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From the Board

WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE PRESIDENT

President Stolarun opened the relatively short December meeting of the Board with announcing that Ross M. MacAskill, Chairman of the Covenants Committee, had resigned. Ross had done a superb job as Chairman and his contibutions will be solely missed. The Board is now searching for a new chairperson. Volunteers who would like to be considered for this key chairpersonship are encouraged to notify Arlene Burbank, Board Liaison with the Covenants Committee.

The Property Manager reported that since the cleanup of the bicycle rooms, there were 7 bikes without decals in the West bike room and 6 in the East bike room. Management will place notices on the unregistered bikes, and if no application is made after sixty (60) days, the bikes will be removed.

The issue of checking for radon gas was discussed. The Board decided to have the President get in touch with our County Supervisor to see whether Skyline House could as yet be added to the list for free checking by the County.

The Property Manager reported the status of getting cable TV into Skyline House. The problem was that Fairfax County had disapproved Media General's plan for getting the cables into the buildings. Media General now needs more time to develop a plan acceptable to the County. We do not know how long this will take for the cable TV company.

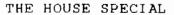
The Board directed the Property Manager to submit for review to the Physical/Plant and Operations Committee the proposals for fixing the swimming pool filter system and putting in new tanks.

The Property Manager noted that the auditor was getting ready for auditing the 1986 records. The Board directed that any excess income be allocated to the working capital fund.

Gordon Frank of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee recommended a plan for dealing with capital replacements. The Committee felt comfortable with the formula used for calculating reserve funds, but suggested to establish a more descriptive list of equipment and to work out a more organized way of considering what alternatives there were for replacement of capital items. The Board noted that, where appropriate, available alternatives were considered whenever replacements were required, but it instructed the Property Manager to develop with Gordon Frank and the Committee a list with possible alternatives in order to put the issue of replacements on a better planned basis.

The Board endorsed the proposal of Elizabeth Grant of the Community Relations Committee to advise realtors dealing with House properties of our newcomers' program. Realtors would also be asked to encourage owners and renters to take the familiarization tour of Skyline House. The Committee's recommendation to translate the House Rules and Regulations was for a variety of reasons not accepted.

The Board of Directors ends this year with wishing all Skyline House residents a very good 1987



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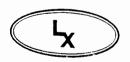
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COMMUNITY NOTES

Elizabeth Grant/Ed Berman

### Mason District Questionnaire Results

There were more than 1,700 responses received by Tom Davis' office representing a broad cross section of Mason District neighborhoods. Here are the majority responses to the questions posed:

- 1. 65% felt that Fairfax population was grown at a rate faster than it should.
- 2. 55% felt that commercial growth has occurred too rapidly.
- 3. 37% felt commercial development should be encouraged but County funds should not be used to attract business.
- 4. 48% never plan to use the newly opened Falls Church, Dunn Loring or Vienna Metro-rail stations.
- 5. 48% do not plan to use ANY of the metro-rail stations.
- 6. Regarding low-to-moderately priced housing in the County, 43% felt that current County requirements seem to strike a proper balance, insuring adequate quality and keeping housing affordable for most County residents.
- 7. 44% felt the County should not spend money to replace Federal programs, but should allow the private sector to provide housing with less government interference.
- 8. 43% have lived in this County for more than 20 years. (Altogether 73% have resided in the County for more than 10 years.)
- 9. 69% felt any legal abortion should be permitted at Fairfax Hospital. (The County has representation on the policy-making board.)
- 10. 46% felt the new law satisfactory which requires restaurants seating more than 100 persons to designate at least 25% of the seats as a non-smoking area. (44%, a close second, thought ALL smoking should be prohibited in restaurants.)
- 11. 56% felt the County should adopt legislation to insure that employees in the County are not involuntarily exposed to smoking by other employees in their workplace.
- 12. 59% felt that Cost of Living Adjustments should be equal to current increases in inflation only.

