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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The following residents were elected to the Board of Directors on March 29. We congratulate these new members and wish them well.

Edgar M. Bisgyer (3 yrs.) 408W
David T. Harvey, Jr. (3 yrs.) 1605E
Raymond L. Lum (2 yrs.) 1702W
David Tilson (3 yrs.) 805W

The below residents are currently serving as Board members

Arlene Burbank 708W
Larry Engel 606E
Ralph Huppert 106E

The Board will meet within ten days to elect officers.

FINANCIAL PLANNING by Jean
Vincent, Certified Financial
Planner, Heritage Financial
Advisors, Fall Church.

East Party Room

April 26, 7:45 pm

This program on Financial Planning is sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

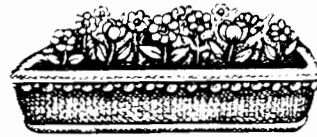


COMMITTEE MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

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| Apr | 5 | Community Relations Cmte.
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| Apr | 8 | West End Dinner Theatre,
West Side Story |
| Apr | 12 | Financial Mgmt. Committee
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| Apr | 12 | Security Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| Apr | 13 | Recreation Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| Apr | 14 | Physical Plant Committee
East Card Room, 8:00 pm |
| Apr | 19 | Board of Directors
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| Apr | 21 | Covenants Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm |

From the Board



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Robert Lowry, President

The Board of Directors held its tenth meeting on March 15, 1988, with only five Board members present but with an unusually large number of unit owners present.

The following are significant actions that took place:

- The President announced the resignation of Dr. Wynfred Joshua from the Board effective March 26, 1988.
- A repeat contract was approved for Action Aquatics to manage the pool for the 1988 season.
- The Board approved the concept to establish, along with our Replacement Reserve Fund, a Repair Reserve Fund to smooth out the cost of large repair costs that reoccur periodically every three or four years.
- Our attorneys have advised the Association that the repair of our deteriorating balcony edges is the responsibility of the Association and cannot be appropriately included in our warranty negotiations. The Board assigned to the Financial Management Committee the task of investigating alternative means for financing these repairs, estimated to cost about \$230,000.
- The Physical Plant and Operations Committee made a report on the status of their review of T.V. alternatives, including Washington Cable, Media General and our own satellite dish. they hope to have enough information later on this year to make a meaningful comparison of these alternatives for unit owners consideration.

It is with great regret that I must announce the resignation of Dr. Wynfred Joshua from the Skyline House Unit Owners Association, Board of Directors. Dr. Joshua's resignation is due to personal reasons. Dr. Joshua has been on the Board of Directors and Vice President for seven years. Before that, Dr. Joshua Chaired the Security Committee with whom she has been the Board Liaison during all of her Board services.

I want to extend to Wynfred a warm thanks for her dedicated service to the community from the Board of Directors and all of Skyline House unit owners. We hope in time it will be possible for Wynfred to resume her active participation in community affairs.



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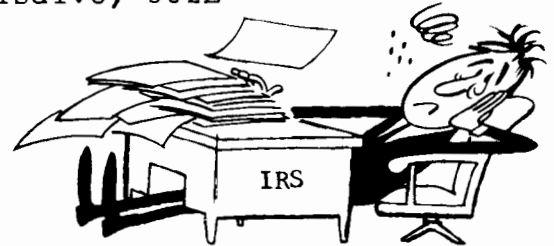
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:



A good deal of information appears in this Newsletter regarding cable TV. The discussion has been going on for about 18 months. What is needed is for the residents to speak out. By speaking out I mean writing letters to the Board of Directors telling them of your desire to have cable TV and not just any cable TV but the service provided by Media General. If you will write a letter or note addressed to the Board of Directors and drop the letters off at the reception desk for Tony DiSalvo, 502E, I will coordinate the letters and deliver them to the new Board prior to their next meeting. No telephone calls. It must be a written communication. If the Board finds an overwhelming interest, maybe we will have Media General start installation before the year is out.

