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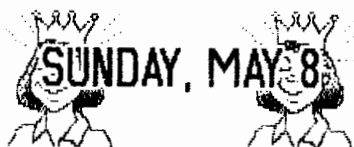
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



SUNDAY, MAY 8



REMEMBER MEMORIAL



DAY MONDAY, MAY 30

A Mother's Day wish
with an old-fashioned touch
For a Wonderful Mother
who's loved very much!
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOARD - The Board and its officers.

President	-	Larry Engel
Vice President	-	Dave Harvey
Secretary	-	Arlene Burbank
Treasurer	-	Ed Bisgyer
Asst. Sec.	-	Ray L. Lum

The following Committee Liaison appointments are announced

Com. Relations	-	Dave Harvey
Covenants	-	Ray Lum
Fin. Mgmt./	-	Ed Bisgyer
Admin		
Physical Plant	-	Dave Harey
Recreation	-	Dave Tilson
Sec./Fire/	-	Ralph Huppert
Safety		

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

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| May | 3 | Community Relations Cmte.
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| May | 6 | T.G.I.F.
West Party Room, 6:30 pm |
| May | 10 | Financial Mgmt. Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| May | 10 | Security Committee
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| May | 11 | Recreation Committee
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| May | 12 | Physical Plant Committee
West Card Room, 8:00 pm |
| May | 17 | Board of Directors
East Card Room, 7:30 pm |
| May | 19 | Covenants Committee
West Card Room, 7:30 pm |

From the Board



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Dave Harvey, Vice President

At the first meeting of the newly composed Board, it was heartening to see a large turnout of about 25 co-owners. Let's hope that this interest will continue throughout the year.

President Larry Ingels opened the Board meeting by going around the table and introducing the Board members and describing their duties.

The President in his report announced the composition of the Covenants Committee, including the members of the Hearing Committee. Larry also announced that there would be an Executive session meeting of the Board after the meeting.

The new Treasurer, Ed Bisgyer, by using the Management Agent's financial report, gave his report of the financial status of the Association.

The Management Agent, Sara Schlichting, then gave the Management Report for April, 1988, where she gave an update of personnel changes--

Beverly Jordan has been hired as the new Administrative Asst.

Charlie Gillespie has transferred from doorman to the front desk clerk position.

The Board approved the following Management's requests:

A new part-time security guard position on the staff. The guard would work either on a Saturday or a Sunday each weekend during the daylight hours and have additional duties as required.

This position would be a net decrease in expenses.

The installation of a security gate on the stair landing between the S & G levels of the East Building near the loading dock.

The awarding of a contract to clean the gallery, Penthouse, and bridge windows to American Window & Building Cleaning Contractors, Inc.

The Board had previously approved a garage card change-over for security purposes. The Board tonight approved the purchase of 1,000 cards to use with the new changeover. There followed a discussion on some of the details of implementation of the change-over. It was agreed that this would be a good time to make up for the less than adequate results of the last survey of parking spaces and automobiles garaged in the garage.

The purchase of additional plants and trees for the grounds surrounding the building at an estimated cost of \$3,828.00. These landscape improvements will both replace some existing plants as well as add additional plants.

Management presented to the Board details of recent discussions with the Association Attorneys concerning the Insurance and Condemnation Trustee Agreements. The Board decided to table any action on this matter until the Fin. Mgmt. & Adm. Com. could look into the matter and provide recommendations to the Board.

Also tabled was the matter concerning the cleaning of the clothes dryer ducts until the PPOC could review the recommendations made by Management agent.

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The Management agent reported on the results of recent tests of the drinking water for lead content. The lead levels in both buildings are well within the safe levels specified by health authorities.

The Board agreed to write a letter to Northern Virginia Community College about the trash that's on the hillside behind the buildings. This is the resulting action after management made a number of calls in the past to the college asking them to clear up the hillside.

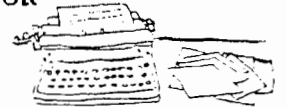
Management reported that Mr. Chuck Vincent of CES Mechanical has reviewed the balcony deterioration and will forward a written report which will be forwarded to both the PPOC and the Board as soon as it is received.

I would like to thank those that responded by writing letters concerning Cable TV and in particular Media General Cable TV. All letters were delivered to the President in advance of Board's first meeting.

