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JULY 4, 1987

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- July 8 Recreation Committee
West Card Room
7:30 p.m.
- July 9 Physical Plant
West Card Room
8:00 p.m.
- July 14 Financial Management
East Card Room
7:30 p.m.
- July 21 Board of Directors
East Card Room
7:30 p.m.
- July 25 Covenants Committee
East Card Room
7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- July 3 TGIF
East Party Room
6:30 p.m.
- AUG 1 Luau TGISaturday
West Party Room
6:30 p.m.



From the Board



WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE PRESIDENT

At the June session, which was held in the West Card Room, President Bob Lowry noted in his report that:

--The installation of Futura Stone on the roof sun deck had been completed.

--Three bikes had been stolen from the bike rooms during the month of May. Management had changed the locks and for the first time being, residents would have to sign out a key to get access to the bike rooms.

The Board took the following actions:

--Accepted the auditor's report for 1986 and thanked the Financial Management and Administration Committee for its prompt action in reconciling the Management Agent's books with the draft audit report.

--Accepted the Property Manager's recommendation to award the contract for establishing catwalks on the cooling towers to M & M Welding for the amount of \$7,200 as provided for in the 1987 budget.

--Accepted the request of the Property Manager to install a payphone at the swimming pool to insure that in case of an accident at the pool, the emergency number 911 can be dialed without going through the switchboard.

--Accepted the recommendation of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee to approve the window washing contract to American Window & Building Cleaning Contractors in the amount of \$3,900.00.

--Voted up to \$1,500 to remove the concrete steps at the rear of the East Building on the grass slope leading to the college.

--Instructed the Property Manager to prepare the policy guidelines for salary and raises of employees and submit this to the Financial Management Committee for review and advise to the Board.

--Approved payment for the invoice of the Auditor for \$3,600.

--Requested for Covenants Committee review Management's proposal to change the rules for the use of the Party and Card Room. Management proposed to charge a non-refundable rental fee for use of the rooms to defray normal wear and tear; the refundable deposit was suggested to be increased.

--Endorsed the Recreation Committee's suggestion to arrange for aerobics in the swimming pool.

--Instructed management to prepare orders to cover operational procedures. Management was given a list of 22 proposed management orders. No date was set for completion of the tasking.



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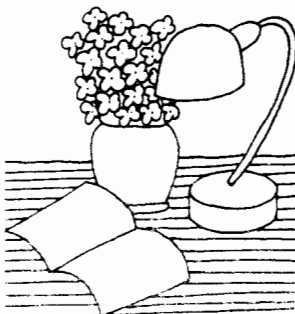
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DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 8	
Charlotte & Richard Katz	1st
Jeanne Levy & Gil Gelenter	2nd
June 15	
Midge Easter & Gil Gelenter	1st
Juanita Mayer & Lucy Troxell	2nd
Jill & Jerry Schumaker	2nd
June 23	
Helen & Bob Lambert	1st
Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo	2nd
Jeanne Levy & Bertha Shostak	2nd



Committee Communiqués



SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

ROB SHERRER

The Security and Safety Committee met on June 9; nine residents attended including resident manager Kay Kelly. Among the items discussed were the following:

o Two bikes were reported stolen from the bicycle storage rooms. In an attempt to prevent this from happening in the future, management has changed the locks on the West and East Building bicycle storage rooms and has established a policy that storage rooms keys will be retained at the front desk. Those wishing to get their bikes from storage must sign out a door key. This procedure replaces the prior procedure of residents having their own keys to the storage rooms. In a recent count, 35 bikes were found in the West storage room and 25 in the East storage room. Approximately half of the bikes were registered, displaying the Skyline House registration sticker. Bicycle owners are encouraged to lock their bikes to the bar in the storage rooms.

o The Resident Watch has a vanguard of participants but could certainly use more. Residents do not have to undertake extensive tours of the building to participate in the Watch, but rather they could do so by undertaking quick spot checks of given areas, perhaps during the normal course of their daily activities.

o An incident of tailgating in the garage has been reported. This is not only discourteous and annoying, but it can be dangerous depending on the vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the garage.

o The abuse of guest parking spaces appears to be getting worse. This is selfish in that it reduces the number of spaces available for legitimate guest parking needs. The policy of towing vehicle that are parked in guest parking spaces without a valid permit will be enforced.

o In the first week in June, the Fairfax County Fire Department completed a fire safety inspection of the building and grounds. We passed all facets of the inspection.



