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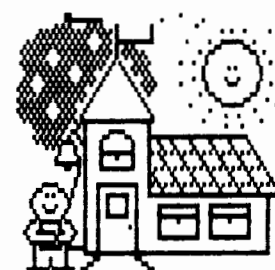
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Sep 1	Community Relations East Card Room, 7:30 p.m.	Sep 9	Recreation Committee East Card Room, 7:30 p.m.
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Sep 8	Security Committee East Card Room, 7:30 p.m.	Sep 11	Cards & Games West Card Room, 11:30 a.m.
Sep 8	Financial Mgmt. West Card Room, 7:30 p.m.	Sep 15	Board of Directors East Card Room, 7:30 p.m.
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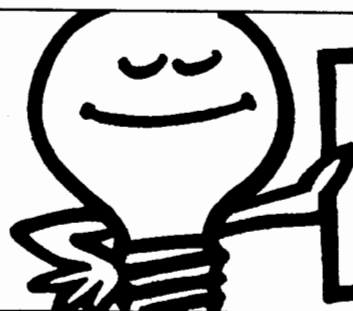
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COVENANTS COMMITTEE

MIKE MOORE

Does the parking garage traffic pattern confuse you? Well ... You shouldn't feel bad. One day when I had been here at Skyline House for only a short time, I had an Encounter of the Third Kind with a lovely lady who was quite angry at me for driving the wrong way in the garage. I was indeed confused because, I thought, how could I be going in the wrong direction if the signs I saw in front of me (in reference to the direction that I was going) said, "YIELD" and "EXIT". Being a person who wants to do right, I made the big effort to learn what the rules of the garage really are. As a result of my study, I have boiled the traffic rules down to the following:

1. The only one-way stretches in the garage are the ramps at the far east and west ends of the garage. These are one way in the clockwise direction, except for the D level ramp that is adjacent to the exit door. All open areas where the cars are parked are actually bidirectional. However, there would normally be no reason for you to drive in a direction other than to get to your parking space or to the ramp in the center of the garage which is also bidirectional and is where you **must** drive when coming in or going out.

2. There are other important rules. **PLEASE** turn on your lights when you drive in the garage. This is for your own protection. There are old guys like me who need to see your lights so they can stop in time to prevent an accident when both are trying to get on the center ramp at the same time. The center ramp is where you can really make enemies out of neighbors that you would otherwise never meet.

3. Another rule is to keep your speed down to 5 mph. Okay so you fall asleep at that speed. **NO MATTER**. Knock your head on the dash a couple of times to stay awake. It has been determined that speeds in excess of 5 mph cause accidents in parking garages.

There is one more thing courtesy! Drive defensively and give space to the other driver. You will be surprised at how this will not only keep you out of trouble but it will do wonders for your blood pressure and well being.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT COVENANTS COMMITTEE MEETING!



Committee Communiqués

RECREATION COMMITTEE



CARROLL THOMPSON

The Recreation Committee met on August 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room.

The Luau TGIF held on August 1 was an outstanding success. It appeared that our TGIF attendance doubled. There was plenty of food for everyone and as usual, the committee members outdid themselves with extra goodies they provided. The ribs, ambrosia, cold plate platter, and chicken wings were provided by the Committee. Bill Sutherland won the 50-50. Several residents wondered what happened to the 50-50 funds. The funds are used to defray the cost of the ribs, ambrosia, cold plate, etc.

A number of residents indicated that Saturday night was much better for them to attend such an event. This was discussed at the Aug. 12 meeting and it was felt that the Holiday TGIF in December would be held on Saturday, December 12. A firm decision would be made at a future meeting.

There will be no outdoor BBQ in September. We are unable to get a chairperson to handle the outdoor BBQ. We have indicated in the past that we need new and more members to assist the handfull of members who chair and work on the various activities. Maybe next year.

We will try it again. Card and games, West Card Room, Friday, September 11, 11:30-3:30.

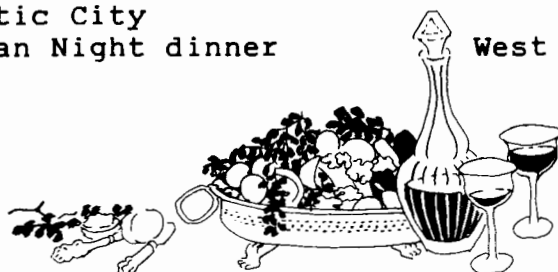
ATLANTIC CITY. See flyer explaining details of the Atlantic City trip.

