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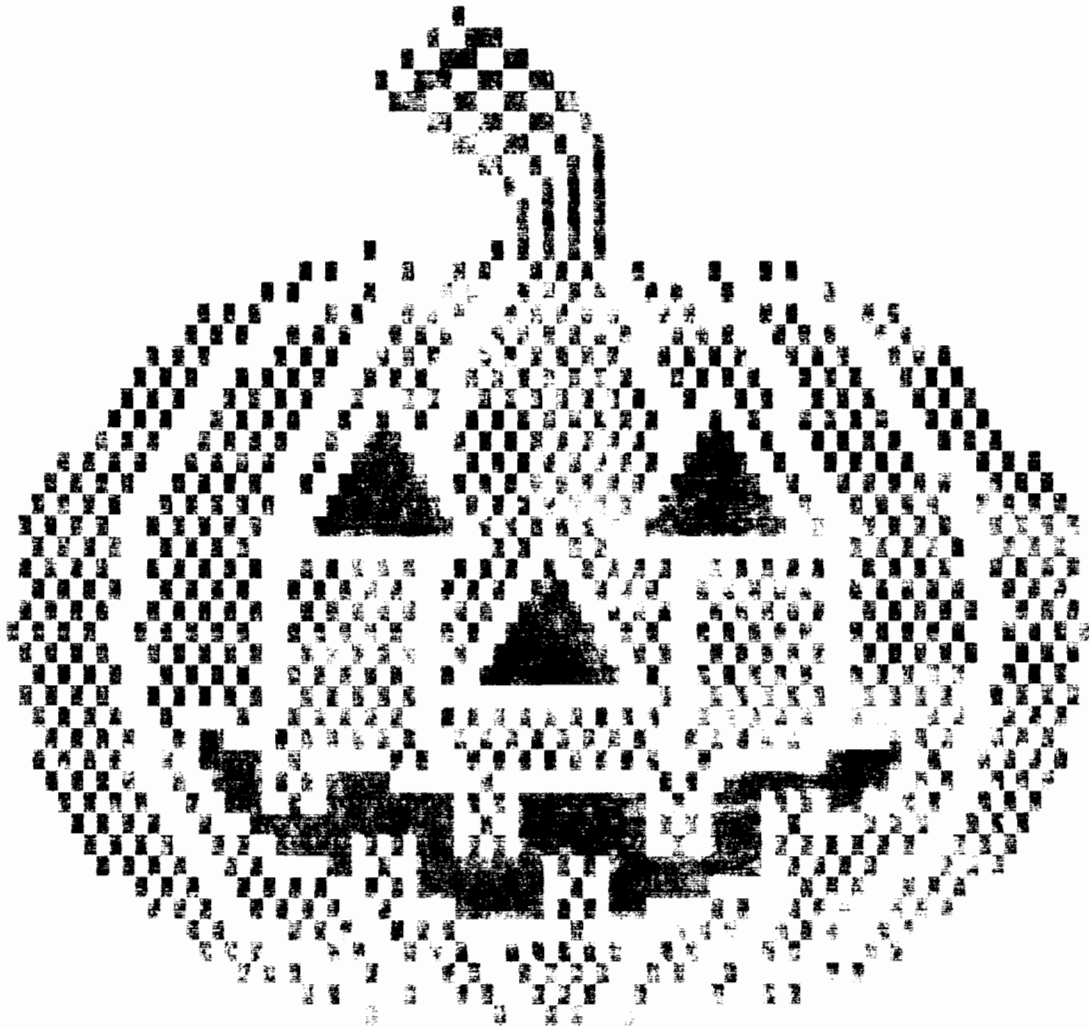
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# From the Board

WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE-PRESIDENT

President Ed Stolarun started the first session of the Board after the summer recess with inviting a representative of Media General Cable to discuss the possibilities of bringing cable TV to Skyline House. Mr. Stolarun stressed that an important consideration would be the aesthetic aspects of installation. The cable TV official explained that at this point there were two options.