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RECREATION COMMITTEE



CARROLL THOMPSON

The Recreation Committee met on June 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room.

"I DO - I DO" update at the West End Dinner Theatre. The outing was a success in that 24 people attended. It is anticipated that an attempt will be made later in the year to schedule a trip to West End to see South Pacific. We all want to thank Luiz Ruiz who chaired this activity.

As we mentioned in last month's column, the August TGIF will be an August 1 TGISaturday LUAU. The TGIS will be held in the West Party Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. As usual we ask residents to prepare their hors d'oeuvres with a LUAU theme. Last year's Luau TGIF was an outstanding evening and those of you who are unable to attend the monthly TGIF will be able to do so since this will be a Saturday evening event.

There will be an outdoor BBQ in September. No date has been set but it will be a Saturday evening.

Maria Boykin and Elsa Paez will chair a Mexican Dinner Party, Friday, October 23, West Party Room.

A trip to Atlantic City is planned for October 15, details later. Need someone to chair this activity.

A buffet/dance party was discussed for late fall or early 1988.

The possibility of water exercise classes was discussed. An instructor has been arranged. Full details will be announced as soon as they are available.

The Committee needs new members who will provide us with new ideas in giving the residents different and hopefully exciting activities. The Recreation Committee will be happy to have you join us. Please.

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 8 in the West Card Room.

Activity dates:

July 3	TGIF	East Party Room
July 8	Recreation Committee meets	East Card Room
Aug 1 (SAT)	TGIS with a Luau theme	West Party Room
Sept	Picnic	
Oct 15	Atlantic City	
Oct 23	Mexican Dinner Party	West Party Room





JULY

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DOMINION DAY

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RECREATION COM.
ECR, 7:30 P.M.


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T.G.I.F.
WPR
6:30 P.M.

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INDEPENDANCE
DAY

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BRIDGE
ECR
7:30 P.M.

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FINANCIAL MGMT.
WCR, 7:30 P.M.

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RECREATION COM.
ECR, 7:30 P.M.

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PHYSICAL PLANT
ECR, 7:30 P.M.

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BRIDGE
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7:30 P.M.

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7:30 P.M.

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BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
ECR, 7:30 P.M.

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COVENANTS COM.
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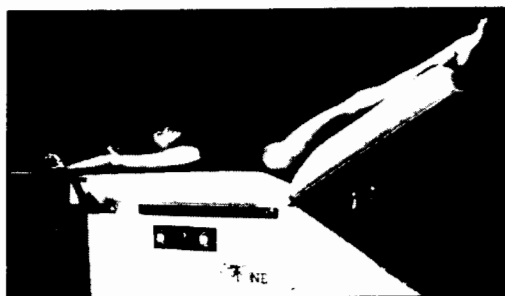
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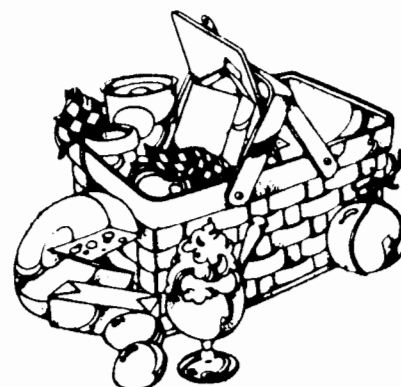
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Committee Communiqués



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

THE SHUTTLE BUS SAGA

Thanks to the great effort put forward by Sandra D. Buch, a member of the Board of Directors of Skyline Tower Civic Association, with the assistance of committee members of all Skyline buildings, the request for a shuttle bus service from all of Skyline to the Giant Food Store has become a reality.

The service is starting out on a modest basis, twice a week, Tuesday and Friday and with limited hours. Posters have been put up all over Skyline House. Now it is the job of the residents who asked for this service to take advantage of Giant Food's prompt and gracious commitment to our community. Please remember, that if the service is not used and withdrawn, we'll have only ourselves to blame.

We salute everyone involved in this community effort and we thank Giant Food for caring. Now that we have shown that community effort can pay off, let's not hesitate doing it again for other worthwhile projects.



