

The

House Special

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES



Duplicate Bridge, every
Monday, ECR, 7:30 pm

- Feb 5 TGIF
West Party Room, 6:30 pm
- Feb 9 Financial Mgmt. Committee
East Card Room, 7:30 pm
- Feb 9 Security Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm
- Feb 10 Recreation Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm
- Feb 11 Covenants Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm
- Feb 11 Physical Plant
East Card Room, 8:00 pm
- Feb 16 Board of Directors
West Card Room, 7:30 pm
- Feb 27 Pot Luck Dinner
West Party Room, 6:30 pm



COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carroll Thompson, Chairman

The Recreation Committee met on
January 13.

The Pot Luck Dinner date has been
changed from April to Saturday,
February 27 in the West Party
Room. The last pot luck was
very successful. Remember, please
do not open a can of three bean
salad as your contribution to the
pot luck dinner. Full details are
outlined elsewhere in the
Newsletter.

The Valentine Dance has been
canceled.

The Emergency TGIF on the snow day
was a great success. The women
and men of Skyline came through
with outstanding snacks with just
a few hours notice.

Remember, Italian Night, March 17.
Mark your calendar. Details in
March.

We still are looking for
additional committee members. We
still have a very small group.
Please join us. The next meeting
will be held February 10 in the
West Card room.

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

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A number of residents are under the impression that there is no cost to those who advertise in The House Special. Income from advertisers helps to defray the cost of the Newsletter.

Committee Chairpersons are reminded that the deadline for the Newsletter is the 20th of each month. In the event that the committee meets after that date, we will wait several days for the report.

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EMPLOYEES' HOLIDAY FUND



Two hundred thirty-two residents responded to the 1987 Holiday Fund campaign. This was five more than last year. The total amount collected was \$7,070, which was \$564 more than last year.

This made it possible to present each of the 29 members of our staff with an expression of our appreciation for his or her efforts towards the well-being of Skyline House and its residents.

Again, many thanks to each person who contributed.

C. Patricia Junk
Holiday Fund Chairperson

JEFFERSON HOSPITAL
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VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The people at Jefferson Hospital thank us for assisting them in getting their volunteer program underway. They have received over 20 responses from our residents and they are still requesting volunteers. Questionnaires have been sent to those who have expressed interest in this program.

Anyone interested in participating are requested to contact Peggy Weiland at 998-4987 for details.



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PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Gordon Frank

The Chair opened the first meeting of 1988 by thanking Dave Harvey and Brian Le Bert-Francis for the excellent way they served as Acting Chairs for the November and December 1987 meetings, respectively. Committee business continued uninterrupted for which both received well deserved expressions of appreciation.

In his report, the Chair advised the Committee that the Property Manager is arranging for a presentation on satellite television service by Davis Antenna at the February PPOC. Other actions scheduled for February include recommendations by the Property Manager concerning replacement of hoses, a procurement policy, drainage improvements at the rear of the East Building, Radon testing, and replacement reserves. Also, in accordance with a request by the President of the Association, the Chair has requested that the PPOC be afforded the opportunity to have a member accompany the Charles E. Smith Company representative(s) on each property inspection.

During their patrols, the Neighborhood Watch often notices maintenance items that need attention such as burned out light bulbs, worn paint, etc. Although reported to the Resident Manager, not all items are corrected promptly. The Committee adopted a suggestion that copies of reports of needed maintenance be forwarded to the PPOC Chair, who could then follow-up on their disposition. The Chair also agreed to recommend reinstituting the use of a "Complaint Form" - retitled perhaps - which could be used to notify the Resident Manager of needed maintenance actions with a copy to the Chair, PPOC for follow-up.

The PPOC, concerned with continuing deterioration of the property, moved that the Chair request from the Association's attorney a formal response to the letter that appeared in the January House Special. The Chair was instructed to forward the letter with any additional appropriate remarks and to publish the attorney's reply if publication would not jeopardize the Association's warranty claims.

The final item on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Michael L. Rodgers, Mechanical Specialist from Charles E. Smith Management, Inc. Mr. Rodgers discussed with the PPOC the alternatives available to lessen the noise, pollution and unsightly appearance of the emergency generators. Available alternatives are replacement with quieter machinery, relocation, or modification. All of the solutions would present additional problems and none would be inexpensive. Considerable analysis would be needed before a specific recommendation and accompanying cost data could be offered. The PPOC plans to request the matter be pursued.



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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ed Berman, Chairman

I don't know how, we in the greater Washington area, can stand up to all the excitement now going on over "Our Redskins." Somehow, "Super Sunday" will come and go, and our little world will come back to sanity, or will it! So, hail to the "SKINS," with thanks, for taking our minds off the realities of the world we live in, if only for a little while.