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### COMMUNITY NOTES

### Monthly Coffee Klatch



The attendance at the December get-together was smaller than at the other two previously held which, perhaps, is not to be wondered at . . . since there are so many activities at this Holiday Season. However, those who attended seemed to enjoy seeing the nativity displays loaned for the occasion by Jeanne Marie Burgess and Elizabeth Grant. There were also three handsome, hand-made "Kings" of papier-mache which have been part of Sarah Tatum's Christmas decorations for more than 20 years. Wilna McDonald brought along Christmas cards sent to her Grandmother, part of her collection of antique postcards. It was amazing to see how bright the colors were after all these years and to see how the messages and names of the senders formed an interesting part of her family's history. Maggie Kelly was, again, the charming hostess who organized the coffee and cookies.

Remember that the next morning meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, 1987, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Ed Berman has arranged for a speaker to talk on the subject of proper dietary habits for people over 50 years old. He deliberately chose the month of January for discussion of this topic, realizing that is the appropriate moment to interest all those who had such a happy time over-eating during the holiday period! By February or March, the inclination to do something about sensible eating habits may have weakened considerably (take it from one who, sadly, speaks from experience!) But, whether you are worried about a weight problem or not, eating the right foods in the correct amounts is information valuable to all. Come and hear an authority on the subject and join your neighbors for a cup of coffee. (By February the coffee with its caffein content may be on the "verboten list" . . . and we may be serving milk and/or Gator Ade, instead!.)

For the evening December program, the subject was "How to cope with a medical emergency". Twenty residents were willing to forego Christmas shopping to attend a most worthy lecture. The Chief of Emergency Services of Jefferson Memorial Hospital used slides to illustrate his information . . . and afterwards answered questions from the audience.

For over a year now this Committee has been presenting speakers on medical problems. It is important to know if you wish these to continue and what further aspects would be of interest. You can let your feelings be known by leaving a note at the front desk for either Ed Berman (1706-East) or Elizabeth Grant (1408-West).

### Special Library Services

The Fairfax County Public Library provides a number of special services for residents who are unable to use the library because of a physical disability or age. Those who are confined to their homes and desire library service  $\frac{\text{may}}{\text{call}}$ :  $\frac{\text{may}}{\text{call}}$ :  $\frac{\text{may}}{\text{materials}}$ . For information  $\frac{\text{call}}{\text{call}}$ :

The Community Relations Committee is presently discussing the possibility of setting up a small library here at Skyline House. If you have any feelings on the subject ... one way or another ... please communicate with Ed or Elizabeth. We are also interested in ideas to implement the logistics involved in making this into a successful operation. In the meantime, don't throw or give away your hard covers or paperbacks! More information will be forthcoming on this project in up-coming issue of "The House Special".

### Titizen's Handbook

All legal residents of Fairfax County will have received a copy of the most recently issued "Citizen's Handbook". Do not carelessly discard or carefully put it away in a place where you cannot find it. Therein is useful information from A for Adoptions to Z for Zip Codes and Zoning. Somewhere in between may be just what you need to know to solve a problem or answer a question. Keep it handy there with your telephone book or encyclopedia for easy availability.

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# New Year



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SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

**BOB SHERRER** 

Six residents attended the Security and Safety Committee meeting of December 9th. Among the items discussed were the following:

- On December 7th, a car was broken into on the D-Level, west side. Police investigated and took fingerprints.
- In the past month, uninvited individuals intruded on private parties in the penthouse party rooms on at least two occasions. In both incidents, the guard was called. In one case the guard's response was fast and effective. In the other case, it was not. Private parties are just that -- private -- and intrusions should not and will not be tolerated. Residents using the party rooms should report any intrusions or disorderly conduct immediately. Guard response will be monitored.
- The Skyline House Neighborhood Watch patrols continue. An individual on patrol will have neighborhood watch identification and may be asked by residents to produce such.
- There have been several reports of cars that are exiting the parking garage speeding up the hill and around the corner so as to present a potential danger to cars leaving parking spaces on the hill or rounding the corner at the top. This also presents a danger to pedestrians who might be walking along the side of the roadway or crossing from one side to the other. So please, be alert and drive with appropriate caution.

