



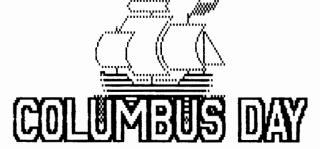
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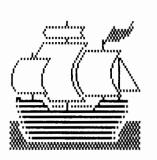
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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Oct 1 Community Relations Oct 14
East Card Room, 7:30 p.m.

Oct 8 Physical Plant Oct 20
East Card Room, 8:00 p.m.

Oct 20 Board of Directors
West Card Room, 7:30 p.m.

West Card Room

Oct 13 Financial Mgmt.
West Card Room, 7:30 p.m.

Oct 22 Covenants Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee

Oct 13 Security Committée
West Card Room, 7:30 p.m.

Oct 3 TGI Saturday
West Party Room, 6:30 p.m.

Oct 23 Mexican Dinner West Party Room, 6:30 p.m.

### From the Board



WYNFRED JOSHUA, VICE PRESIDENT

The President's report at the September session included the following items:

- -- The contract with AT&T for the purchase of the switchboard had been signed.
- --A draft proposal for the renewal of the management contract with the Smith Company had been received.
- $-{\tt -Ms.}$  Pat Junk had accepted to handle the Employees Holiday Fund this year.
- -- The Smith Company had compensated Skyline House for \$289.19 to cover expenses associated with fixing the antenne for TV reception.
- --The Board of Supervisors has an agreement with the Seventh Skyline Corporation that for the next three years Skyline House TV reception will not be impeded by additional construction.
  - -- A new Assistant Engineer, Alan Smokowski, has been appointed.
- --Lisa Lynch of the Management Office has moved to Skyline Square; a replacement is being sought.

The Board took the following actions:

- --Instructed the Property Manager to negotiate the rehabilitation of the switchboard with Alternative Communications Contract. The Property Manager was further instructed to explore relevant points raised in a memo by LeBert Francis regarding maintenance of the switchboard system; if the Alternative Communications Contract company refused to separate the rehabilitation phase from the maintenance contract. The property manager was to negotiate the entire package at her discretion.
- --Approved an additional \$581.87 required to hookup both garage doors with the emergency generator.
- --Gave the property manager the authority to terminate the services of Wells Fargo and to arrange for interim guard services from another company until the Board can make a decision on a recommendation of the Security Committee. The latter Committee was requested to submit a recommendation regarding a new guard service company to the Board at the October session.
- --Requested the Security Committee to examine the overall security situation at Skyline House, including the lighting at the rear of West Building. The Resident Manager was asked for her recommendations in this respect.
- --Voted to have the Covenants Committee work with the Property Manager on a standardized lease agreement to insure that selected unique rules of Skyline House be included.





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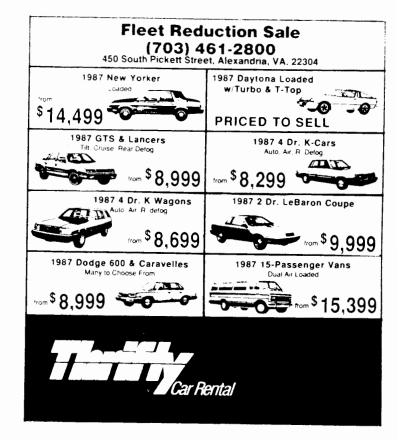
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



\$100,000 GIVE AWAY

The Skyline House Board of Directors and/its management company has been throwing away a great deal of the unit owners' money by pursuing a faulty investment policy. The House's financial statement for 1986 shows that it had \$793,000 of cash and investments on hand at the end of the year, all of it with maturities of six months or less. Most of its actual and potential "liabilities," on the other hand, were not dut until years into the future, some as late as 13 years. As a result, the Association has lost the income from the higher yields that it could have obtained by investing in longer maturities. A very much back-of-the-envelope calculation indicates that this loss may have amounted to as much as \$30,000 to date and may reach \$100,000 by the end of the decade.

This situation has alwlays existed at Skyline House, with one brief exception years ago when a Board member recognized that things have gotten out of hand, directly intervened in the investment process, and began to lengthen the maturities of our investments. Alas, his tenure was brief and we are back to square one.