The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:



In your letter to the Editor in the April issue of the House Special you solicited letters of support for Media General. I will not quibble with you over the propriety of you sponsoring an unofficial referendum. I will leave that to our guardians of virtue. But I do strenuously object to you making your plea without giving the people all the facts - there is a down-side to accepting Media General. You should also have told your pigeon that the current design will:

Increase the FIRE & SAFETY RISK for all residents by the introduction of miles of plastic that starts to give off toxic gases when it reaches a temperature of 400 degrees.

Change the appearance of the hallways by introducing an ecru molding, at ceiling level, along all four sides of every one of them.

Reduce the width of our fire escape routes - the stairwells.

I support a referendum on the issue and I have said so in the proper forum - the Physical Plant & Operations Committee. So, let that Committee finish its job and then let us have an objective test of opinion under Board sponsorship, if that is their decision.

Brian Le Bert-Francis
102W

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:



A note to the SPECIAL to say how "special" Skyline House residents are.

April Fool's Day I dropped my wallet-checkbook crossing S. Geo. Mason Drive late in the evening. Wonder of wonders it appeared in my front desk message box that weekend, all credit-cards in tact. I want to take this space to thank the good Samaritan who returned this prize, in the timely spirit of Easter. It is nice to know we live among such folk.

Mary Jo Long
301E

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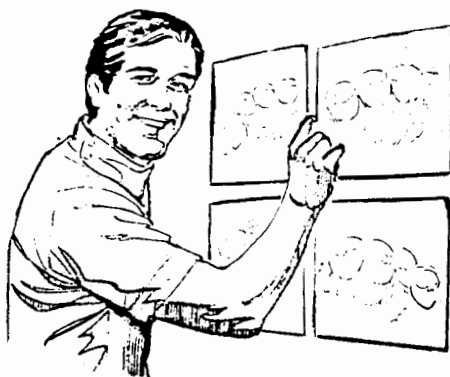
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1st

2nd

2nd

April 11

Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo

Lucy Troxel & Juanita Mayer

1st

2nd

April 18

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THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US

With the latest change in the Board of Directors, Skyline House lost a wealth of talent and experience - three officers plus some 23 years worth of collective experience.

Robert Lowry was on the Board six years, spending his final year as a busy and most effective President. In addition he spent long hours as a member of our Warranty Committee seeking independent expert advice for us.

Wynfred Joshua was elected to her 3rd three year term last year, but served only one additional year before resigning due to family obligations. Wynfred was the Vice President for several years, including this last year. In addition, she kept us up with Board activities with a monthly Board report in the House Special.

Ken Grant served four years on the Board, including the last three as Secretary. He was our official record keeper and did an outstanding job of keeping track of Board decisions and other significant activities. He was our corporate memory.



Ruth Ballard served on the Board for six years, providing valuable counsel and common sense advice. She contributed to many special projects and studies, including the most recent review of our management contract.

We shall all miss the service of these four dedicated residents who gave unselfishly of their time during these critical early years of our Association. You've got us started well and we thank you!!



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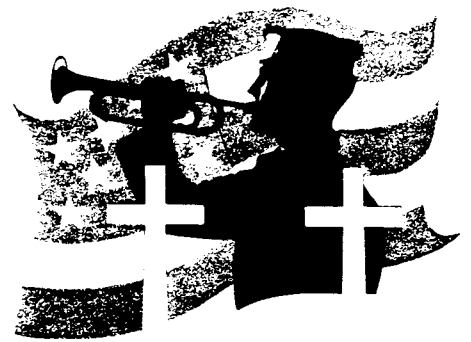
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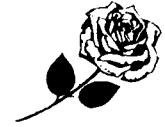




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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	3 COMMUNITY REL. ECR, 7:30 PM	4 	5	6 T.G.I.F. WPR, 6:30 PM 	7 
8  MOTHER'S DAY	9 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM 	10 FINANCIAL MGMT. WCR, 7:30 PM SECURITY COM. ECR, 7:30 PM	11 RECREATION COM. ECR, 7:30 PM 	12 PHYSICAL PLANT WCR, 8:00 PM	13	14 
15 	16 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	17 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ECR, 7:30 PM	18 	19 COVENANTS COM. ECR, 7:30 PM	20	21 ARMED FORCES DAY 
22	23 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM  VICTORIA DAY CANADA	24	25	26	27	28 
29 	30 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM  MEMORIAL DAY	31 	 HAPPY MOTHERS DAY			