A buffet/dance Valentine party was again discussed for early 1988.

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 9 in the East Card Room.

Activity dates:

Sept 4	TGIF	East Party Room
Sept 9	Recreation Committee meeting	East Card Room
Sept 11	Card & Games 11:30-3:30	West Card Room
Oct 6	TGIF	West Party Room
Oct 14	Recreation Committee meeting	West Card Room
Oct 15	Atlantic City	
Oct 23	Mexican Night dinner	West Party Room





SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED FOR WHOM

The former President of the Board's recently distributed Annual Report states that the "suit filed by a co-owner against the Association relating to an allegation of excessive noise generated by an air conditioning system proximate the affected residential unit has been successfully resolved...[by] installing a time control to regulate the operating hours of the air conditioning system." Successfully resolved for whom?

Many residents of units at the west end of the East Building were disturbed by the noise from the air conditioning system apparatus on the lobby roof which violated a Fairfax County ordinance during certain hours. Residents of only one unit had the courage to act. The result: the system is now shut down between 10 P.M. and 10 A.M.

Who lost and who won as a result of the settlement? The employees at the front desk lost because the lobby is now a sweatbox when the system is down. The residents of some units lost because they continue to hear noise when the system operates, albeit they gain since they are able to sleep during the hours mentioned. All unit owners lost because they paid for a system that cannot be operated fifty percent of the time. And who won? The real winner (as usual) was the developer who provided us with a system that cannot be fully and lawfully operated as intended and for which we apparently will not be compensated since it is not included in the Association's lawsuit against the developer.

Gerald L. Lagace
Unit 806E



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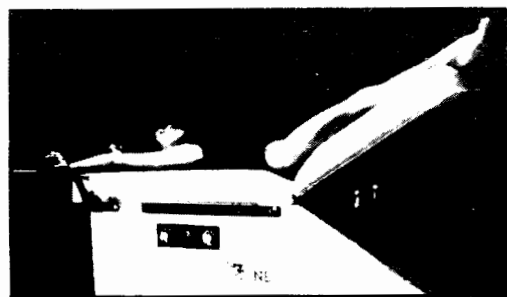
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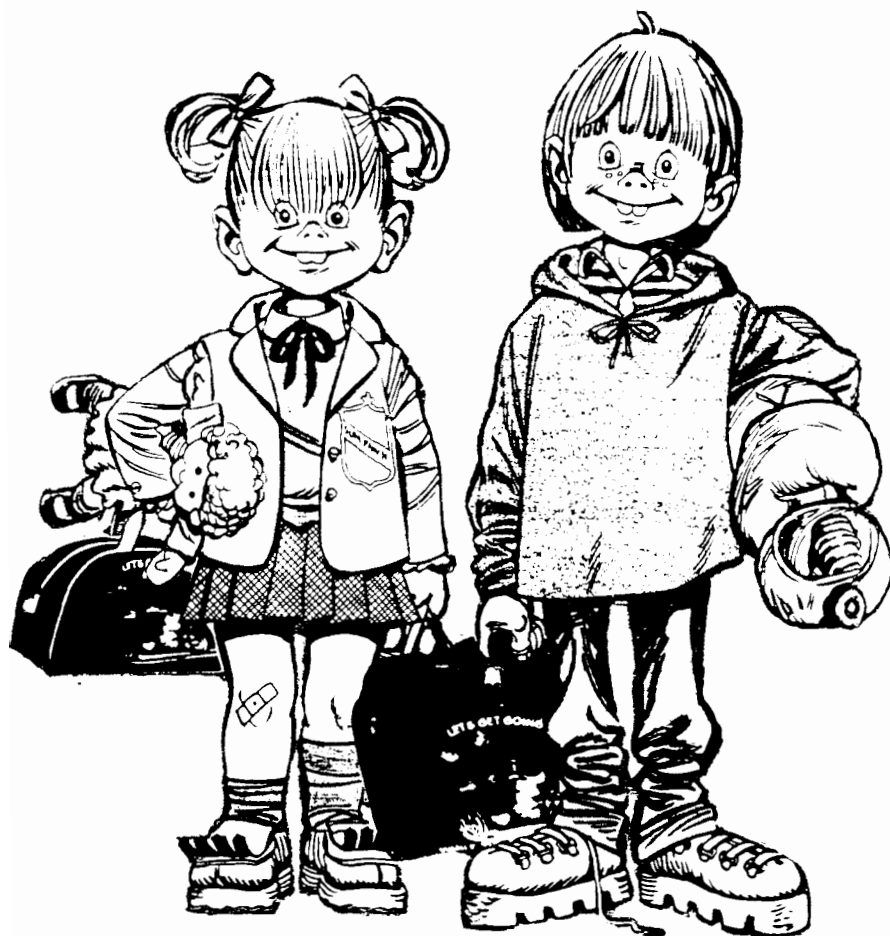
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RECIPE REQUESTED

A number of people wanted the spare ribs recipe that was served during the TGIS on August 1.