What can be done about this situation? The Board should truct our management company to prepare and implement a new that will bring the distribution of maturities of our rapidly approaching \$1 million of investments into better balance with the expected maturies of our "liabilities." This will stop the giveaway of the unit owners' money.

Gerald L. Lagace Unit 806E

CABLE TV

I am concerned about unsightly installations of wiring in our buildings if we allow Media Cable or any other cable T.V. company to come in to Skyline House. I think we should be assured that any cable company will use the current cabling system and not install a new one.

Isn't it strange that no one has suggested that we install our own disc — use our own system just as Washington Cable did on Skyline Plaza. We could get most of the channels even though some are scrambled. Its not illegal and would cost all of us a lot less in the long run. Why not?

Del Burchfield

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A response to Mr. Lagace

As you may know, we discussed investments briefly at the October 15 Board of Directors meeting - even though we did not have the latest status report.

I have identified 2 volunteers to help me with investments - Mr. Kessler and Mr. Ed Berman.

We are planning to meet on October 1, 1987 to plan our investment strategy as the T-Bills mature. The next T-Bill matures on 10/15/87. We can't recover what we might have lost in the past - but we are trying to improve for the future.

We have to do the investing ourselves. Our Management Company does not do that for us. I have already inquired.

We have started extending our investments. The last T-Bill was invested for 1 year - and we will do others for longer periods.

Instead of printing some sensational article - based on speculation - (we haven't lost the \$100,000) - let's try to improve. The Board can't do everything - we need help from individuals such as yourself to use our assets wisely.

Larry Engel Treasurer Board of Directors



### DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August 24 Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo Midge Easter & Gel Gelenter	1st 2nd
August 31 Jill & Jerry Schumaker Babs Ullman & Rob Keller	1st 2nd
September 7 Midge Easter & Grace Eroh Judy & Pete Anderson	1st 2nd
September 14 Babs & Guy Ullman Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo	1st 2nd
September 21 Jill & Jerry Schumaker	1st

Judy Petersen & Tony DiSalvo 2nd



RECREATION COMMITTEE

CARROLL THOMPSON

The Recreation Committee met on September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room.

DATE CHANGE: The TGIF for October has been changed from Friday nite to Saturday, October 3. See you there.

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

MEXICAN DINNER. See flyer explaining details of the Dinner.

The committee discussed activities for 1988 and the following are planned. February 13, Valentine Dance and Buffet; March 17, Italian Night; April 8, West End Dinner Theater-West Side Story; April 23, Pot Luck Dinner. A trip to one of the race tracks was discussed.

As usual we request you to join the Recreation Committee. To date, our request has fallen on deaf ears. We need you.

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 14 in the West Card Room.

#### Activity dates:

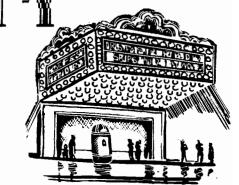
Oct	3	TGI SATURDAY	West	Party Room
Oct	14	Recreation Committee meeting	West	Card Room
Oct	15	Atlantic City		
Oct	23	Mexican Dinner	West	Party Room
Nov	6	TGIF	East	Party Room
Nov	11	Recreation Committee meeting	East	Card Room
Dec:	9	Recreation Committee meeting	West	Card Room
Dec	12	Holiday Party	West	Party Room
Jan	1	TGIF (New Year's Day)	East	Party Room



# ATLANTIC CITY

DATE: THUR., OCTOBER 15

COST: \$17.00 PER PERSON



The Syline House Recreation Committee is sponsoring a trip to Resorts International Casino in Atlantic City.

An East Coast Parlor Tours, air conditioned bus with bathroom and reclining seats, will pick up subscribers that morning, drive to Atlantic City, spend 6 hours there then return to Skyline House that evening. The cost is estimated to be about \$17 per person. Upon arrival, a bonus will be given to each person 21 years old and older. The bonus package is:

\$12.50 in coins \$ 2.50 food voucher \$ 5.00 voucher for future visit

The bus is limited to 46 persons.

Your check for \$17.00 per person, payable to Skyline House Recreation Committee assures you space in the bus. This is on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay.

