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## Committee Reports

### PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Gordon Frank

About 20 residents attended the June meeting of the Committee. The turnout was excellent; the pace lively. The Chair and the members were pleased to note the continued participation of Mr. Brian Le Bert-Francis despite recent serious health problems. Thank you Brian.

Work on the television survey continued. A final version of a questionnaire on television service preferences by residents and owners is scheduled to be presented to the Board at the latter's June meeting. All residents have available to them television service through our master antenna system. In addition residents may purchase one of the satellite television service packages offered by Washington Cable and pay the latter directly for this service. Skyline House is currently evaluating the possibility of being served by Media General, the Fairfax County franchised cable television contractor. Other possibilities include the



purchase and operation of our own system or bulk purchase of a satellite television service. The alternatives are not mutually exclusive. For example it is possible to have both a cable television service with its own wiring network installed in the building corridors along with satellite service through the master antenna. Each alternative also has its own economic considerations. These include possible capital investment, operating costs, payment by individual owners who use the service or included in the monthly condominium charge for everyone to pay whether the service is used or not. The questionnaire is intended to provide the Board with a sense of the preferences of the Community. Your opinions matter; please cooperate by responding when asked for them.

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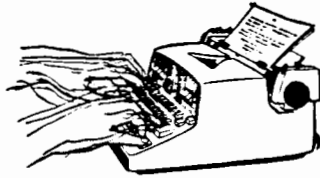
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The Committee moved to request the Board have the Resident Manager maintain a log book at the front desk to encourage residents to enter any maintenance or repair discrepancies in the common areas. The log book is not intended to be used for items needing attention in the individual units. If approved by the Board the log book will be instituted shortly.

During its discussion of the balcony repair specification, two motions were approved by the Committee. One rejected the initial specification developed by the Property Manager. The second suggested that, to the degree possible, each resident diagram the deterioration of individual balconies. The diagrams would be used to help determine the severity of the maintenance problem. Both motions are scheduled to be presented to the Board for consideration.

Under new business there was another complaint of noises from an unknown source in a 17th floor unit. One resident offered copies of a New York Times article of March 22, 1984 by Joseph Giovannini, entitled "Silencing the Sounds of the Noisy City". The article describes how sounds of indeterminate origins may travel along varying paths through a building and how difficult some are to silence. A copy has been provided to the Resident Manager who was asked to make it available to those residents who wish to read it.

All residents are invited to come to our meetings and participate in our discussions. We welcome your views. See you next month!

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June 13

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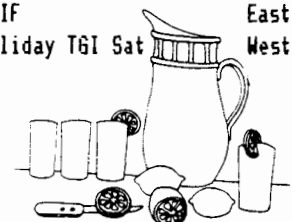
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July	1	TGIF	East Party Rm.
Aug	6	TGI Saturday - Luau	West Party Rm.
Sep	2	TGIF	East Party Rm.
Sep	24	Picnic	Pool Area
Oct	7	TGIF	West Party Rm.
Oct	TBA	Atlantic City	
Oct	TBA	Mexican Night	West Party Rm.
Nov	4	TGIF	East Party Rm.
Dec	10	Holiday TGI Sat	West Party Rm.



# Committee Reports



## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Ed Berman, Chairman

The regular meeting of June 7th opened with twelve residents present. Out of the twelve we were pleased to see Elizabeth Grant our former Chairperson, Ken Grant, two newcomers and one resident who wished to be heard on a number of complaints directed toward the Chair.

Mr. George Faye repeated two major complaints which he had already circulated on written complaint forms. The first item had to do with alleged "freebies" in The House Special and puts the onus of this free advertising onto the editor of our "House Special," Elizabeth Grant and the CRC Chairman.

Elizabeth Grant answered this complaint beautifully, but Mr. Faye was obviously not satisfied with the answer so it will no doubt be raised again in the Covenant and other committees.

The second complaint was of a more serious nature and it has been referred to the Covenants Committee for handling.

During the month of May there were seven move-ins with an equal number of renters replacing owners and owners replacing renters.

The Orientation Committee headed by Tony DiSalvo reported two orientations given by members of his committee for the month of May. Again we invite all residents who have some extra time to consider giving that time to this committee. They can always use another good pair of feet-so not only is the tour

work important, but you meet your new neighbors and get the exercise which is good for you.

On Thursday, June 2nd your CRC had one of its most successful programs in a long time. Forty-three residents turned out to hear Dr. David Tremaine, Orthopaedic Surgeon from the National Hospital for Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation in Arlington County. The seminar basically evolved about reconstructive surgery. To emphasize the audience response, not one visitor left before Dr. Tremaine had finished--what else can one say!