JUNE A.M. COFFEE KLATSCH

Regretfully, a program on quilting did not come into being. Hopefully, we can have this program in the fall. We are still hopefully waiting for residents with whatever skills, knowledge, adventures they may have to come forward and volunteer their services and help make for an interesting morning program. Just leave your name at the front office.

MAY/JUNE EVENING PROGRAMS

On Thursday, May 28th, your committee presented a program on Condominium Insurance by Mr. Steven Geoffray, C.E.O. of Morgan and Cheves, Insurance Brokers of Alexandria, Va. Regretfully, there were only 15 residents present for what turned to be an excellently presented program.

On Wednesday, June 17th, we had a wonderful speaker: Mr. Tom Davis, our Mason District representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors who gave an excellent presentation on the problems confronting our district, and our County and what the Board of Supervisors is doing about "solving" these problems. The questions and then the answers by Tom Davis were most informative. There is no way of knowing how many residents from the West Bldg. would have come had there not been a fire alarm, but once again, with deep regret, only 15 residents turned out for this important program.

At this point in time I must ask to all residents, be they tenants, owners, committee members and members of our Board of Directors, if they have a free evening, when we have a special event, that they make every effort to attend. It is especially frustrating to your C.R.C. program committee to invite 'important' people to come before us and give of their knowledge and time and find only a handful of residents in attendance. Don't diminish our enthusiasm, unless of course, you really don't care about the program we have put on for your benefit.



AREA DEVELOPMENTS

- 1) Tom Reed who owns the Paw Shop restaurant in Skyline Mall has made arrangements

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AREA DEVELOPMENTS (continued)

with the Smith Companies to open two eating places in the area where Bailey's was. One will be called Bailey's Tavern and will be a bar with, perhaps, a pool table; the other is to be called the "Old Chicago Diner" and will be decorated with booths and counter service with stools, etc. The atmosphere will be VERY "laid back". The owner made the statement that a person could come in and sit reading his newspaper over a cup of coffee for as long as he liked. . .that sort of thing.

2. The Smith Management representative has promised there will be better "signage" in the office buildings to indicate the way to the shops in the Mall (one of the apparent problems, at the moment).
3. Next year, restauranteer Tom Reed, has plans to open a service which will provide gourmet dishes. . .with delivery, if required. This is an idea which was bound to occur since there are so many "yuppie families" who want to entertain without the bother of doing the cooking!
4. The space vacated by Safeway will house from 3 to 6 more AMC movie salons and another. . .as yet unknown, commercial venture. Smith is trying to negotiate for some kind of business which will draw customers from beyond the immediate neighborhood.
5. Central Fidelity Bank will shortly install an automatic teller for the sake of those people who had gotten used to the one in Safeway.
6. This Saturday, a "Fitness Fair" will take place at the Mall; June 20th there will be celebrations of Father's Day; During July 1-4 will be the days for the annual sidewalk sale; Nothing yet for August; October 7-10 there will be a 10th anniversary celebration; October 15-18, an antique fair; and on October 29th, Trick or Treat.
7. Two of the ladies of our C.R.C. cleaned up the median strip on the George Mason Drive. What a wonderful initiative! What great community spirit! Your names are not being mentioned because I don't want someone calling you in the middle of the night telling you the median is now being used for advertising purposes, etc.
8. The Plaza C.R.C. is going to put together a restaurant guide - all eating places within a 20 minute walk - to be out in October. What a super project!

Here are a couple of items from the Mason District meeting held on May 27, 1987:

1. Police from the Mason District Station will be happy to come and make security checks of apartment buildings as well as private homes. This can be scheduled by calling 691-2244 and asking for Officer Clark or Josh Brown.
2. If citizens notice severe pot holes or traffic signs down or pedestrian crossing lights which do not function, you are urged to call 830-9423 (day-time) or 359-1220 (after office hours).



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Committee Communiqués



PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Gordon Frank

The feature attraction at the June meeting of the Committee was a presentation by Joseph and Perry Klein of Washington Cable. The Kleins outlined for the PPOC their plan to offer to Skyline House a bulk contract for satellite television service. For an average of about \$4.00 per unit per month they would make available to all 552 units at Skyline House their "C-Basic" package which would add channels 32, 53 and 56 to the local channels you now receive. Also included would be a choice of either BRAVO (a fine arts channel) and American Movie Classics or Home Team Sports, plus Cable News Network, C-Span I and II, FNN, ESPN, the superstations from Atlanta and Chicago and USA Network. The offer includes full maintenance of the master antenna system and optional extra cost movie channels for those who wish to pay for them.

