a grease fire which caused considerable damage to the apartment in question.
- (2) Because our building violates the newly adopted Fire Prevention Code, the Fairfax County Fire Marshal issued us a citation and ordered us to have the Main Building lobby door and the doors to the East and West Building garage fixed so that these can be opened on both sides. Management is obtaining prices on installation of panic bars and electronic-controlled openings.
- (3) The Hearings Committee of the Covenants Committee recently held a hearing on complaints against one of our owners, who was charged with various violations. Chairman Larry Ingels reported that the Hearings Committee unanimously agreed that most complaints were valid, but that in most instances corrective action had been taken. On one count, however, the owner was given a \$25.00 fine as sanction against the son throwing trash from the balcony on the main driveway.
- (4) The Board had received with regret the resignation of Assistant Manager Fran Warren. She had been offered a position with such conditions that she could not refuse it. The Board is very sorry to see her go, but wishes her the very best.

A first item of business covered Gordon Frank's report on the status of our warranty claims and lawsuit against the developer. After some discussion, the Board asked Mr. Frank to work with our attorney in preparing a letter to the lawyer of the developer summarizing the status of our claims. Upon return of President Stolarun, the Board will convene in a special session to consider the issue further.

The Treasurer's report was briefly discussed. The Board noted with concern the delinquency in condo fees of seven owners, including two who had consistently shown up as being in arrears. In addition, Secretary Ken Grant asked the property manager to explain at the next Board meeting why the water/sewer costs had risen with some \$21,000 from 1984 to 1985, even though fluidmasters had been installed last year in the tanks of all apartments.

In the property manager's monthly report, the Board was informed that the project of cleaning all corridor globes and replacing dimmed bulbs with new ones was nearing completion. The difference in lighting in completed halls was noticeable. The property manager recommended replacing the carpet in the West Penthouse hallway which had been severely damaged by water leaks. The Board, however, was concerned that the proposed replacement was based primarily on the lowest bid rather than quality. The Manager was asked to take into account not only matching of color, but also high quality and to review the bidding in this light. The Board further asked that the advice of the Smith Company's interior decorator be asked on the specific carpet color. In view of these considerations, decision on the carpet was postponed till next Board meeting.

With some modifications the Board accepted a welcoming letter drafted by Mrs. Elizabeth Grant of the Community Relations Committee. The purpose of the letter, which would be given to incoming residents, was to solicit interest in our committees. The Board also endorsed Mrs. Grant's proposal to offer new residents an orientation tour of Skyline House; for a three month trial period Management was asked to schedule such tours when a new resident checks in.

Upon completion of the agenda, several members of the audience addressed the Board. Owners of East Building apartments facing the recently built pedestrian overpass explained their concern with the effect of the overpass on their living conditions, notably the loss of privacy. They also raised questions about the new landscaping and the replacement of the earlier older trees with smaller ones. At the recommendation of Mrs. Ruth Ballard, the Board unanimously voted to establish an ad hoc committee with the specific responsibility to explore options for alleviating the concerns of residents affected by the overpass. The Committee would be asked to make recommendation to the Board at the July session. Mr. Howie McClennan subsequently accepted the chairmanship of the ad hoc committee; Mr. Carroll Thompson agreed to serve on the committee.

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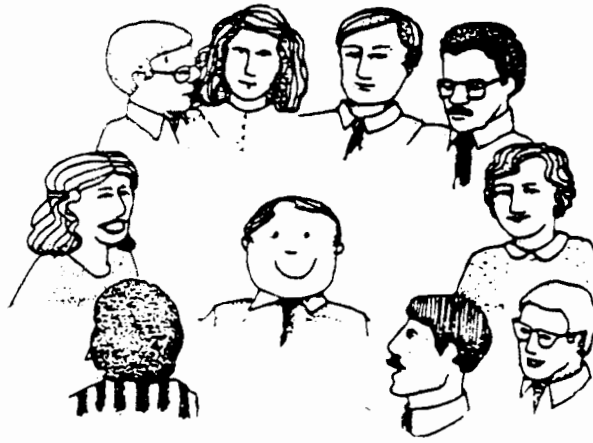
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#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

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The Recreation Committee met on June 11 in the West Party Room.

The Friday, June 6, TGIF was highlighted by the lovely June bride that was positioned in the middle of the party room. A thank you to those who assisted in the dressing of the manikin and for loaning the model to the Recreation Committee. We might add that a large crowd was on hand for the TGIF. Unfortunately, many of the regulars were out of town that evening. Hope they make it for August.

Cookout on Saturday, July 12 in the pool area. Happy hour at 5:30 pm (BYO liquid refreshment) and food will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$4 per person. A flyer is included in the House Special. Ora and Don Kerlin will host the evening ably assisted by many members of the Recreation Committee.

LUAU TGIF on August 1st. As indicated in the May issue of the House Special, you are requested to bring hors d'oeuvre that you would prepare if you were preparing a Luau party. Many of the ingredients contain a sweet and sour sauce, pineapple, or pineapple juice, coconut, ham, pork, spare ribs, etc. Just let your mind run away with itself and you will be able to come up with a new idea. If you cannot create a luau hors d'oeuvre, prepare your normal appetizer. At this social event, we are trying to cater our own Luau Party and have as many Skyline residents participating.

The Recreation Committee provides all the paper products, glasses, ice, etc. for the TGIFs. Please support your Recreation Committee activities.

A potluck dinner is planned for October. Details later.