Please complete form below and leave it and check at the reception desk for Mimi Frank, 1111W.

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Name(s)				
Guest(s)		·		
Unit #		Phone		
My check	is enclosed for \$	(\$17.00	per person	1)

RUB SHERRER

SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Security and Safety Committee met on September 8 in the east card room; a record 18 residents attended. The recent assault behind the west building and the burglary in the east building obviously raised a lot of concern and questions about just what happened and what procedures could be taken to prevent such incidents in the future. These incidents were discussed at some length. Suggested countermeasures that could be employed, in addition to existing security procedures, to reduce the likelihood of such occurrences, in particular cases of personal confrontation and assault, included (1) improving the lighting along the rear of the west building, (2) having residents (especially women traveling alone) stop at the lobby and request to be escorted to their parking places by a guard, (3) keeping the heavy overhang of the trees at the top of the driveway near the cola plant trimmed in order to reduce its utility as a place of concealment, (4) more frequent coverage of specied areas by guards, (5) greater vigilance and alertness to the possibility of crime on the part of residents themselves. Those present strongly felt that future reports on any crime incidents that are prepared by management should contain more information than the brief note posted on the two recent cases.

Other security related matters:

- o At approximately 2:00 A.M, Sunday, September 13, a person or persons unknown threw chairs, lounges, a table, and urns from the penthouse west sun porch off both sides of the building. Incredibly, the furniture did not hit any of the cars below. If anyone knows anything about this incident, please notify management or the security committee.
- o Our contract for security services with Wells Fargo Guard Service has been terminated for lack of performance, most importantly numerous occasions when guards did not show up for duty. Guard service is being provided temporarily by Able Security. Management has solicited a contract proposal from Sting Security. Management and the security dominities will review the document and recommend to the Board whether to accept it.
- o Forsuant to a directive from the Deard, management has directed Charles. E. Smith engineers to evaluate the outside dighting behind the west building and to prepare a plan for its improvement.









OCTOBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	6	7	PHYSICAL PLANT ECR, 8;00 PM	9	10
11	COLUMBUS DAY  BRIDGE ECR, 7;30 PM	SECURITY COM. WCR, 7:30 PM FINANCIAL MGMT. ECR, 7:30 PM	RECREATION COM.	ATLANTIC CITY RESORTS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL	16	17
18	BRIDGE, ECR	BOARD OF DIRECTORS WCR, 7:30 PM	21	COVENANTS COM.	23 MEXICAN DINNER WEST PRTY ROOM 6:30 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 4-10, 1987

by Sergeant Thomas V. Wolfe Public Affairs Section

On a warm Sunday evening of October 9, 1871, a thoughtless, careless act sparked a fire in a modest city home. It seemed small and easy to control.

But it wasn't.

Thirty hours later 2,100 acres of Chicago were a blackened, smoldering waste. The blaze destroyed 17,430 buildings, left 100,000 homeless and killed over 250 citizens.

To mark this tragic disaster, Fire Prevention Week is observed annually during the week of October 9. Fairfax County has adopted the theme "Don't Hide About - Plan Two Ways Out" to remind citizens that you do not escape from a fire by accident. You have to plan to escape.

All Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department stations will be holding an "Open-House" on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Various activities including station tours, equipment demonstrations, life-safety preventions and literature will be available during "Open-House" activities.

Fore more information on Fire Prevention Week activities contact your local fire station or the Public Affairs Section of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department at 691-3366.

Don't gamble that you can escape the devastating effects of a fire. Make fire prevention you concern this week and every week.



## MEXICAN DINNER



FRIDAY, OCTBER 23

Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. (BYOB)

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

WEST PARTY ROOM

\$6.50 Per person.
Residents and guests welcome

Checks must be received no later MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1987.

#### **MENU**

Chips with Sauce Indian Pudding\* Mexican Rice Beans Salad Dessert Cofffee and Tea

#### LISTA de PLATOS

Fritos con Salsa Budin Indio Arroz a la Mexicana Frijoles Ensalada Chongos Zamoranos Cafe Y Te

\*(chicken, tortillas, green peppers , tomatoes, cheese & cream)

Make your reservation early. A rectangular table will seat ten, a round table 6.