SPARE RIBS

3-4# pork spare ribs. Have butcher cut them in thirds if you plan to use them for hors d'oeuvres.

- 1/4 cup hoisan sauce
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 tsp dry mustard
- Worcester sauce (optional)
- Hot sauce (optional)

Remove as much fat from the ribs as you possibly can. Place ribs in enough water to cover ribs, bring to boil and simmer about 30 minutes or until tender. Drain. You can add a couple of beef bouillon cubes to water to give extra flavor.

Place ribs on broiler pan and coat ribs with sauce. Broil 5 minutes and turn ribs to coat other side with remaining sauce, about five minutes. Serve hot.

Committee Communiques



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE Julia Le Bert-Francis

Nine owners, including the Board Liaison (Larry Ingels) and the Acting Chairperson, attended the August 11 meeting of the Committee, which was held at 7:30 PM in the East Card Room. We were happy to welcome back our former colleague, Helen Kumor and two prospective new members, Law and Helen Henderson.

A report was made to the Committee on the August 5 meeting held by the Acting Chairperson and Larry Ingels with the Property Manager (Sara Schlichting), the Resident Manager (Kay Kelly), and the Assistant Manager (Ivonne Salinas). One of the main purposes of that meeting was to express the concern of the Committee over the number of new accounts being opened which had not been included in the approved 1987 Budget while accounts which had been funded by the Board are not being utilized. It was also noted that there are inconsistencies from month to month as to which budgeted accounts are to be used for charging similar or identical purchases. Since the Association Budget is prepared, justified and approved on an account-by-account basis, it is essential that actual expenses during the operating year be charged to the accounts in which they were budgeted; otherwise, over/under budget indicators become misleading and historical data cannot be relied on when analyzing estimates for future years. Inconsistency in charging expenses also makes it difficult for all concerned to identify duplicate, misapplied and other erroneous payments. For example: in comparing month-to-month entries in Account 53470 (Licenses & Permits) we were able to readily detect a duplicate payment of \$1214.00 made in March to Fairfax County for "Elevator Inspections," which had already been paid out of the same account in February. On the other hand, we could have easily missed this improper charge: Our Account 60320 (Service Contracts, Other) was charged with the rental of the Postal Meter for Skyline Plaza while our bill for the same service was properly charged to Account 53680 (Postage). These and numerous other discrepancies were discussed in detail so that erroneous charges could be reclassified before the preparation of the 1988 Budget. The Property Manager took immediate action and had the necessary corrections posted the following day to the July 1987 General Ledger which was in the process of being closed. The Committee is most appreciative of her cooperation in this matter.

At the August 5 meeting the Property Manager was given the Committee's comments and recommendations on the Insurance Contract for which bids are now being solicited.

The August 11 meeting closed with a brief discussion of the additional steps to be taken in the internal audit of the General Ledger.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 8 at 7:30 PM in the West Card Room. Plan to be there!

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SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



ROB SHERRER

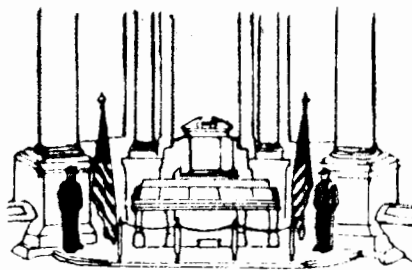
The first incident of bodily assault in the almost 8-year existence of Skyline House occurred on Tuesday, August 18. At approximately 11:30 P. M., a young woman driving alone pulled into her parking space at the rear of the west building. Upon getting out of the car, she was attacked by 2 young men, whom she had noticed near the top of the driveway as it starts down the back side of the building. They had apparently noticed her driving alone as she passed them and followed her down to her parking space. One of the attackers held her down with his foot wedged against her throat, while the other went through her purse and car, taking keys and other items. The victim described her attackers as two black men, perhaps 18-20 years old, one of whom is quite tall (the height of the second could not be gauged). Police were immediately notified, and they investigated.