Tony DiSalvo, 502E



April 15

GIANT FOOD SHUTTLE



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.

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Committee Communiqués



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Dave Harvey

Because the Chairman could not attend due to a business trip, I acted as stand-in Chairman for Gordon Frank at the March meeting of the PPOC. The meeting was held at its usual time, 2nd Thursday of the month, on March 10, 1988 in the West Card Room. Sixteen owners were present at the meeting. Minutes were taken by Brian Le Bert-Francis.

At the meeting there was a discussion on the cleaning of the exhaust ducts. The Committee had discussed this in detail last year at about the same time and our recommendations and concerns had been forwarded to the Property Manager then. This item is on the March Board meeting agenda.

The Committee had a discussion on the balcony deterioration. There has been over two years discussion on this matter and some of the balconies continue to deteriorate. There was also some discussion on how this related to the "Warranty Issue." This item will be discussed at the Board meeting in March.

The situation with the replacement of the washer and heat pump hoses were discussed. The Association Attorneys have stated that these are the responsibility of the unit owners and the Association has no authority over these items. It was agreed that replacement of the washer hoses were solely the responsibility of the unit owners, but that the heater hoses it was not such a clear cut case. A brief history of these hoses brought out the fact that the

hoses as originally installed were designed for a particular chemical composition of water circulating through them. Quite a few years ago, the chemical composition of the water was changed by management. The old hoses were not designed for this new situation. Therefore, it was felt that the Association does have some liability in this matter, especially since unit owners were never notified about the water changes.

Television service within Skyline House has been discussed and discussed for quite a long time -- over a year and a half. I presented a chronology of the long history of trying to review all the options for TV service to unit owners. Right now three options have been discussed: Buy our own satellite dish and contract for programming on our own; purchase bulk services from Washington Cable on an expanded basis; allow Media General, the Fairfax County franchisee, to install their cable and contract with individual owners. The first two options we can't do according to the Association Attorneys because of our bylaws. The last option we can't do because our present contract with Washington Cable says they have the exclusive right to provide cable service in Skyline House. The committee recommended that the Attorneys be asked to outline the procedures necessary, if the Board desired, to further pursue implementing the first two options. The third option can be realized by cancelling the Washington Cable contract and signing a new one without the exclusivity clause. Discussed were a number of actions that should have been completed

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Committee Communiqués

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carroll Thompson, Chairman

The Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, March 9 in the East Card Room. The meeting was short since the majority of the members were excused. No business was conducted but you are reminded that we are going to the West End Dinner Theatre on April 8. The production is "West Side Story." Reservations are closed. We would like to meet in the Skyline House Lobby at 6:00 pm. This is, of course, optional.

There will be no TGIF in April. The Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 13, in the West Card Room. New residents are invited and urged to attend.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

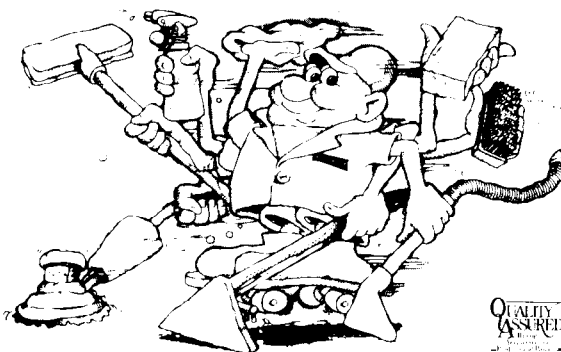
Ed Berman, Chairman

The Community Relations Committee did not meet during the month of March.

Now that income taxes have been paid for 1987, it is time to think of financial and estate planning. Diane Vincent is a Certified Financial Planner and is associated with Heritage Financial Advisors of Fall Church. The program will begin at 7:45 pm on April 26 in the East Party Room. Her discussion will cover financial planning. There will be ample time for questions and answers.

The Community Relations Committee will meet at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 5 in the East Card Room.