Our liaison to the Mason District Council, Nancy Harvey has put together an excellent report on the subject, "Affordable Housing - does it exist in the Mason District." Inasmuch as complete reports on worthwhile subjects are seldom printed in their entirety in The House Special, I invite any resident interested in this most important topic to drop a note in my box and I will be most pleased to put a copy in your box. Copy of this report will be appended to the June minutes and will go out to the Board of Directors and to all the committees. Thank you Nancy.

Our liaison to Skyline Plaza CRC tells us that at the last meeting they called out the following items which might be of interest to House residents: a) Skyline Towers, our huge neighbor across the street had no major tenant at the time of the June 6th meeting, but they did have ten minor reservations -- consideration is being given towards holding a "neighborly

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS (continued)**

reception" at the time of the official opening; b) there were still 12 unsold apartments at Skyline Square; plus c) other items of interest to various committees and they were passed on accordingly.

Let me mention at this point that Skyline Plaza's local restaurant guide which came out originally in October 1987 will be brought up to date by October 1988. Anyone interested in this brochure let me know well in advance so I can pass this on to Skyline Plaza CRC.

For those residents who have never written a letter to any political figure at any level of government—we want you to know your letters will always be answered—try it and see democracy at work.

Next time you are in the Pentagon City area take a look at the enormous amount of construction going on. This is going to be a "biggie" and should be ready for occupancy some time in 1989.

Tony DiSalvo visited the new AMC 7-12 theaters in the Skyline Mall and was pleasantly surprised and pleased as to the size and appearance of the six new theaters.

So, its that time once again to wish all of you a wonderful summer—do everything in moderation and you'll be in great shape for the fall.

To my committee members--thanks for your cooperation this first half of 1988 and I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

## 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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## 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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## GIANT FOOD SHUTTLE BUS

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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.



## SECURITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE (continued from page 10)

Two incidents of car vandalism were reported: In late April, a car emblem was taken off a car trunk in East garage parking. In early May, a telephone antenna was stolen from a car, also parked in the East garage.

The S&S Committee is recessing for July and August. Urgent issues during this period can be brought to the attention of the chairman Rob Sherrer (1412-W; 379-7442).

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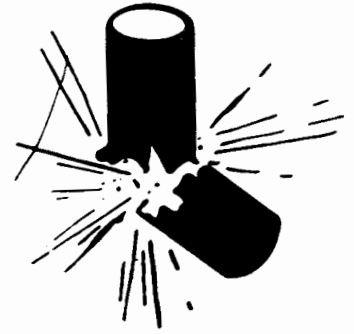
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The minutes of the June Board meeting will be published in the August issue of The House Special. The Board met on June 28.



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# Committee Reports

## SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rob Sherrer

The Security and Safety Committee met on May 10 and June 14. Five residents attended the May meeting and eight the June one. Items and issues discussed at the two meetings included the following:

An extra worker has been hired on Saturdays for the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. He will act as a free-floating person responsible for checking the guest parking area for valid parking permits, checking all entrance doors, walking both buildings -- all floors. He will be looking for lights out, doors not closing properly, anything out of the ordinary. He will help the desk handle problems which require someone to go and look into a complaint.

The doorman serves as a security check. In addition to his door responsibilities, he periodically checks the parking lot for parking permits, residents using guest parking, and contacts management if towing is needed.

Residents are reminded to not let in people behind them whom they do not recognize. While this can present an awkward situation at times, using good judgment in this regard and being aware of the potential safety ramifications can serve as practical guidance toward adhering to this policy.

The week of June 20, electrical contractor Vector Associates was scheduled to install security light poles and lights; one behind the West Building and



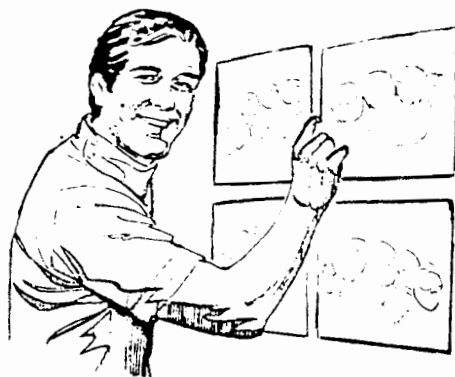
four behind the East. This is in accordance with recommendations that a Board task force made 2-3 years ago and the S&S Committee made last year. These mercury vapor lamps should significantly increase the light while maintaining the aesthetic appearance of the grounds.