This incident has been and is still under review by appropriate Skyline House officers, management, and committees, and it will be on the agenda at the September meeting of the Security and Safety Committee. Guard policies and procedures and Resident Watch activities will be reviewed.

A burglary was reported on the sixth floor of the east building. In this incident, the residents arrived home from vacation to find the security chain on their unit door. The chain had to be cut to gain entrance. The police were called, and they investigated and took fingerprints.

Residents are invited to attend the Security and Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at which the foregoing and other matters will be discussed, including evaluation of proposals for providing guard service to Skyline House.

Where Have We Kept the Constitution?



The display case at the National Archives for the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These are called the Charters of Freedom. Two guards are on duty to protect them at all times.

Committee Communiqués



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

ED BERMAN

To all of you who were away this summer - Welcome Home - to those who were not able to get away, I'm pleased to report our air conditioning system worked beautifully. In any event, we trust all of you are fit, in good spirits, and ready for the fall season.

During the months of July and August there were no programs put on by your Community Relations Committee. We will work very hard for the balance of '87 and thru '88 to bring programs of interest to our House residents. However, programs are not produced in a vacuum. We need help, not only from committee people, but from the residents who belong to other committees and to those who belong to no committees. Give us your ideas, your expertise, become part of that small group that holds Skyline House together, and makes it a better place to live.

MOVE-INS AND BUILDING TOURS

For the months of June and July we had a total of 27 move-ins, and for the first time in many months there was an increase of two renters over owners. Let us hope this statistic will reverse itself for the month of August.

There were only six tours given for the two-month period. New residents are definitely not taking advantage of this service, so once again we will look into, Why Not!

AREA DEVELOPMENT

Our area is in such a state of flux that there is a never-ending newcomer coming into our scene - be it a new restaurant, new office buildings, new apartments, new stores of every type - stores being torn down to make room for larger stores. We could use a monthly column for our "House Special" entitled "What's New at Bailey's Crossroads". Anyone interested in doing a column of this nature, just drop a note to either Ed Berman/Tony DiSalvo, and even better come to our next Community Relations Committee meeting.

Here are a few tidbits of area changes which we learned from Mr. Tom Davis when he visited with us in June:



1. Widening of South George Mason Drive should start in a few months.
2. An overpass will be built over Leesburg Pike, connecting Skyline with the Giant Food Store Shopping complex within the next two years.
3. Route 7 will be widened from Bailey's Crossroads towards Seven Corners. We will let you know later when this will start and for what distance.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS (continued)

4. Efforts will be made to synchronize the traffic lights on South George Mason Drive and Route 7.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

I would like to share with others my experience in using the Fairfax County American Red Cross Transportation Service for medical/dental appointments. Considering that there is a severe shortage of drivers (all are volunteers) and that cars sometimes need maintenance work, take the following steps so that the Red Cross will be better able to schedule a ride when needed.

For a non-urgent initial or follow-up medical visit, **ask** for a ride at least two weeks in advance. For regular schedule medical appointments, request a ride a month or more in advance.

Make medical appointments between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. (some drivers will not drive during rush hours).

If the Red Cross cannot schedule a ride for a particular appointment, ask for an available date and time and change medical appointment accordingly.

Among services provided by the Red Cross are rides for persons needing dialysis several times a week.

The Red Cross uses comfortable 4-door sedans and has excellent drivers. (Van service is provided only for Retirement Homes). There is no charge for the service. However, I and others I know always make a donation with a check made out to the Fairfax County American Red Cross, showing that it is for the Transportation Department. I usually give this to the driver; otherwise, I mail it. This contribution is tax deductible.

To request transportation for medical/dental appointments, call 876-0713. To volunteer as a Red Cross driver, contact Ms Kay Schroeder, Director of Volunteer Services, telephone 876-0700.

WE REMEMBER

WE, YOUR DEAR FRIENDS AND ESPECIALLY
YOUR BRIDGE FRIENDS HERE AT SKYLINE
HOUSE, EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO
NANCY PEARSON ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND
GLENN.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

SKYLINE PLAZA REAL ESTATE PANEL MEETING

by Nancy Harvey

Depreciation, renters, current sales and rental prices were the subjects of most interest to the standing room only crowd which attended Skyline Plaza's May panel presentation on real estate. The focus of the discussion was Skyline Plaza in particular although many points related to all of Skyline.