### CANDIDATES NEEDED



The Board οf Directors is currently seeking candidates for Chairman, position οf Covenants Committee. Due to the duties nature οf the and responsibilities οf the committee, this position must be restricted to a co-owner. would like to be considered this important post, please leave at the front containing your name, unit number and phone number; address your note to Arlene Burbank (Board of Directors liaison to the Convenants Committee)-Unit #708W.





HOLIDAY T.G.I.F.

The Annual Holiday TGIF was more than an outstanding success. was GREAT. Over 100 people attended and we should add there was lots of food and desserts. Were you there. In addition to usual hors d'oeuvres provided by the guests, Recreation Committee provided roast beef, ham and champagne. We would like to thank all the ladies/gents who provided desserts.

Special thanks to Margie Levitan who provided the Santa Claus Mrs. Claus dolls, Betty Stolarun for the gifts presented to and finally to Sarah Tatum for the lovely floral center piece. Thanks to the members of the Recreation Committee who assisted making this event a success. And last but not least, thanks to the residents Skyline House for coming to this wonderful event. Without the residents supporting Recreation Committee, the Holiday Party would have not been success.









### EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND

A final report of contributions to the Holiday Fund was not available in sufficient time to meet the December deadline for inclusion in this House Special. However, all employees were presented with their checks on December 19.

The report to the residents will be made in the February House Special. Many thanks to each person who contributed to the Holiday Fund.

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# January 1987

Saturday	3	10		17		24		31	
Friday	2 T.G.I.F. 6:30 p.m.	6		16		23		30	
Thursday	NEW YEARS DAY	<b>%</b>	Physical Plant WPR 8:00 p.m.	15	Covenants Committee WCR 7:30 p.m.	22		29	
Wednesday		2	Recreation Committee ECR 7:30 p.m.	14	Comm. Rel. Coffee Klatsch Subject - Nutr. and Diet EPR 10:30 a.m.	21		28	
Tuesday	No. 301 Series © Capyright 1986 Szuthwortt Campany West Springfield, MA 01090	9	Community Relations ECR 7:30 p.m.	13		20	Board of Directors EPR 7:30 p.m. Card & Games WCR 11:30am-3:30pm	27	
Monday	FEBRUARY 1987  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7  8 9 10 11 12 13 14  15 16 17 18 19 20 21  22 23 24 25 26 27 28	5	Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	12	Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.	19	Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m. MARTIN LUTHER KINGS BIRTHDAY (Oberned)	26	Bridge ECR 7:30 p.m.
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### RECREATION COMMITTEE



The Recreation Committee met on December 10 in the West Card Room.

We have had to postpone the sip and dip scheduled for January. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

We will continue our cards and games in the West Card Room. New players are welcome.

We are looking into the possibility of an evening of entertainment with a disk jockey for dancing along with munching food (chips and nuts). We are also looking into a wine tasting done for us by someone from D.C.

The date for Italian Nite has been set for Thursday, March 19. Menu, etc. will be announced in February. Remember seating in the party room is limited and the number who can attend will be limited.

The Recreation Committee would be happy to have you join us and bring fresh ideas and talent for new activities.

### Activity dates:

Jan 2	TGIF	East	Party Room
Jan 20	Cards and Games	West	Card Room
Feb 6	TGIF	West	Party Room
Feb 17	Cards and Games	West	Card Room
March 6	TGIF	East	Party Room
March 19	Italian Nite	East	Party Room
April 2	TGIF	West	Party Room
Apr 24	Pot Luck	East	Party Room
May	Atlantic City		



### ONE SKYLINE TOWER

One Skyline Tower, the latest and tallest addition to Skyline City is a 465,000-square foot building and will stand 360 feet high. It is clad with reflective windows with silver and aluminum trim; broad red bands cut across the walls at the top. A four-story atrium encloses a landscaped plaza.