Committee Reports

SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rob Sherrer



The Security and Safety Committee met on Tuesday, April 12; nine residents attended, including resident manager Kay Kelly. Among the items considered were the following:

Kay Kelly discussed three security measures which she supports and believes would enhance the security of Skyline House:

The issuance of new garage security cards. More than a thousand cards are outstanding, and there is not an up-to-date accounting of their location. An old card would have to be turned in to receive a new one. Car registration stickers would be matched to the card. During the switch-over period, the card reader would be programmed to read both the old and new cards.

Bids have been received to install a security gate on the first stairwell landing near the freight door, East Building. Management recommended that the proposal of Jaffe, a company in Rockville, be accepted. The cost would be \$2,281 plus \$375 to do the electrical wiring.

It was suggested that a telephone number be provided whereby residents could directly call Sting Security which provides guard service to SH, should a security-related need arise. Sting would then call their guards then on duty and relay the concern.

The S&S Committee supported these three proposals. The first two were adopted by the Board of Directors at its April 19 meeting.

Wheels were stolen from a Mercedes parked on the B level, East garage. Police investigated. It was recorded that the guards made their scheduled rounds through the area, so the perpetrators obviously got in and out between rounds.

The problem of noise was once again brought to the Committee's attention. Residents are reminded that noise transmits relatively easily through walls and especially floors which are uncarpeted. So to the relatively few to whom this applies, please be considerate of your neighbors and keep the volume, pounding, or other noise-producing activities down just a little.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carroll Thompson, Chairman



The Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, April 13. We really had a crowd, ten people attended.

The May 6th TGIF in the West Party Room will be the Seventh Annual Birthday for Skyline House. Plan to attend. A new twist for the June TGIF will be a champagne party held at poolside. Additional details if necessary next month.

A picnic was discussed but no one at that time volunteered to become the chairperson for the picnic that we hope to schedule in September. In October, we plan a trip to Atlantic City. Need a chairperson for that activity as well.

The next meeting will be May 11 East Card Room. Why not join us.

Committee Reports

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Julia Le Bert-Francis,
Chairperson



The April 12 meeting of the Financial Management & Administration Committee was attended by six of our seven members, Steve Matula being absent. We were happy to see Rose DiFonzo who had been visiting her ailing mother in Pennsylvania over the Christmas holidays and then driven her to Florida until time to head north for Easter.

There was a roundtable discussion of the recently authorized Periodic Maintenance Reserve Fund which was originally proposed by this Committee Nov. 21, 1984 but tabled by the Board at that time. Items for inclusion in the Fund were proposed, debated and either approved or rejected. The Committee decided to spend more time on considering this problem before firming up a list of items as there were other relevant subjects to be discussed which would have a bearing on our decision.

One such subject was what items now in the Replacement Reserve Fund would qualify for transfer, together with accumulated reserves, to the Periodic Maintenance Reserve Fund. Members were advised of a meeting March 30 which their Chairperson attended with Jerry Lagace and Brian Le Bert-Francis at which it was unanimously agreed that all of the items now in the Replacement Reserve Fund would remain in that Fund with the exception of the following which are to be transferred to the

Periodic Maintenance Reserve Fund:

- Item 18. White Coat Swimming Pool
- Item 39. Painting, Pointing, Caulking Exterior
- Item 40. Painting, Pointing, Caulking Balcony Doors and Panels

It was also agreed that based on the proper definition of "Major Repairs" and what is included in the term "Asphalt Paving," the following may be split between the two funds:

- Item 10. Elevator, Major Repairs
- Item 17. Swimming Pool, Major Repairs
- Item 34. Asphalt Paving

Decision as to the disposition of Item 44 "Balcony Cement" was discussed but deferred due to the fact that the deterioration of the balconies and their restoration has become a priority problem.

In its March 15 meeting, the Board requested Management to prepare specifications on balcony facade maintenance for review by the Physical Plant & Operations Committee and the Financial Management & Administration Committee was requested to review alternate methods of financing. the balance of our meeting was taken up by a lively discussion of this problem.