Place reservation slip & check at front desk for unit 914W. Any questions, call Maria Boykin or Elsa Paez, 820-1567.

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(pick up extra reservation forms at front desk)

Make non-refundable checks payable to: Skyline House Recreation Committee
Name(s) KANAH 4 KARASKAN Canal
Guest(s)
Unit # 1401. Phone 931-2356
My check is enclosed for $\frac{5}{3}$ (\$6.50 per person)
If possible, reserve a table for persons.

Gordon Frank

#### PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Sixteen Committee members were present at the September meeting to greet a late (detained unavoidably, not deceased!) Chairman and begin a new season after a one month well deserved "vacation". Thanks to B. Le Bert-Francis for his usual fine job as a substitute.

The Committee reviewed the actions of the Board during the latter's July meeting. The discussion focused on the fact that a majority of a bare quorum of the Board rejected the Committee's recommendations. One was to undertake the work necessary to remove the standing water behind the East Building. (During its review of the 1987 budget the Board had indicated its intention to use working capital funds for this work.) The Board also deferred a request by the Committee to authorize the work necessary to quiet the noise from the emergency generators.

The Chairman then reported that on August 12, 1987, the Assistant Secretary circulated a memorandum to the Board requiring four Board Members to support in writing the PPOC Chairman's request that the Board's September Agenda include reconsideration of the two rejections. During the discussion it was noted that previous Boards operated in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and a recently reaffirmed "white paper". The Committee was uncertain as to the basis of the Assistar Secretary's action and unanimously adopted a motion to bring this entirematter before the Board.

The Chairman also reported that the Association had not yet received legal opinions from the attorney regarding the impact on the lawsuit of proceeding with needed repairs to the exterior of the buildings and the garage floor slabs.

The Committee was unable to support the Property Manager's recommendation that a contract be awarded to Curtis Engine to tune one emergency generator. The bid appears to exceed the amount authorized in the Association's 1987 budget and is based on a proposal dated. June 5, 1986 containing a notation that the proposal is automatically cancelled in 30 days.

The Committee reviewed material received from the Northern Virginia Community College regarding a preliminary plan to build a walkway to the west end of the Skyline House property. The PPOC approved a motion that any such plan be rejected by the Association Board. During the discussion, it was suggested that the Association fence the property bordering the NVCC to eliminate trespassers using Skyline House property as a short cut to the college.

Under new business, the committee discussed the action by the Property Manager to provide test sites to determine if we have any problem with Badon gas and noted the unsightly appearance of the south wall of the garage due to water leaks from the planters on the pool promenade level.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

ED BERMAN

If any of you are reading this column on or before Thursday Oct. lst-our committee will be meeting on this day rather than on the lst Tuesday of the month: See Bulletin Board.

Our first meeting on Tuesday September 1st proved to be a mistake. Few of our members were around and so we learn for next year, when we will arrange our first meeting accordingly - probably after Labor Day.

#### COMING EVENTS:

FAIRFAX COUNTY TO AWARD CIANT FOOD

In a Public meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Monday, October 5th, at 9:30 A.M. - in the Massey Building, Mason District Supervisor, Thomas II. Davis, 111 will present certificates of appreciation to the Giant Food Corp. for providing twice weekly free shuttle service between Giant and Skyline, and to Ms. Sandy Buch of Skyline Towers for her work in organizing the project and continuing to act as liason. Mr. Barry Scher, V.P. for Public Affairs, will accept the award for Giant's outstanding contribution to the Skyline Community. Our congratulations to all concerned for this successful effort.

#### CANDIDATES FORUM:

We are always pleased to inform the Skyline House residents that election time is coming up rapidly and as usual the Community Relations Committee of Skyline Plaza is putting on a candidates forum on Wednesday, October 14, at 7:30 P.M.

Posters will be put up giving you the exact time and in which party rooms this event will take place. Candidate's Night is always a huge success - so if you want a seat - come early.

In the November 3, 1987 General Election, Skyline area voters will have an opportunity to select the County Supervisor for Mason District, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and representatives of the State Senate and House of Delegates. Voters and candidates will be asked for their opinions on the upcoming Virginia Lottery. There should be ample time for a Question and Answer period. Mark this night on your calendar!!