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RECREATION COMMITTEE COMING EVENTS

April	8	West Side Story	West End Dnr.Thtr.
April	13	Recreation Com. Mtg	West Card Room
May	6	TGIF	West Party Rm.
May	11	Recreation Com. Mtg.	East Card Room
June	3	TGIF	East Party Rm.
June	8	Recreation Com. Mtg.	West Card Room
July	1	TGIF	West Party Rm.



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3 Happy Easter	4 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	5 COMMUNITY REL. ECR, 7:30 PM	6	7 	8 West Side Story	9
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24 	25 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	26 FINANCIAL PLANNING DIANE VINCENT EPR, 7:45 PM	27	28 	29	30



PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE (continued)



long ago but were still uncompleted. In any case, it looks like at least another year will pass before any of the above options are realized. This matter will be before the Board at their March meeting.

Jerry Lagace presented his status report on the Replacement Reserve Fund. A discussion followed on setting up of a Maintenance Reserve Fund. This new fund was recommended previously to the Board in 1985, but the matter was tabled then.

The matter of the lobby roof air conditioner was again brought up. This matter was recently discussed in the House Special's Letters to the Editor. After some discussion, the matter was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Bill McClellan indicated that he had received the Charles E. Smith report form for Property Maintenance Inspections and he would be using this form in the future while he makes his rounds as Security Watch Inspector.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned a little after 10:00 pm.

JEFFERSON HOSPITAL
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
Fairfax Hospital System



Jefferson Hospital, located near the intersection of Beauregard and Route 7, is seeking volunteers to provide support services to patients which contribute to the delivery of health care for patients and to the related well-being of their families.

Anyone interested in participating are requested to contact Mary Howland, Coordinator at 998-4973.

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.

ITALIAN NITE



Italian Nite on St. Patrick's Day was an outstanding success with 83 residents and guests attending. What with the singing of Irish songs and good food, a great time was had by all. I (Tony DiSalvo) want to thank all the members of the Recreation Committee who assisted that evening. Thanks to my wife Nancy for her great assistance.

We would like to thank our Giant store (Bailey Crossroads) for providing the mini baguettes (they gave us a gift certificate to cover the cost). They were freshly baked that afternoon. Thank you Giants. Also, the Italian Gourmet gave us a discount for several of the large items that were served, i.e. spumoni ice cream.

Committee Communiqués



SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
Rob Sherrer

The Security and Safety Committee met on February 9; five residents attended. The limited agenda included the following matters:

-- Someone broke the glass cover for the telephone in the middle elevator of the East Building. This act of vandalism was discovered at 12:30 am on February 8.

-- Residents are reminded that if they wish they may place their names or the names of others on the list of people whom firemen will evacuate in the case of fire or other disaster. People who are unable to safely walk down a stairwell in an emergency should have their names on this list.

-- The task force that has been appointed by the Board to review whether to build a fence between Skyline House and NVCC, and between Skyline House and Build America, is preparing a survey form to tabulate the number of people crossing these Skyline House boundaries and their patterns of travel. We will be seeking volunteers to observe and record the information on the forms. Those observing may record information for a time period(s) of their choice. After sufficient data have been gathered, it will be combined to estimate the number of people crossing the Skyline House boundaries. This information will be used in deciding whether to build either or both of the fences.

The Security and Safety Committee met on March 8; five residents attended. The agenda included the

following security matters:

-- Sometime during the night of March 4-5, the trunk lock on a Porsche parked in the East garage was punched out and the door lock was unsuccessfully picked; the car was scratched in the attack. The police were called and investigated. Skyline House guards were directed to make extra rounds in the garage area.

-- Some good news! The Fairfax County Police have assigned an officer full time to Skyline City. Officer J. C. (Jim) Hepler is on duty Tue.-Sat. from 2 to 10:00 pm. His phone number is 265-8035. He will be available to discuss/advise Skyline House on security matters, and of course to take direct action should any crime be committed.