#### Activity dates:

July 9	Recreation Comm. Meeting	East Card Room
July 12	Picnic/Cookout	Pool area
Aug 1	LUAU TGIF	East Party Room
Aug 13	Recreation Comm. Meeting	West Card Room

# Committee Communiqués

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Elizabeth Grant

## AROUND THE AREA

For all of you who have even vaguely wondered what is to become of the building which housed the Giant Supermarket prior to the opening of the new store, it has been rumored that it is to be sub-divided for retail use, the major client to be KIDS ARE US, a clothing store for children; it looks as though the TOYS ARE US company is branching out! From the same source, I heard that when the Chesapeake Sea Food Restaurant moves to its new home (where the Bowling Alley used to be), that building will also be turned into retail stores. The Burlington Coat Factory is expanding into the vacant space next to it. So with Erol's opening its SUPERSTORE next month on that same side of the Shopping Plaza, the development picture is complete....for the time being, at least!

Up-dating events taking place in our own Skyline Center, the Smith Companies' organization has postponed bringing before the Planning Commission the matter of switching the locations of the hotel and office buildings....the two remaining construction projects in the original plan for Skyline Center. A Town Meeting was recently held at the Square with Tom Davis, Bob Sparks (both Mason District Officials, for those of you who do not, by now, recognize the names!) and Wilbur Leventer and Art Walsh representing the Smith Companies. Concerned residents of the Towers and Square were able to have their concerns addressed. Your delegates to the Skyline Task Force will attend a meeting on June 24th to further discuss the impact of the requested change to the development plan. We are, also, continuing our attempts to obtain the cooperation of the Developer and the Highway Department in correcting perceived deficiencies in sidewalks, curb-cuts and pedestrian cross-walk markings in our area.

## CLEAN-UP DAY

Mason District is to sponsor a "Clean-up Day" for the Baileys Crossroads' area. Karen West (811-South, Skyline Square) has been named Chairman of the Beautification Committee. The exact date has not been fixed....but will, most probably, be in August or September. Watch the "House Special" and/or the bulletin boards for further details. Here is an opportunity for you who like to be out exercising in the fresh air; combine this with the chance to do something for your community....lose a few pounds and gain a "star-in-your-crown", all at the same time!

# JULY

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## Community Notes

### VACATION TIME

During July and August, the Community Realtions Committee does not have its regular monthly meetings or contribute to the "House Special". However, questions or concerns which fall within the committee's purview will be addressed by Ed Berman, Committee Co-Chairman (17-06 East) during the summer hiatus. The next meeting will be on September 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. PLEASE remember that the monthly meetings of this committee are open to all residents; it is not necessary to become a member; come listen to what is going on in your "community"; ask questions; become involved. Do not wait until a situation exists, which you find displeasing or confusing, and it is too late for your opinions to have impact.

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### Covenants Committee

#### Complaint Corner

Because of several complaints over a long period of time against one unit owner, a hearing was conducted in May, 1986. This was the first such hearing conducted in Skyline House. As a result of the hearing a fine was assessed and paid. The problems which precipitated the hearing have apparently been corrected to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. As a result there is again harmony out of a potentially difficult situation.

The complaint system is being reviewed by the Covenants Committee, to make the system more responsive. Residents who have complaints are encouraged to put them in writing. Forms are available at the front desk and personnel on duty can assist in completing the forms. When necessary, complaints may be registered by phone to the front desk.

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Duplicate bridge is played every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. All duplicate bridge players are invited and we welcome newcomers to Skyline House to join us

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 2  
Nancy & Glen Pearson 1st  
Rita Hankins & Amin Sol 2nd

June 9  
Eleanor & Edmund Sajeski 1st  
Babs & Guy Ullman 2nd

June 16  
Jeanne Levy & Amin Solomni 1st  
Lucy Troxel & Jan Jackson 2nd

June 23

Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo 1st  
Helen & Bob Lambert 2nd

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#### ATTENTION APPLE IIe BUFFS

Any APPLE IIe owner/user who is interested in exchanging ideas, etc. and may need assistance or are willing to assist someone else, leave your name, phone number and apartment # at the front desk for Tony DiSalvo.

We will then see what develops so that an exchange of ideas may take place. If anyone has any suggestions as how to move this along, please do let me know.

There is an Apple Club that meets close by and you may be interested in that.

## BEAUTIFY THE EMBANKMENT

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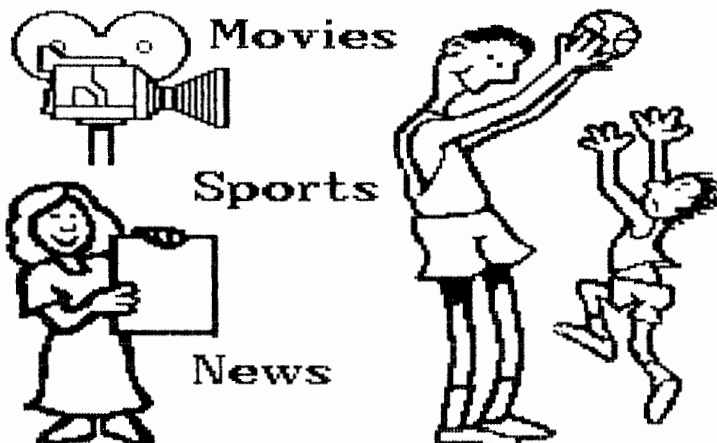
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# From Management

## TRASH CHUTE

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## BALCONIES

It's time for a general clean-up of balconies again. Please do not use your balcony for storage of bicycles, boxes, old furniture, etc. The balconies can be seen from quite a distance and certainly represents the first impression people have of our building.

## PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

The pedestrian walkway across George Mason Drive is not the property of Skyline House or any of its associates. It is not the responsibility of Skyline House or any of its associates. If you have any questions, comments or complaints regarding the crosswalk, please direct any and all communication to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