One was used at Skyline Square and required bringing the cables from the basement through the closets of individual units in each tier. County building and fire inspectors had to check the work when completed. In the lower level apartments the holes that needed to be drilled through the closet for bringing the wires up would be about 5 inch in diameter; as wires were tapped off for each apartment the cable going through the upper level units would taper off to about 1½ inch. The second method had been used at Skyline Plaza and the wires were brought in via the stairwells into the corridors. Owners subscribing to cable service would have the wire brought into their units from the corridor.

Some board members expressed concern about the method of drilling holes in apartment closets and installing cables through apartment closets. The Board referred the cable TV issue to the Physical Plant and Operations Committee to explore thoroughly the possible options.

Mr. Stolarun's report included the announcement that Gordon Frank had accepted to serve as acting chairman of the Physical Plant Committee. The limited mail the President had received during the summer involved mostly warrantee items. He noted that he had received a bill from the consulting engineer for professional services in 1985 and 1986 totalling almost \$3,500. While the Board expected to need the services of the consultant in light of our current lawsuit against the developer, Ed Stolarun warned that such services were costly.

Property Manager, Clint Hall, reported that he had found a way to avoid installing panic bars on the lobby doors. It was acceptable to the County Fire officials to put up a sign noting which doors were closed and which could be opened from the inside. Instead of the \$6,000 voted for the panic bars, a sign "Use Other Door" was installed for \$6.30.

Mr. Hall discussed the problem of cleaning the dryer vents. He had found only one company prepared to clean the vents. The firm proposed to disconnect the dryer hose in each unit and use compressed air and a special vacuum to clean the ducts and screens. The Board asked the Physical Plant Committee to review the proposal and make a recommendation accordingly.



Mr. Hall disclosed that the stereo equipment had been stolen from the storage room in the West building penthouse. Since no signs of forcible entry were evident, it was clear that the culprit had used a key. The Board decided not to claim the loss from the insurance company lest the rates would be affected. The manager was instructed to change the lock and to require committee members to sign for the use of the key.

The Board accepted the manager's recommendation to replace the old radio equipment of the security guards. The purchase of 3 GE radios plus gear for \$1,884 was approved. At the same time, the manager was asked to report at the October session whether she needed to have a beeper.

The manager alerted the Board that the flappers in the Fluidmasters in the toilet tanks of the individual units needed to be replaced next year. The cost of \$1.85 per flapper would be included in next year's budget. At this point, the engineer would replace only those where there is a leakage.

During the repairs of the sundeck area, additional deterioration was discovered which required completing the sundeck with Futura Stone. Rather than going ahead now and risking unpredictable weather conditions, the Board decided to defer the work till next spring. Expenses of some \$8,000 would be covered in next year's budget.

The Board accepted the management's recommendation to replace two compressors in the center unit of the West building and approved the expenditure of \$8,500 each from the reserve funds.

At Board member, Bob Lowry's suggestion, the Board requested Treasurer Ralph Huppert to serve as chairman of an ad hoc budget review committee. The mission of the committee would be to review the upcoming 1987 budget and report to the Board.

Mr. Jerry Schumaker's offer to serve as co-chairman for the Employee's Holiday Fund drive was accepted. The Board also agreed with Mr. Schumaker that the easel-type board in the lobby would attract much more attention of the residents than notices in the locked-type bulletin boards. The decision was made, therefore, to permit the last six days of the drive the use of easel-type boards reminding residents of the importance of the Holiday Fund.



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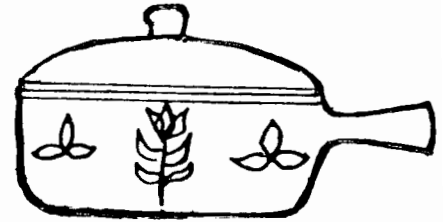
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# Potluck Posh:

## - The House Sharing



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1986  
WEST PARTY ROOM

COCKTAILS: 6:30 P.M.

DINNER: 7:00 P.M.

COCKTAILS: At 6:30 p.m.  
Bring your own liquor and set-ups.  
Ice and Glasses will be furnished.