Back to committee work. Due to the small turnout of our January meeting and because February appears heading for the same turnout, a decision was made to postpone the February meeting. Therefore, the next meeting of our committee will be on Friday, March 11th, East Card Room.

All residents were invited to attend the first meeting of the New Year by the Mason District Council because the guest list included Audrey Moore, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Jim Zook, Director of Office of Comprehensive Planning and Tom Davis, our Mason District Supervisor. Our Nancy Harvey will represent our building at this meeting.

We feel these meetings are important to all of us who consider Fairfax County our home. We invite all interested residents who would like to become part of making this a better community through your committee-please contact the CRC chairperson. Each of us can make a difference.

On Tuesday, January 12th we held a "tax program" in the East Party Room before an audience of 47

persons. Those in attendance, were once again treated to an excellent preview by Ms. Sherry Loop of what is in store for us with the new tax form. Yes, lots of problems, and the thought was brought forth that every Congress person should be made to personally fill out their own tax form. Let them experience what all of us have to go through, cost-wise and time-wise.

I feel I must pass on one complaint about the Tax Seminar evening. The number of folks, who, for whatever reason, felt they had to leave before the program had come to an end. There were too many and it was most disconcerting to the speaker. Please think about this when attending future programs. Thar' you.

There will be no programs during the month of February. However, we are working on a late March program on the subject of investments. This will be an important program for many of us because of the state of our economy and what has been going on since October 19th. Stay tuned.

There were four move ins during the month of December and five tours were given. Here is a breakdown for the entire calendar year of 1987: 111 move ins; 37 tours.

Status change of owners/renters. Our owner population increased by two while our renter population decreased by two. A most disappointing set of figures for those who know how important it is to have a greater owner population.



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.



FEBRUARY

1988



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	2  GROUNDHOG	3	4	5 T.G.I.F. WPR, 6:30 PM 	6 
7 	8 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	9 FINANCIAL MGMT. ECR, 7:30 PM SECURITY COM. WCR, 7:30 PM	10 RECREATION COM. WCR, 7:30 PM	11 COVENANTS COM. WCR, 7:30 PM PHYSICAL PLANT ECR, 8:00 PM	12  LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY	13
14  ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED 	16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WCR, 7:30 PM	17 + ASH WEDNESDAY	18 LOVE 	19	20 
21	22 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	23	24 	25 	26	27 POT LUCK DINNER WPR, 6:30 PM 
28 	29 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	<div>WE SALUTE THE</div> <div>P·R·E·S·I·D·E·N·T·S</div>				

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (continued)

We invite all residents to read the notices on the bulletin boards for: vandalism, robberies and just plain uncaring about littering and the throwing of objects off the balcony. It is the responsibility of all of us to report anything of this nature to management immediately. This is our home-if we don't care-who will!

On this same thought, our committee had a long discussion on the subject of the "warranty problem." It was agreed by all present that the physical plant should not be allowed to deteriorate while waiting endlessly for the legal problems to be resolved.

Now that the Christmas season is over and the bonus' handed out let me say "THANKS" to Pat Junk, Chairperson for the Christmas Holiday Fund, for a job very well done.

Well, winter is now one-third over. Compared to other sections of the country we have very little to complain about. A good way to go through our daily chores. What are our individual problems compared to others less fortunate. Stay healthy and well and enjoy the balance of the winter season. If you go South-don't become too friendly with Mr. Sun.

RECREATION COMMITTEE COMING EVENTS

February 5	TGIF	West Party Room
February 10	Recreation Com. Mtg.	West Card Room
February 27	Pot Luck	West 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	No TGIF	
April 8	West Side Story	West End Dnr.Thea.
April 13	Recreation Com. Mtg	West Card Room

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

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

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. If you are a newcomer and do not have a partner, contact Tony DiSalvo (824-1958, unit 502E) and he will see what he can do. Duplicate bridge is sponsored by the Skyline House Recreation Committee.

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WEST PARTY ROOM

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DINNER: 7:00 P.M

COCKTAILS: At 6:30 p.m
Bring your own liquor and set-ups.
Ice and glasses will be furnished.

DINNER: At 7:00 P.M.
Bring either an entree, salad (but NOT
tossed), vegetable dish, or dessert.

COUPLES bring enough food for EIGHT persons.
SINGLES bring enough food for FOUR persons.

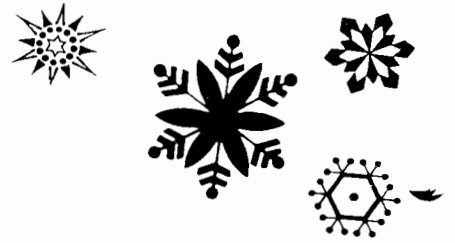
If you bring a guest(s), please bring
sufficient food according to the number.
Coffee and tea will be available.

THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PLEASE
SIGN UP AT THE LOBBY DESK INDICATING THE NUMBER IN YOUR
PARTY AND THE TYPE DISH YOU WILL BRING.

IF YOU WILL BE ENTERTAINING A GROUP AND WISH TO RESERVE A
TABLE, INDICATE THIS AND WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.

PRESENTED BY THE SKYLINE HOUSE RECREATION COMMITTEE

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SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE Rob Sherrer

The Security and Safety Committee met on January 12; seven residents attended. Items discussed and other security related matters include:

The newly begun Sting Security guard service has, with a few exceptions, been performing well. Management has reported that the response of Sting supervisors to particular requests or safety concerns brought to their attention has been quick and effective.

Some of the recent acts of vandalism may have been the result of children using pent-up energy; others appear to have been of obvious malicious, destructive intent. In any case, the results are the same. Fortunately, these incidents appear to have abated. Nevertheless, residents are asked to keep watch for vandals and incidents of vandalism and to report any occurrences to management, indentifying the perpetrators if possible.

A few residents are not adhering to the newly established security measure of using their keys to let themselves in at the front door whenever the doorman is not on duty. In fact, some residents seem to expect that the desk clerks buzz them in. This contradicts the standing directives to the clerks for operating the front desk, distracts the clerks from their duties, and serves to undermine the whole policy. The few residents not now abiding by this policy are asked to begin doing so as a measure to enhance the security of our buildings.

Observations during the mid-January snowy/icy driving conditions indicated that drivers on Skyline House roadways were using appropriate caution on the slippery surfaces and were being attentive to the presence of pedestrians who shared the same path. Such caution is especially necessary when rounding corners or pulling out of parking spaces. Residents are urged to continue their safe driving practices.

As stated in last month's "House Special," the Board has appointed Ed Berman, Carroll Thompson, and Rob Sherrer as an ad hoc task force to review and recommend whether to install a fence or other barrier between Skyline House West and NVCC and between SH and Build America. Recommendations will be based on security needs, beautification/appearance, and cost. Residents are invited to provide their ideas and recommendations.

The S&C Committee is working with management in specifying final plans and evaluating bids for upgrading exterior lighting behind the West and East buildings.



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COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Howie McClennan, Chairman

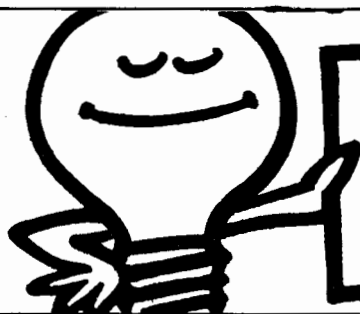
The Covenants Committee met on January 21 with 10 persons present.

The Chairman provided an elections update, noting that about a dozen residents had responded to the notices asking for volunteers to work the evening of the elections. Unfortunately, however, there are still no candidates for the three positions on the Board. Furthermore, no one has agreed to chair the Elections Committee. The Covenants Chair is working closely with Management on preparations for the elections, although materials cannot be sent to the printers until there are some candidates.

The Committee discussed complaints filed the previous month for violations of the House Rules and Regulations. They included noise from a unit above, an unauthorized move-out on a weekend, parking in the loading zone, and rudeness toward an owner and guest on the part of staff. In all cases, Management followed up the complaint, writing or talking to the persons involved.

No motions or recommendations were made by the Committee.

The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, February 11.



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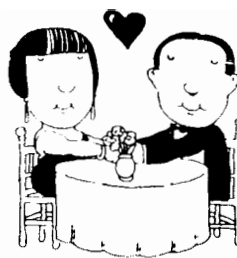
TRASH DISPOSAL

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.



HANDICAPPED LIST

Management is updating their list of elderly or handicapped residents who might need help in an emergency. If you think you should be on the list, please notify the Management Office.



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 buildings 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.



ATTENTION

In January a car slid into another vehicle parked near the entrance door to the garage and didn't stop to investigate if there was damage to the parked vehicle. Behavior of this sort is so unbecoming to a Skyline House resident and upsetting to report. Please show proper concern for others and their property.



DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF DEC/JANUARY

December 28

Jill & Jerry Schumaker

Judy & Pete Petersen

1st

2nd

January 4

Rob Keller & Les Cuzzivoglio

Lucy Troxel & Juanita Mayer

1st

2nd

January 11

Midge Easter & Elcy Leshley

Rob Keller & Les Cuzzivoglio

1st

2nd

January 18

Jill & Jerry Schumaker

Dorothy Rawls & Norma LaFevres

1st

2nd

January 25

Jill & Jerry Schumaker

Rob Keller & Les Cuzzivoglio

1st

2nd



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