Representatives from five real estate companies briefly described the Skyline market as they saw it. The meeting was then thrown open for questions from the floor. Some of the main points:

(1) The price depreciation over the last five years affected most Washington area condos. High interest rates were the main culprit. In addition the older apartments at Skyline Plaza were continually competing with new Skyline condo construction. Prices are now bouncing back, sales are faster and rentals are slower. One bedrooms have bounced back faster than the larger apartments.

(2) The Plaza impresses prospective buyers with it's indoor parking, buses at the door, active social calendar, good financial statement. They are least impressed with the dark and dingy hallways, appearances of neglect in public areas, apartments with wrinkled rugs, dingy paint, and appliances near the end of their useful life. The panel agreed that a new paint job was a more effective sales tool than a decorating allowance.

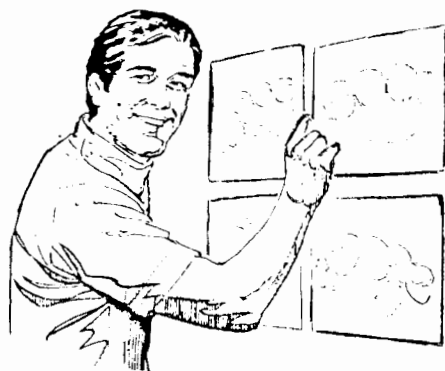
(3) Renters. It is important to monitor the percentage of renters. FHA and VA loans are not available once a condo goes beyond an established level. Condo rules can be enforced with renters. If the renter doesn't respond then the landlord should be notified. If the landlord doesn't respond then take action against the landlord. Several people in the audience suggested the condo board should have the authority to approve renters. It was believed this would be legal in Virginia if it was part of the condo by-laws. Not mentioned was the fact that such a by-law provision might make the condo ineligible for FHA, VA loan sales.

(4) Future Skyline prices may be headed up. Eight mil. sq.ft. of new office space is due in the next 5 years within a 1/4 mile radius of Skyline. More people want to walk to work.

(Nancy Harvey is a member of the Community Relations Committee).



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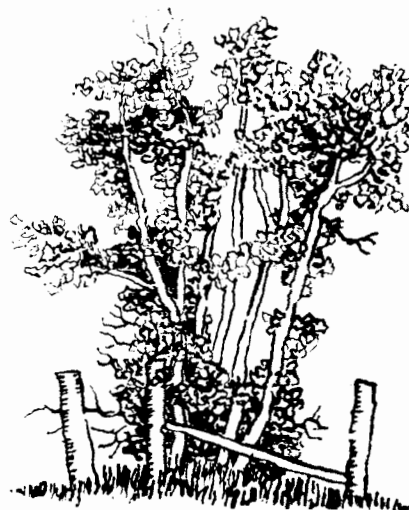
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DUPLICATE BRIDGE



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HAVE YOU DONE YOUR GOOD DEED FOR THE DAY.

When you are walking around the grounds of Skyline House or through the halls or lobby, do you pick up anything that you see has been discarded by someone else. Remember this is your home. Help keep it clean.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUGUST

July 27

Jill & Jerry Schumaker	1st
Babs Ullman & Rob Keller	2nd

Aug 3

Babs Ullman & Rob Keller	1st
Earl Ing & Jerry Schumaker	2nd

Aug 10

Jill & Jerry Schumaker	1st
Babs Ullman & Rob Keller	2nd

Aug 17

Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo	1st
Jill & Jerry Schumaker	2nd



From Management



GARAGE CLEANING

The garage will be washed down beginning Tuesday, September 15, 1987, it will take approximately one day per level to complete. Work will start at 9:30 A.M.

A LEVEL TUES., SEPT. 15

B LEVEL WED., SEPT. 16

C LEVEL THURS., SEPT. 17

D LEVEL FRI., SEPT. 18

Please remove the vehicle from the garage on your schedule day. Other levels, pull your vehicle away from expansion joints to avoid being sprayed by water.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



WELCOME

Alan Smokowki has joined the Skyline House staff as Assistant Engineer. Alan come to us with 10 years experience, well qualified for the position. Warm welcome to Allan, his wife and new baby.

SECURITY

Fairfax County Police suggest that when going out of town, make sure all windows are secure, use a piece of dowel or broom handle in the window track. Leave a light on. Check doors twice.

CAR DECAL

There are a number of cars that are parked in the garage that do not have stickers and are not registered at the office. Please come to the office and register your automobile. Your cooperation is needed.

HOLIDAY

The management office will be closed on Labor Day, September 7, 1987 for the holiday.

TAKE NOTE

When entering the lobby during the day and there is only one clerk on duty and no doorman, we would appreciate it if you use your own key. THANK YOU.