



The

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HAVE A

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

	Duplicate Bridge, every Monday, ECR, 7:30 pm	Jan 12	Tax Seminar East Party Room, 7:45 p.m
Jan 5	Community Relations East Card Room, 7:30 pm	Jan 13	Recreation Committee East Card Room, 7:30 pm
Jan 12	Security Committee West Card Room, 7:30 pm	Jan 14	Physical Plant Committee West Card Room, 8:00 pm
Jan 12	Financial Mgmt. Committee East Card Room, 7:30 pm	Jan 21	Covenants Committee East Card Room, 7:30 pm

JANUARY 1, TGIF
EAST PARTY ROOM 6:30 pm

From the Board



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Wynfred Joshua, Vice President

President Bob Lowry in his monthly report noted that:

- A new management contract with the Charles E. Smith Company had been signed, with 2-one year renewable options
- Unit owners had been informed of a 4.1% increase in condo fees for next year
- Carroll Thompson and his Recreation Committee had done a superb job in organizing the Skyline House Christmas party
- Carroll Thompson had accepted to chair an ad hoc committee for redecorating the party rooms and the lobby area.

The Board accepted the property manager's recommendation that the Association be responsible for clearing clogged kitchen lines in units where kitchen sinks are back to back to those of another apartment and share a common drain line.

The Property Manager was requested to provide a statement for incoming residents that would explain Skyline House policy for services performed by Skyline House employees for unit residents and owners.

The Board voted to authorize the manager to order new bulbs for the outside light poles; expert advice had revealed that the bulbs of the exterior light poles significantly decreased in their lighting capacity with aging and should be replaced periodically. Costs for the replacement bulbs will be approximately \$2,000. Proposals for additional lighting will be submitted to the Security Committee and the Board in time for the February 1988 session.

The Board voted to deny permission for the construction of an access walkway over Skyline House property to Northern Virginia Community College. At the same time the Board established a special committee of the chairpersons of the Community Relations and Security Committees and Carroll Thompson of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee to make appropriate recommendations for enhancing security and beautification of the rear and side areas of Skyline House.

With some modifications the Board endorsed the charter of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee.

President Lowry announced that in order to strengthen the procurement process the management contract called for the property manager to provide the Board with a policy for procurement.

The Board decided that unless an emergency arose there would be no Board meeting for the month of January.

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

New residents that have moved into Skyline House during November and December that have not availed themselves of the Community Relations Committee Newcomers Orientation Tour that encompasses their unit and other facilities of Skyline House, please leave your phone number and unit # for Tony DiSalvo (502E) at the Reception Desk. You will be contacted and arrangements for an orientation will be made.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

Our buildings are getting old before their time. The inordinate delay in forcing the developer to correct serious deficiencies that should have been corrected under warranty compounds that decay. Our condominium board, through "our" attorney, fails to take action apparently, but not certainly, out of fear of weakening our already long pending and ineffective lawsuit against the developer.

"Our" attorney waits, and our board watches, or takes "band-aid" steps. Meanwhile, our balconies crumble, rust from exposed metal stains the exteriors of our buildings, water continues to penetrate our walls of the East building in particular, and the noise from the loose "temporary" expansion joint in the garage intrudes on the quality of life of all who must suffer that noise.

Action is long overdue on these and a myriad of other deficiencies to prevent further deterioration and the need for additional related costly repairs while we wait progress on our inactive law suit.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the "care and maintenance of the Condominium," the attorney is not. Prompt and effective action by the board is required on these matters or else it will have failed to take steps required to protect all of our interests.

J. Herzig, 310-W

I ♥ BRIDGE

DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOV/DECEMBER

November 30

Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo 1st
Bette Foreman & Elcy Leshley 1st

December 7

Rob Keller & Les Cuzzivoglio 1st
Lucy Troxel & Juanita Mayer 2nd

December 14

Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo 1st
Rob Keller & Les Cuzzivoglio 1st

December 21

Eleanor & Ed Sajewski 1st
Rob Keller & Les Cuzzivoglio 1st



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Committee Communiqués



COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Howie McClellan, Chairman

Highlights of the Covenants Committee Meeting, December 10, 1987.

The Chair said that Management will have a rail installed at the B level of the East Building garage in response to a comment by a resident at the November Committee meeting.

Material on the elections has been submitted for the January and February issues of the House Special. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the preparation and carrying out of elections.

Ten comment/complaint forms were submitted in the past month, three of which were for housekeeping matters. The Committee agreed that residents could continue to file written comments, but that the Chair would present to the Committee only those forms which refer to rules and regulations violations. A violation of particular concern was the state of disarray of both party rooms after Saturday night parties had been given there.