This past month, a resident properly removed an "open house" sign from the premises. This was commendable action indeed and consistent with SH rules and regulations. SH does not allow "open house" signs to be put up as a means of attracting potential buyers to units. Furthermore, in 1985, the Board adopted a policy that prospective buyers who show up to visit an "open house" must sign in and be escorted to and from the unit.

In late April, a resident of SH was home when the teenager living in the adjacent apartment forced his way in through the balcony door, apparently thinking that no one was home. The resident called the police and a report was filed. The apartment was a mid-level unit. This case illustrates that entry through the balcony is possible, and residents who have not done so may wish to consider putting security bolts on their balcony doors. Management can provide information on the cost and types of such locks.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

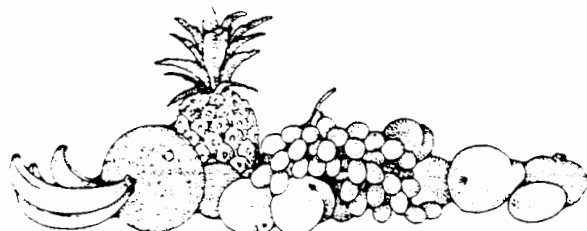
Carroll Thompson, Chairman

The Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, June 8 in the West Card Room. There were eight persons present that included two new residents. It is hoped that they will join the committee.

Nothing dramatic took place, just a review of plans for the remainder of the summer and fall. The picnic date was set for Saturday, September 24. Mexican Night has been confirmed for October, a date to be announced.

The trip to Atlantic City is also scheduled for October, a date to be announced.

There are other activities under consideration but we need additional members to chair these events.



Don't forget the August 6 TGI Saturday which will have a luau theme. Mark your calendar and set that day aside.

The next meeting will be July 13 in the East Card Room. Why not join us.

### SECURITY & SAFETY (continued)

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## COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Howie McClennan, Chairman

The meeting was held on May 19 with 13 members present.

A request had been received from a unit owner requesting that he be permitted to rent the Card Room on Tuesday nights for one year. The Chair discussed the matter with the Resident Manager who suggested that it be presented to the Board for their discussion. One member recommended that possibly the Board could work out some type of plan with the Unit owner. It was moved and passed to send the request to the Board.

There was a discussion about speeding again in the garage. It was brought out that maybe there should be two or three signs inside the garage on the speed limit. Also, it was suggested maybe the signs should be in two or three different languages. A member brought out the fact this should be sent to the Security Committee.

The Lease and Lease Addendum was approved and sent to the Board for their action. The Chair announced that at the last Board meeting they adopted the changes made in the rules for the swimming pool. It was mentioned also that a white truck was parked at the rail on the B Ramp that blocked the vision of drivers. The Resident Manager contacted the owner who had another space and asked him if he would change the location of the truck to the other space. It was done and the Committee thanked him for his cooperation.

A hearing was set for June 1 on a long standing complaint (many) as we go to press, the hearing has been held. No decision yet.

Violations for April 21 to May 17:

Ten cars towed.

Complaint on desk service.

Damage to freight elevator - someone slashed the new pads on the sidewalls of the West Bldg. elevator.

Water leak - bath tub overflowed - children playing in tub. Water came down through ceiling West Bldg.

Many cars racing around front circle after party. Guards went out and chased them away.

A unit was broken into by a young man climbing over the balcony from his balcony. When he got inside, he was confronted by the owner. Police were called.



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## BALCONY

Please do not store any items such as bikes, boxes, excess furniture on your balcony. Balconies give visitors the first impression of our building and should be well kept. House Rules and Regulations #15 should be reviewed by all residents with respect to balcony usage.

The Management has received several complaints from residents stating that they find garbage, dust and cigarette butts on their balconies which had to have been thrown from another balcony. Please, do not allow any item to be thrown from a balcony. If an object is heavy enough it could cause injury. Please, make sure that all occupants of your unit realize the danger and unsightliness in throwing any object from a balcony.

Charcoal barbecue grills are not permitted on balconies.



## GARAGE



Need access to garage  
Need new garage card  
Need to go to management office

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.

## NOTE

Dominino's Pizza CAN DELIVER pizza to Skyline House. They are no longer restricted.



## BIRDS

Birds are becoming a nuisance to some residents again. Please DO NOT FEED BIRDS. We want to discourage birds from coming unto our balconies, not encourage them.

## 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.