RECREATION COMMITTEE COMING EVENTS



May	6	TGIF	West Party Rm.
May	11	Recreation Com. Mtg.	East Card Room
June	3	TGIF	Pool Area
June	8	Recreation Com. Mtg.	West Card Room
July	1	TGIF	West Party Rm.
Aug	6	TGI Saturday - Luau	East Party Rm.
Sep		Picnic	Pool Area
Oct		Atlantic City	

From Management



BALCONIES-PATIOS AND WINDOWS

Management has received a number of complaints that residents are throwing things off their balconies. This is direct violation of Rule 15 and potentially dangerous (cigarettes landing on other balconies). (ALL RESIDENTS MUST OBEY THE RULES.)

RULE 15. BALCONIES-PATIOS AND WINDOWS

- A) Laundry, clothing, rugs or other items are NOT to be hung on or upon the exterior of buildings.
- B) Clothes lines, clothes racks or any other similar devices may NOT be used to hang any items on any balcony, patio or window.
- C) Unit Owners/Residents shall NOT throw anything out of the windows or from balconies or patios.
- D) Shaking of mops, brooms or other cleaning materials from the balconies, patios or windows is NOT permitted.
- E) Flower boxes, if attached to the railing, must be on the inside of the railing and securely fastened.
- F) Awnings, blinds, shades, screens and like items and appurtenances, except window screens as installed by the developer, shall NOT be installed by any Unit Owner/Resident beyond the confines of his/her unit without prior written consent of the Association Board of Directors. (The balcony or patio associated with a unit is considered beyond the confines of that unit.)
- G) Balconies and patios shall NOT be used for storage.
- H) Bicycles may NOT be stored on balconies or patios.

SWIMMING POOL OPENS 28th OF MAY

The swimming pool will be open every day during the pool season, 11 A.M. - 8 P.M. except during inclement weather. Swimming pool passes will be available at the front desk after May 15. The number of passes issued for each unit will correspond to the number of people allowed to occupy a unit in the condominium By-Laws:

1 Bedroom	2 Passes
1 Bedroom/Den & 2 Bedrooms	3 Passes
2 Bedroom/Den & 3 Bedrooms	4 Passes



A reminder of important swimming pool rules:

1. No food or drink is allowed inside the fenced in area of the pool-food and drink must be consumed on the sundeck or park areas surrounding the pool.

2. No glass containers of any kind may be used on the sundeck or park

3. All persons are requested to shower and enter the pool thru the bathhouses. You may NOT enter thru the double doors to the sundeck during pool hours.

4. It is suggested that you use ear plugs if you wish to listen to a radio. If not using ear plugs, you are requested to keep the volume low enough not to disturb others.

5. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (over 18) during the entire time they are in the pool area.

6. Robes or other suitable garments and shoes must be worn to and from the pool area.

7. Please use the G level corridors to and from the pool area. Please DO NOT go thru the lobby.

8. ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING



HOLIDAY

Management office will be closed Memorial Day, May 30.

STAFFING



Beverly Jordan has joined the Skyline House Management Staff as Administrative Assistant. Welcome Bev!

Charlie Gillespie has transferred to the "grave yard" shift and will be watching all of Skyline House "Night Owls". Rule violators be aware!

INFORMATION



The water at Skyline House has been analyzed by American Medical Laboratories, and the results were nine micrograms per liter on the one test and two micrograms per liter on the second test. Normal to upper limit is measured 50 micrograms per liter. The water at Skyline House is within the range of normal.

MAIL CHUTE

The mail chute on unit floors should only be used for standard letter and legal size envelopes. All other size envelopes need to be deposited in the box near the mail area, thus avoiding clogging the mail chute.



CONDUCT OF CHILDREN/MINORS

Unit Owners/Residents who occupy units in this condominium are at all times responsible and accountable for actions of their children and guest. This stipulation includes financial and legal responsibility for damages, vandalism, misconduct or objectional behavior within premises by children or minors.

FILTERS

Time to change filters. Your cooling system will run more efficiently if you change the filter regularly. The filters are available in the Management Office for \$1.00 each (sizes 16 x 20 and 20 x 20).