A number of suggestions were made to improve Committee operations and record keeping: It was agreed to reinstitute the Highlights of the meetings and to ask Management to once again submit monthly information on towing of cars. The Chair will include information on trends and particular types of complaints when he makes his report at the annual meeting.

The Committee agreed to the new signs allowing parking for 30 minutes in the loading zones fall inside the wording of the pertinent rule.



A resident expressed interest in trying to have a rule changed so that residents could wash their cars on the premises. The Committee gave him some information on the matter.

The next meeting will be on January 21, 1988.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carroll Thompson, Chairman



The Recreation Committee met on December 2, 1987.

A short meeting was held primarily to discuss the Holiday Party on December 12. As attested by the turnout, it was a great success. The people who really made it a success were the residents who prepared all the outstanding snacks and sweets. **THANK YOU RESIDENTS.** We should all thank the members of the Recreation Committee who, as usual, did their share to make the event an outstanding success.

The Valentine Dance date has been changed to Saturday, February 20. Music will be provided by the Hi Fi's and they are an outstanding group. There will be a light buffet (cold meat, etc.) as well as peanuts and potato chips. The charge will be \$7 per person. The Dance will start at 8 p.m. The reservations will be limited and the application form will appear in the February Newsletter. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**

We still are looking for additional members. We still have a very small group. Please join us. The next meeting will be held January 13 in the East Card room.

The Recreation Committee schedule of activities will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.



ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SKYLINE HOUSE - 1988

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1988, AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD TO ELECT THREE UNIT OWNERS FOR THREE YEAR TERMS, EXPIRING IN MARCH, 1991, AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SKYLINE HOUSE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE IS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK.

IF YOU PLAN ON RUNNING FOR THE BOARD, OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY. (NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 22, 1988)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NOMINATION PROCESS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL:

HOWIE McCLENNAN, CHAIRMAN COVENANTS COMMITTEE

UNIT 414-W PHONE: 379-4223

IMPORTANT: PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU SUBMIT A BLACK AND WHITE PASSPORT PHOTO WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

Committee Communiqués

PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE Gordon Frank, Chairman

Once again the Chairman was unable to be present due to a business trip. Thanks to Brian Le Bert-Francis for ably substituting. The Committee under Brian's leadership continued its progress without skipping a beat. My appreciation to all.

The final 1987 meeting was devoted primarily to a review of unfinished business. Among the major activities that will carry over into the new year are: cleaning of dryer/oven exhaust ducts and vents; reducing the noise, pollution and adverse appearance of the emergency generators; disposition of cable television proposals; examining the feasibility of acquiring a satellite TV system; considering the desirability of improving the master antenna system; committee-conducted property inspections; contract milestone review schedule; upgrading the information and methods pertaining to the replacement reserve schedules; and replacing washing machine and heat pump hoses.

The committee also decided to recommend a modest Radon testing program and to encourage the Board of Directors to reconsider previous Committee proposals to correct the drainage problem in the area between the East Building and the garage.

There are many challenging tasks during 1988. The Committee needs all of the help and support it can get. We could make faster progress solving many of the problems if there were more people available to undertake specific tasks. Why not resolve to get involved with our Committee (or any other) and help us to expedite needed actions during the coming year?

Lastly, from all of the Committee to all of our neighbors, our best wishes for a happy and healthy 1988.



RECREATION COMMITTEE COMING EVENTS

January	1	TGIF (New Year's Day)	East Party Room
January	13	Recreation Com. Mtg.	East Card Room
February	5	TGIF	West Party Room
February	10	Recreation Com. Mtg.	West Card Room
February	20	Valentine Dance & Buffet	East Party Room
March	4	TGIF	East Party Room
March	9	Recreation Com. Mtg.	East Card Room
March	17	Italian Nite	East Party Room
April	1	TGIF	West Party Room
April	13	Recreation Com. Mtg.	West Card Room
April	8	West Side Story	West End Dnr. Theatre
April	23	Pot Luck	West Party Room



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Committee Communiques

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ed Berman, Chairman

So you thought October was quite a month with it's "Black Monday," and you would have been right. November brought us Election Day and a lottery for our state. But December, (still not over at this writing), has already given us many new household names - Gorbachey, Kennedy (Supreme Court) Deaver, Boesky and once again Gary Hart, and oh yes - a Congress which is laboring mightily across the river trying to solve our economic problems: The daily excitement is overwhelming and I haven't even mentioned the Redskin's or Santa Claus.