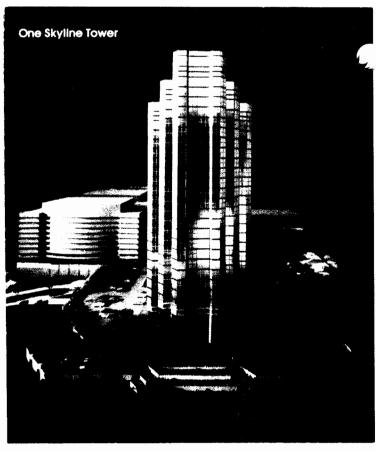
The top of the building is stepped like a staircase. Hexagonally shaped banks of windows, or setbacks, result in more corner offices according to the developer. Each floor will have 20 corner offices.

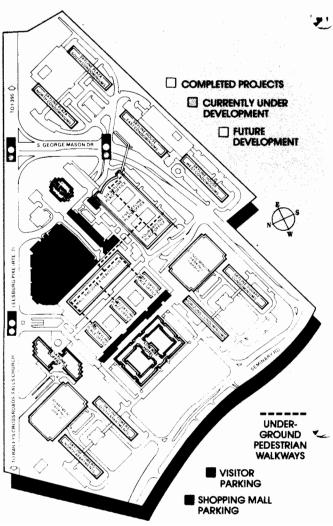
Only three buildings remain for Skyline City, said Joseph A. Jr., vice president of marketing The Charles E. Smith for Construction of the next two buildings, will probably begin early in 1988.

Construction of Skyline City's final building, a low-level hotel, will begin when the Tower is completed, in 1988. The developer plans to have the City completed by 1990 said Klea.

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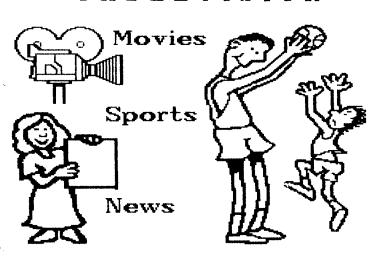
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December 1 Jill & Jerry Schumacker Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo Babs Ullman & Elizabeth Grant	1st 2nd 2nd
December 15 Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo Nancy & Glenn Pearson	1st 2nd
December 22 Tony DiSalvo & Glenn Pearson Patricia & Pete Peterson Helen & Bob Lambert	1st 1st 2nd



PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Gordon Frank

The PPOC met on December 11, 1986 in the West Card Room. As always the Committee is pleased to welcome new members, old members, and those who just come to "browse" (participate or observe on an occasional basis). We are just like the 24 hour supermarket, there is always something going on. . .

There were seven items on the agenda. The Committee completed 10:00 PM adjournment and took up two items of new three by the After a vigorous, but congenial discussion, Committee reached a consensus to seek additional information concerning alternatives and implications of attempting to reduce the noise from the emergency generators. Before it agrees to recommend that the Association proceed with the suggestions of an acoustic consultant, the PPOC will request the Board direct the Property Manager to: (1) contact the equipment manufacturer maintenance contractor to assure the proposed alteration will not harm the equipment, (2) determine whether other alternatives are available such as adding lead lining to the rock wool, (3) seek competitive bids on whatever alternative is selected, (4) ensure that the alterations do not prevent any further work to reduce pollution, (5) consider whether the generator can be run for shorter, less frequent periods, and (6) request the advice of the Association's Chief Engineer. Once this information has been provided to the PPOC, it will furnish its recommendation to the Board.