DINNER: At 7:00 p.m.  
Bring either an entree, salad (but NOT  
tossed), vegetable dish, or dessert.

COUPLES bring enough food for EIGHT persons.  
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If you bring a guest(s), please bring  
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### 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 is sponsored by the Skyline House Recreation Committee.

During the past month or so attendance at the Monday duplicate bridge has increased and your co-directors are most pleased. We have had several people who have never played duplicate bridge before because they thought it was too difficult or too serious. That is not the tone of duplicate bridge at Skyline House. Please join us.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.**

#### September 1

Babs & Guy Ullman	1st
Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo	2nd

#### September 7

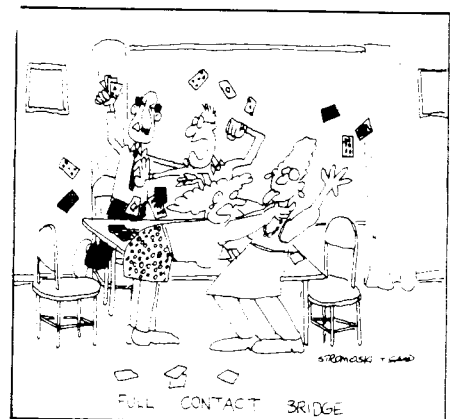
Nancy & Glenn Pearson	1st
Rita Hankins & A.Sulaimani	2nd

#### September 15

Elcy Leshley & Toni Crouch	1st
Midge Easter & Tony DiSalvo	2nd
Nancy & Glenn Pearson	2nd

#### September 22

Nancy & Glenn Pearson	1st
Midge Easter & Tony DiSalvo	2nd



# Committee Communiqués

## COVENANTS COMMITTEE

The Covenants Committee meets each month on the Thursday following the Board meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the deliberations. Your observations and suggestions are welcome. The committee reviews the comments and suggestions received by Management and determines whether any trends or patterns are developing. The committee is also in the process of revising the Resident Action Request/Comment Report. The purpose of the report is for the residents to notify Management and for Management to take prompt action -- notifying the residents requesting action. The report has proven to be a useful management tool.

After reviewing the reports covering the past two months, the most common violations continue to be:

1. Speeding in the garage;
2. Failure to turn on lights when entering and leaving the garage;
3. Excessive noise in units disturbing neighbors;
4. Washing of cars in premises; and
5. Parking in "No Parking" and fire zones.

It is requested that one be especially cognizant of the violations and make a concerted effort to obey the rules and regulations of Skyline House. If any of the rules and regulations are troublesome to residents, the Covenants Committee is the source to contact.

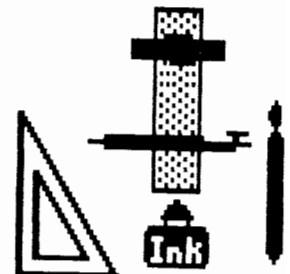
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### **ED BARSTOW, AN EXTRAORDINARY ENGINEER, SPEAKS AT A SEMINAR ON TIPS FOR MAINTAINING YOUR APARTMENT**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE EAST PARTY ROOM**

Our esteemed engineer will speak on tips for maintaining your apartment in the best possible conditions. Among the topics to be discussed are:

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| a. hot water heater.                   | f. washer/dryer.               |
| b. heating and air conditioning units. | g. bathroom & kitchen filters. |
| c. refrigerator.                       | h. bathroom water tanks.       |
| d. stove.                              | i. garbage disposal.           |
| e. dishwasher.                         | j. any other problem.          |