The proposed stairway to N.V.C.C. is now history. Practically a unanimous turndown. Now we have to concentrate on improving and cleaning up the landscape dividing Skyline House from N.V.C.C. For this purpose an Ad Hoc Committee was formed whose job it will be to further these aims. All residents are invited to help with suggestions and ideas as to how this can be accomplished.

There were no programs scheduled during December. However, on January 12, 1988 at 7:45 p.m. in the East Party Room we will have once again, a repeat of our successful 1987 tax program.

If you were not present in January to hear Ms. Sherry Loop give her "Tax Seminar" you missed a well presented evening on everyone's favorite subject "TAXES." Make a note of the date, you'll be glad you came and remember there will be all the time you need for Q & A during and after the presentation.

Start thinking recycling. It has already started in Fairfax County where county trucks are used to pick

up the garbage. We at Skyline use private collectors, but they too, will one day have to become involved in this most important program. Interested - call 691-2105 during regular weekly hours.

Are you interested in the workings of our County government? There are two new publications available: 1) Fairfax County Goals Advisory Commission Sept. 1987 and 2) Fairfax County Government Center Proposal July 1987. If you would like one or both - just put a note in my box.

We had 11 move in's during November as compared to eight in October and I'm pleased to report our House ownership increased by two compared to an increase of one in October. This is the direction we want to Encourage ownership.

There were three tours given by our committee in November.

Finally, I was told by our management and our employees that the Christmas party was a huge success. They wish to thank all residents who made this party possible and especially those who contributed to the Christmas spirit financially.

From all of them and from your Community Relations Committee: The very best of all seasons and a sincere wish for "Peace" in our time.

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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

MARCH 1988

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE NEEDS
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MARCH 1988 ANNUAL ELECTION.

ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIST
WITH THE ELECTION PROCESS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Mr. Howie McClennan

Unit 414 West

Phone # 379-4223



News Release

Contact: Peggy Weiland

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM STARTING UP AT JEFFERSON HOSPITAL

Jefferson Hospital announces the start of a Volunteer Services program beginning in early 1988. Plans are being made at this time to form an Auxiliary made up of volunteers from the community who will staff the following areas: Information desks in two locations, Gift cart, Nursing Units, Escort service for Admission and Discharge, with expansion following later in 1988 to serve other growing needs at Jefferson.

Anyone interested in participating in these vital services please contact: Peggy Weiland at 998-4947. An application blank with return envelope will be sent to you at that time.

From Management

VANDALISM

We have had a wave of vandalism at Skyline House the past few weeks:

- Writing on suede wall paper
- Beer bottle thrown against elevator door
- Globe covers broken
- Holes kicked in walls
- Fire extinguisher removed from case and tossed down a stairwell

HELP IS NEEDED!! We need the help of all residents to police the buildings. Please take a few minutes during the day or night to walk the halls. Report any activity you think suspicious to management or front desk IMMEDIATELY!



THANK YOU

The employees of Skyline House wish to thank all of the residents who contributed to the Employee Holiday Fund. The gifts of money we received certainly are appreciated. Your contributions made our holiday even more enjoyable.

Our Christmas Party was held at Las Palmas Restaurant. Food was great and we all enjoyed the time together to see each other away from the building.

We wish all of you a very prosperous and Happy New Year.



DISPOSAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS OR DECORATIONS

Please do not throw any of the above items in the trash room, halls, stairwells or grounds.

Since all these items are combustible, special care must be exercised in their disposal.

To dispose of your own tree or other Christmas decorations, please use the service elevator and take them to the dumpster behind the West Building, near the loading dock.

If you need assistance wrapping the tree in plastic, notify the front desk between 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. and the porters will help wrap the tree. However, the porters have been instructed NOT to remove the trees.



WALK WAY

The pedestrian walkway across George Mason Drive is NOT the property of Skyline House or any of its associates. It is NOT the responsibility of Skyline House or any of its associates. If you have any questions, comments or complaints regarding the cross walk please direct any and all communications to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

CAR ALARM

This is the third request. There is a car parked in the garage that has an alarm system that goes off during the night which is disturbing to the people in the area. Owners of automobiles with special alarm systems need to have the system checked to help eliminate this problem.



VENTILATION

All residents are instructed to properly ventilate their unit when they are working with paint, paint remover, varnish, or similar products. Opening the windows in your unit and turning off the heat will help displace the fumes so other units are not affected. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

PARTY ROOM

When having a party, please be sure to give an alphabetical guest list to the office 72 hours before the party, and advise your guests to obtain a parking permit when they arrive.

December issue of the House Special stated that the guest list was due the day of the party which was incorrect.



ENJOY