Among the advantages cited by the Kleins for the satellite television service were no unsightly wires in the individual condominium units, ability to tailor programming to the interests of the residents, availability of some channels not available from Media General, maintenance of the master antenna system (which the condominium documents require us to maintain), and finally, a very competitive price. Before submitting a final recommendation to the Board, the Committee plans to examine this proposal in greater depth. Interested residents are invited to participate.

Other matters taken up by the Committee included a discussion of the need to quickly improve television reception in the West Building. Being considered are two possibilities, either moving the antenna to reduce interference or using the East Building system to feed the West Building master antenna distribution system. (Subsequent tests appear to indicate moving the antenna is the quickest and most economical solution.) The Committee also invited Mr. Ed Barstow, the Chief Operating Engineer to attend Committee meetings. Mr. Barstow accepted. His first topic related to the need to replace heat pump hoses which are deteriorating due to the chemicals used to treat the water in the system. Replacement hoses are estimated to cost \$10.00 each (\$20.00 per unit) plus installation. Responding to questions Ed did not believe there was a need to replace either washing machine hoses or dishwasher drain hoses at this time.

The Committee supported the Property Manager's recommendation to proceed with awarding the window washing contract to the third highest bidder, the current contractor, American Window and Building Clean Contractors. The three lowest bids were all below budget.

Items not completed in the June meeting will be included in the July agenda. We invite all those interested to attend.



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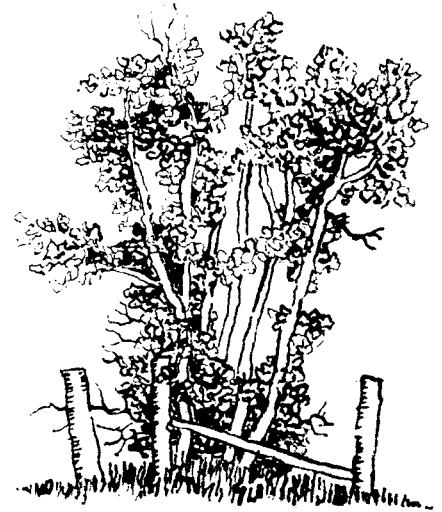
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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MOVE INS AND BUILDING TOURS

During the month of May there were 15 move ins.

Here is the breakdown:

- 10 rented apartments were re-rented.
- 2 rented apartments were sold to new owners.
- 1 owner-occupied apartment was rented.
- 2 owner-occupied apartments were sold to new owners.



So, once again, for the month of May, the owner-occupied apartment increased by one (1). The pace is slow, but it's in the right direction.

Against the 15 move ins, your tour committee gave six (6) tours, which is a very good percentage. Any resident who is still reading this report who has not had a tour of our 'home' and would like this informative '45 minute walk around' - just leave your name at the front office and one of our tour guides will be in touch.

Let me thank those members of our committee who helped make the first 6 months of 87' a success. Our serving committee - our tour committee - our program committee - Thank you!

Finally, your C.R.C. wishes all residents a wonderful summer. There will be no meetings or programs during July and August - but comes Labor Day and we'll be back on the job, still trying to make Skyline House a better community.

From Management

BICYCLES

There are still a few bicycles stored in the East & West bike rooms that are not registered. All bikes without a decal will be removed in thirty (30) days. Please register your bike at the Manager's office.



CAR DECAL

All vehicles that are 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.



FREE EXTERMINATING SERVICES

The services of an exterminator are available to all residents at no cost. Arrangements must be made at the front desk. The exterminator comes to our building every 1st. and 3rd. Monday of each month. Please feel free to make use of this service. Management strongly recommends to all owners of rental units and tenants/co-owners that they schedule a spraying of their unit as soon as it is vacated.



Take note

GARAGE

Posted garage speed limit (5 miles per hour) signs as well as the traffic flow directions signs will be observed. Traffic on ramps has the right of way. Headlights must be used while driving in the garage. No tail-gating.



TRASH DISPOSAL

All garbage and trash, including newspaper, 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.



HOLIDAY

The Management office will be closed on Friday July 3, for the holiday. Open Saturday 9:A.M.