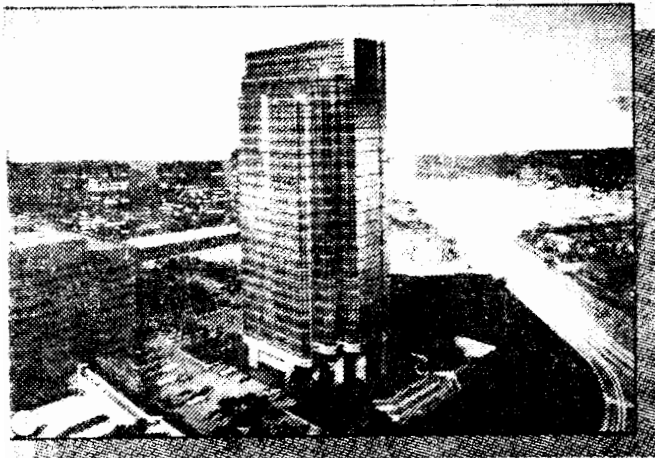


There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

**MR. ED**

When this program was held in April of 1985, there was standing room only. **PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS INFORMATIVE SEMINAR.**

...and you did not see the photograph of the Skyline Tower in a Newsletter, the word "passageway" here it is. At top #3 in the lower left hand of photo is the roadway that will run between George Washington Drive and the Mall parking lot. In recent edition of the newspaper, Newsletter, the word "passageway" was used instead of roadway. Skyline #6 is at the left side of the photo and at bottom, Skyline House is across from the new buildings.



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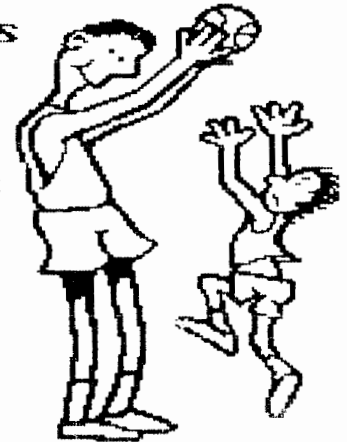


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## FROM MANAGEMENT (continued)

### DOORS

We have some of the doors located in the common areas that have been damaged by objects being used to prop them open. Be sure not to put any object in the door frame as this does a lot of damage to the hinges.

### LOADING DOCK AREA

Please be sure that when you are loading or unloading at the loading dock area, Do Not leave your car unattended. If your car is left unattended, it will be towed at your expense.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>September</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>	<p>November</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30</p>				
5	6 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	7 Community Relations ECR 7:30 p.m.	8 Physical Plant Committee WCR 8:00 p.m.	9 Physical Plant Committee WCR 8:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13 Yom Kippur Columbus Day Canadian Thanksgiving Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18 Sweetest Day
19	20 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	21 Board of Directors WPR 7:30 p.m. Card and Games WCR 11:30am-3:30pm	22	23 Covenants Committee WCR 7:30 p.m.	24 United Nations' Day Covered Dish Dinner WPR 6:30 p.m.	25
26	27 Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	28 Security Committee WCR 7:30 p.m.	29 Chief Engineer Presents Tipson Maintain FPR 7:30 p.m.	30	31 Halloween	

# Committee Communiqués

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Let me start the community notes on a newsy note. My co-chairperson, Elizabeth Grant, will be returning with Mr. Grant on or about October 23rd from their vacationing in Great Britain. In addition, the Grant's announced the wedding of their son this summer. They have one more to go. We miss them both and look forward to their return.

We were pleased to see two wonderful people at our first meeting of the fall, namely Ruth Ballard and Prissy Preston. Both of these ladies, as you all know, lost their spouse during 1986.

There is no end to the building going on in our area. I won't even try to commensurate them all. The only new start up has been the Hampton Inn Hotel going up across from McDonald's. The Chesapeake Bay group is almost complete. As new construction begins or we learn of it we will keep you informed/and we will inform as new buildings are finished and when new stores are opened.

In October, Ed Barstow is putting on a repeat performance of his famous seminar on "Tips from Management on how to keep your apartment in perfect running order".

Come early on October 29th, 7:30 p.m., East Party Room because the last time we had standing room only.

For November, we are considering a program on the new Tax Plan by the Congress.

Finally, we appeal to all residents -- Support your committees -- help us make Skyline House a house to be proud of -- but it can't be done without your help, your suggestion, and your becoming involved.



# Committee Communiqués

RECREATION COMMITTEE

CARROLL THOMPSON  
1108 WEST

The Recreation Committee met on September 13 in the East Card Room.