-- The Fairfax County Police Department has released 1987 crime statistics. The number of index crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) remained at exactly the same number as in 1986 -- 964. The index crimes against property (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) rose 6.9% to 24,672 in 1987. Burglaries increases slightly from 3,492 to 3,543; motor vehicle theft increased 24%, from 1,739 to 2,157. An analysis of auto thefts occurring during 1987 indicates that the majority of them are committed by male juveniles for joyriding. Many of the thefts occurred from apartment and townhouse parking lots located near interstate highways. There was a sharp increase in thefts of four-wheel drive vehicles. There was little evidence of professional vehicle theft activity uncovered in Fairfax County in 1987.

From Management



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Ace Fire Extinguisher Co. will be at Skyline House April 7, 1988 to check and tag fire extinguishers for unit owners. The charge for testing is \$3.00 plus the cost of recharging if necessary. Please bring your extinguisher to the front desk. You will need to tag it with your name and unit number. Payment due when the work is finished.

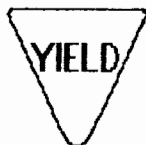


INFORMATION

If you are having difficulty with your phone service/equipment, here is some information that should be useful:

C&P Telephone Co. is responsible for the phone wiring from the outside of the building to the main telephone room. If you do not get a dial tone call C&P repair.


The wiring from the phone room to the switchboard and to the units is the building responsibility. Trouble with the secretarial phone, call Alternative Communications Systems at 292-2749. They will advise if you need to call A.T. & T.



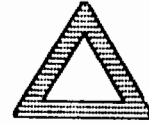
GARAGE

Some have forgotten garage driving rules:

- (1) The speed is 5 m.p.h.
- (2) Tail-gaiting is not permitted.
- (3) Yield to right of way.
- (4) Put headlights on when driving in the garage.

All cars parked in garage must be registered. 


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.

ASH URNS



Do not leave juice cans, banana or orange peels in the ash urn by the elevators. This is an ash urn for cigarettes, not food leftovers. Do not place food or food wrappers in the ash urns. 

Management has posted the above notices before and the problem still persist. All residents must cooperate.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY/MARCH

February 29

Lucy Troxel & Juanita Mayer	1st
Bette Foreman & Betty Wade	2nd

March 7

Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo	1st
Eleanor & Ed Sajewski	1st

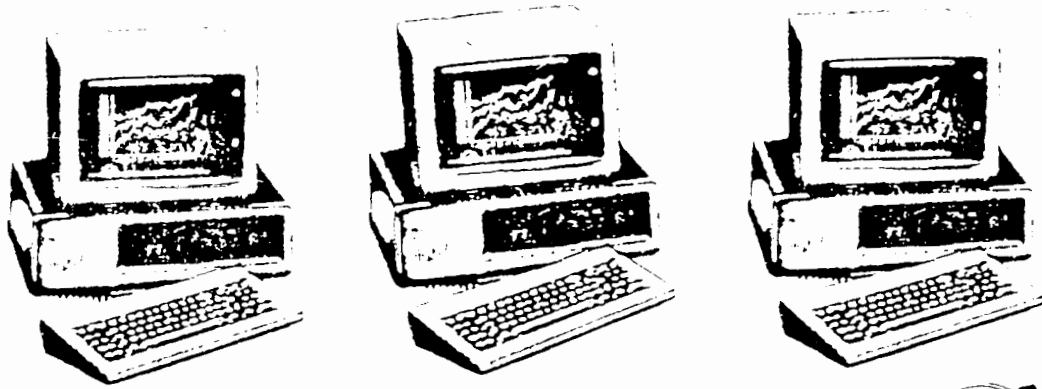
March 21

Jill & Jerry Schumaker	1st
Eleanor & Ed Sajewski	2nd

March 28

Helen & Bob Lambert	1st
Gil Gelenter & Tony DiSalvo	2nd

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