The Association received a November 7, 1986 letter from the Deputy County Executive for Public Safety regarding dryer vents. The letter stated the County experience indicates little fire danger from lint in dryer vents. Nonetheless, the County recommends cleaning them annually. However, neither the Uniform State Code nor any County regulation requires a builder to provide access to permit the cleaning of dryer vents. The Committee has prepared a response to the County suggesting access to dryer vents be required and requesting practical suggestions as to how the Skyline House vents might be cleaned. The letter will be forwarded to Ed Stolarun for his signature.

Jerry Lagace explained in detail the three methods that are being used to calculate the capital equipment reserves. Previous work by Jerry, Brian Le Bert-Francis, and others has provided the Association with an excellent program for assuring adequate reserves. It now appears prudent, however, to review previous estimates of the useful life of the various equipment as we begin to acquire a history of failure experience. Also, the PPOC believes that the Association should begin to plan an organized approach for considering alternatives rather than simply replacing what we have with identical, and in some cases less than satisfactory, equipment.

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Two of the remaining four items (radon gas and eliminating the East Building "swamp") will be included in the agenda for the next meeting. Two agenda items were overtaken by events and were dropped.

Two items of new business were offered. One owner complained of the noise caused by cars passing over the loose plates covering the expansion joints in the garage. Another owner complained of standing water at the west exit of the West Building. Both items will be on a future agenda of the Committee.

If you are interested in any of these matters or any others pertaining to the buildings or their operation, contact me, 111-W; R. Lowry, 705-E; or any other member (names are available at the Management Office). We hope to see more of you at our meetings.

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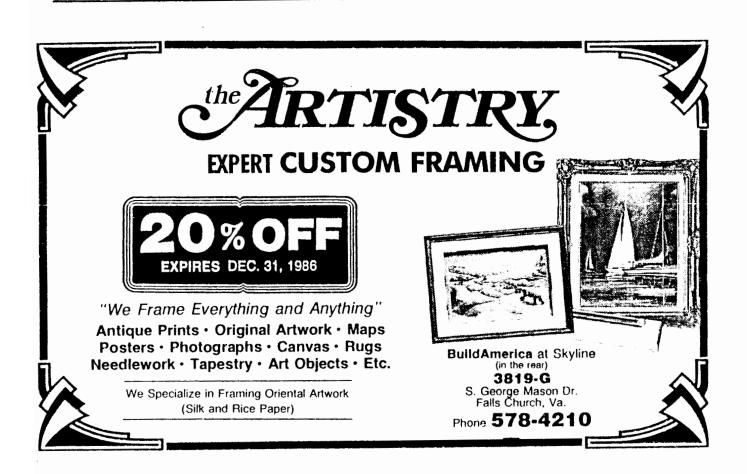


### ASH URNS

Do not leave juice cans, banana or orange peels in the ash urn by the elevators. This is an ash urn for cigarettes, not food leftovers. Do not place food or food wrappers in the ash urns.

### REMINDERS FROM MANAGEMENT . . .

- a. Please use your security key for the front door.
- b. Please notify front desk when you have someone towed from your space.
- c. Residents please remember to sign in key log when checking out keys at front desk.





## From Management

The employees of Skyline House wish to thank all the residents who contributed to the Employee Holiday Fund. The gifts of money we received certainly are appreciated. Our Christmas Party was held at Hunan East Restaurant. Food was great and we enjoyed the time together.

We wish all of you a Happy New Year!

### BICYCLES

If you have a bicycle in the bike room, could you please check to see if you have a Skyline House decal on it. We have inspected both the East and West bike rooms to find there are still a few without decals. If these bikes are not registered with us in sixty (60) days, they will be removed from the bike room.

Some have forgotten garage driving manners:

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### TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. All garbage and trash, including newspapers, which should be bagged or tied, must be placed in the trash chute in the disposal room on each floor No garbage or trash shall be placed on the floor of the disposal room.
- b. Empty boxes or other items too large to go into the chute are to be taken by the resident, using the service elevator, to the loading dock on the ground floor.

Have a healthy, happy, & prosperous New Year!