The pot luck dinner is scheduled for October 24. Full details are discussed elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Bingo was again discussed as a possible activity. We have had a few responses. We need more. PLEASE residents, let us hear from you. Also, we would like to get a volunteer to call bingo. Let your chairman know by leaving a note for him at the reception desk.

Details for the Tuesday, October 21st program for card playing, games, coffee, etc. was outlined in last month's Newsletter. Newcomers are urged to get out and meet your neighbors. If you have any questions, call Bernice at 931-0557.

The Recreation Committee is always looking for new members with new ideas. Do you have any ideas for new programs. If so, let the chairman know. Better still come join us at the next meeting.

## Activity dates:

Oct 3	TGIF	East Card Room
Oct 8	Recreation Committee Meeting	West Card Room
Oct 21	Cards & games	West Card Room
Oct 24	Pot Luck Dinner	West Card Room
Nov 7	TGIF	West Card Room
Nov 12	Recreation Committee Meeting	East Card Room
Nov 18	Cards & games	West Card Room
Dec 5	TGIF	East Party Room
Dec 16	Cards & games	West Card Room





## COVERED DISH DINNER, OCTOBER 24, 1986



The Recreation Committee is holding its semiannual "Covered Dish Dinner" Friday, October 24, commencing at 6:30 p.m., West Party Room. Our "ad" giving full details appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. We hope to see many, many of our residents (and their guests) at what is one of our most popular happenings. New residents who have not attended one of these dinners are urged to attend. This is a good opportunity to meet your neighbors.

We do have a problem.....

We estimate that 90% of those attending bring sufficient food. Unfortunately, that 10% differential throws everything out of kilter and some people have very little food. They are hungry and annoyed.

To alleviate the problem, the Committee has made some changes:

- a. Dishes for the covered dish dinner will be limited to:
- (1) Vegetables.
  - (2) Salads (but NOT tossed salad).
  - (3) Main courses.
  - (4) Desserts.

The Recreation Committee will supply ALL BREAD AND THE TOSSED SALAD.

b. Please no peanuts, popcorn, potato chips, or opening a jar of three bean salad, etc., as your contribution to the dinner. This is most unfair to those who make the effort to prepare delicious food for the party.

c. Be guided, please, by the following:

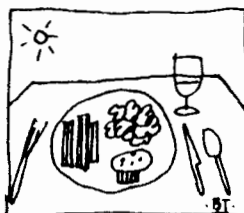
A couple is asked to bring food for eight persons. This means a two-quart casserole, filled, of a vegetable dish or salad other than tossed salad. A minimum of three pounds (precooked poultry, beef or pork, etc., going into a main course will serve eight. The average two-layer cake or sheet cake will serve eight generously.

If you are single, bring one-half of the above proportions.

If you will have guests, then the amount must be increased according to the total number in your party.

d. If you will have guests, please try to arrive as a group and please be sure to give us their names on the sign up sheet. We will know, then, that you are responsible for food. If you cannot arrive as a group, please be near the door to greet your guests and clear them with the person checking names at the door.

e. Please let everyone go through the buffet line the first time around. We will announce when the tables are open for seconds. This will permit us to straighten the tables, and hopefully, put out more food.



# From Management

Gurgling in the Washer Drain Line - is an indication that the drain is beginning to plug up with lint. If allowed to continue, it will overflow onto the kitchen floor. When you hear the line begin to gurgle, the line should be snaked. You may call the Management Office or leave a message at the front desk for the Building Engineer for this service. There is a nominal charge.

## TRASH DISPOSAL

Please place all trash in the chute which is located in the Disposal Room of each floor. Do Not leave any trash on the floor of the Disposal Room. If an item is too large for the chute, please use the service elevator and leave the trash on the loading dock level. Do not leave trash in the service elevator. All garbage should be well wrapped before placing it in the trash chute in order to help control odors.

Please help keep our Disposal Rooms clean. Our porters clean the rooms on each floor every morning, therefore, trash left after that will remain until the following day.

Your cooperation is anticipated and appreciated.

## 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 are 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.