Remember, to be eligible to vote in Fairfax County, you must be an American Citizen, 18 years of age by Election Day and a legal resident of the Country. If you have voted within Fairfax County within the past 4 years you do not have to register again. For further information call the County Office of the General Registrar at 385-8100

#### PROMING EVENT AT SKYLINE SHOPPING MALL

Skyline Mall 10th Anniversary International Celebration and Sale October 7th - October 10th
Antique Show - October 15th - October 18th
Halloween Safety City (Encyclopedia Britannica Display)
October 23rd - November 1st

#### MOVE-INS

During the month of August we had 12 move-ins and once again there were 2 added renters over owners. The stats are starting to go in the wrong direction these last 2 months. Does this bear looking into!

There were 5 tours given during the month of August, 4 by Tony Di Salvo and 1 by Nell Kimball. This is an excellent percentage of the move-in total of 12.

#### AREA DEVELOPMENT

At a recent meeting of the Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Task Force, developers discussed various proposed projects for the area. One such dealt with plans for the "Crossroads Shopping Center" on Columbia Pike with Route 7. The existing facility is being divided into several stores. Two of these have been taken over by "Bed and Bath" and "Today's Man", hopefully to be ready for business in late October of early November. Next spring "Circuit City" will move from its present position on Route 7 to join them. This transfer is contemplated because a new line of merchandise is to be added...white goods. (This does not refer to bedding and towels but, rather, refrigerators, washers, dryers and other like appliances). Apparently, the present site is not large enough to accommodate the increased inventory.

Another proposed addition to the Fast-Food Kingdom in our neighborhood may well be "Kentucky Fried Chicken", to be located between the existing Thai and Mexican restaurants on Route 7. On that site, at present, is a picture-framing store, The developer wishes to tear down the structure and erect a brick building of the same style as the one recently opened in Arlington.

#### GIANT FOOD SHUTTLE BUS

For your convenience, GIANT FOOD is continuing to operate a free shuttle bus service on TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Continuous round trips will be made between the Skyline buildings and the Giant Food store in Baileys Crossroads.

Shuttle will start at 9:30 a.m. at Skyline Towers, to Skyline Square and then to the entrance at SKYLINE HOUSE, Skyline Plaza and then to the Giant Food store.

The shuttle bus will be properly identified and will make continuous round trips from Giant Food about every 30 minutes.

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE



Duplicate bridge is played every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. All bridge players are invited and we welcome newcomers to SKYLINE HOUSE. Duplicate bridge is sponsored by the SKYLINE HOUSE Recreation Committee.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR GOOD DEED FOR THE DAY

When you are walking around the grounds of SKYLINE HOUSE through the halls or lobby, do you pick up anything that someone has carelessly discarded on the floor or grounds. Remember this is your home. HELP KEEP IT CLEAN.

### From Management

#### NOTICE

The garage has been cleaned. Residents who park inside the garage are requested to check their car for oil leaks and keep their vehicle in good repair to help eliminate the unsightly oil spot.



#### IMPORTANT

All residents are requested to be AWARE. The following incidents have occured at Skyline House during the month of September.

- Furniture thrown from the West Sun Deck area.
- Smoke alarm taken from the East Penthouse area.
- Four exit light covers 2 from East Building and 2 from Mezzanine
- Car parked on the D level of the garage scratched deep along on one side.
- West Building a unit door bent into a V shape.

Be a good neighbor. Be AWARE. Please report anything or anyone suspicious to management.

Able Security Guard Service is now patrolling the property.

#### INFORMATION

The engineers are here to perform numerous functions that are necessary to maintain the many operations of a large hi-rise building.

They rotate weeks for the after hour calls for emergencies.

Emergencies are:

Sewer back-up, Leak from mechanical room, kitchen sink overflow and other water leaks, someone stuck in the elevator, lock outs, no heat and no air conditioning.

#### ATTENTION

Please check the washer hoses in your unit. Check the hose for bulging where it connects to the water faucets, if there is a bubble, it needs to be changed. A further recomendation is to turn the water faucets off when done washing.

A water hose split in a unit and cause extensive damage to the unit and the unit below.