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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE
Gordon Frank

Thirty-one energetic and interested residents attended the August meeting. Bud Banner asked the Committee to support a request by approximately 20 residents to permit car washing at Skyline House. After a vigorous discussion, a motion to refuse to support any change to the current rules forbidding car washing at Skyline House was approved.

Brian Le Bert-Francis reported that the television service survey is being reviewed by the Board. It will be distributed to the Skyline House community as soon as the final version has been completed and accepted by the Board. Thank you Rich Mundle, Brian, Dave Harvey, Larry Ingles and all of the others who have worked on this item. Reaching a consensus is not easy. Your collective efforts are greatly appreciated by all of us.

The Chair reported that the Association's attorney is attempting to schedule a meeting between the Association and the Declarant's representatives in late August in order to seek a resolution of the Association's warranty claims. Several members of the Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the pace of the settlement process.
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RECREATION COMMITTEE
Carroll Thompson, Chairman

BIG EVENT FOR SEPT....FALL PICNIC

This year's picnic is scheduled for Saturday evening, September 24 at the Pool Side. This picnic promises to surpass similar events held in previous years. (In the event of inclement weather the picnic will be held in the West Party Room).

Off to a good start with Happy Hour at 5:30 p.m. with tasty tidbits provided and then on to the picnic at 6:00 p.m. From "Finger Lickin" home fried chicken through mounds of picnic food to a surprise "All American" dessert should leave everyone satisfied and ready to start on a fresh diet the next day. All this for only \$4.50 per person. Make checks payable to Skyline House Recreation Committee.

A sign up sheet will be placed in the Lobby on Wednesday, September 7 and will remain until 96 have signed up or until Wednesday, September 21 whichever comes first. Sign up early so you don't get left out.

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PHYSICAL PLANT (continued)

The Chair also reported that approximately 20 residents or owners have requested assistance in completing the balcony survey. Most of the requests have already been satisfied by the four committee volunteers. The Chair thanked Ed Ing, Rich Mundle and Don Iddings for their gracious assistance.

Three bids have been received from local plumbing firms for replacing washing machine hoses. None are fully responsive to the set of conditions outlined. The Chair indicated that he will ask the Property Manager for a plan to gather the needed additional information and then propose a procedure by which unit owners can choose to have their washer hoses replaced at their own expense at a fixed price and on a schedule arranged for them by the Association.

A maintenance log book has now been implemented. Residents noting needed maintenance actions can now enter them into the log book located at the front desk. Monitoring of the log book will be conducted periodically by Committee members and the Chair.

Jerry Lagace indicated that progress on the capital replacement and maintenance reserves was progressing satisfactorily. During the subsequent discussion the Chair noted that during his remarks at the July Board meeting, the Association's Auditor indicated that the Association may wish to consider hiring a qualified outside consulting engineer to review the list of capital replacement items and suggest any needed changes to the list, the stated replacement value or the expected life. At least one Committee member expressed the viewpoint that such a procedure

might not be necessary or worth the cost.

A motion introduced by Brian Le Bert-Francis suggesting changes to reduce the noise, pollution and unsightliness of the West emergency generator was approved. The original motion included the East building generator as well. But East building residents at the meeting indicated the problem in the East building was not as severe and the money would be better spent concentrating on the more evident problems of the West generator. One resident observed the rusting of the muffler of the West emergency generator indicating that maintenance of this item may need to be improved.

Under new business, Ed Stolarun suggested the Association investigate the possibility of upgrading the door and doorway to each unit by changing to a design similar to that in Skyline Square. In addition to improving the appearance, Ed was told that such a change may increase the market value of the units. Several issues were raised. Among them were legal considerations, how to phase the construction in order to ease the financial burden, and fire safety and security implications. The Chair asked Carroll Thompson to work with Ed should the latter wish to pursue this idea and invited anyone else interested to join the two of them.

Additional new items, which will be further discussed at the September meeting, included means to improve the appearance and maintenance of the physical plant. Among the topics suggested were replacing cigarette butt only urns that also accept trash, better maintenance of the hill behind the East building and banning ALL smoking, eating,
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PHYSICAL PLANT (continued)

and drinking from public areas of Skyline House.

The final item was an agreement by the Committee at the request of the Chair to change the meeting night to the first Thursday after the first Wednesday of the month. Most months the Committee will meet one week earlier than heretofore, and may now have the time to prepare and present its recommendations to the Board at the latter's meeting during the same month.

The meeting concluded at 9:40 p.m., some 20 minutes before our normal adjournment time. I hope we do as well at the September meeting. And, again, each of you is invited to attend any of our meetings and let us know what you think.



RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Again the annual Luau was a great success. Residents and guests enjoyed the company of their neighbors, the decorations and certainly the variety of food available to tempt the appetite. The committee was happy to welcome several new residents. Also joining the festivities were some long standing residents who had not participated recently. Come again soon.

Next, ATLANTIC CITY, here we come. October 13 is the date Skyline House wins BIG at the casinos along the Boardwalk. Be sure to join us for this fun day trip. We had a great time last year so don't miss out on the winnings.



The ever popular Mexican Dinner will be November 2. More details in the October House Special. Watch for the announcements. Make reservations early because there will be a limited number of places at dinner.

Summer is just about over and along with it the heat and humidity. Fortunately for us we can control the temperatures in our apartments and move about the "House" in comfort. With cooler days on the way maybe we can see what the outside world is doing. Take care, and remember your Recreation Committee is always interested in new ideas and your participation.

The next meeting will be September 14, in the East Card Room. Why not join us.

CABLE TV

All unit owners are reminded that they should complete the SKYLINE HOUSE TV SURVEY FORM and return the form to the Management Office by September 9, 1988. In order to make your wishes known, you must complete the survey form.



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COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Ed Berman, Chairman



First a summer note: Are you having a problem getting your walking exercise because of the intense heat? Try the halls of Skyline House. Yes, the building we live in. The hallways are always cool and the carpeting is so much better than the concrete walks especially for those of us with foot problems. If you decide to use the hallways--here are the distances you will be walking. A typical floor in the East or West building is 320' long or 8 round trips to make one mile. The lobby floor or 'G' level through both buildings and the lobby area is 890' long or 3 round trips to equal one mile. If you like the penthouse area, the distance is 120' long or 22 round trips to make one mile. To receive maximum benefit from your walks, use the 'G' level and you will probably not be disturbed. Using the lobby level, except at a very early hour will make for many friendly encounters and many stops but this won't give you the benefits of non-stop walking. So, now you have no excuse not to walk. The measured distances were supplied by our always helpful Ed Barstow.

The CRC summer vacation of July and August is over and hopefully by the time you read this so will the intense heat. Our Committee trusts all of our residents had a "delightful" summer where possible and experienced no ill effects from the heat. Welcome back!

Our June meeting showed 7 regular members present, 4 visitors plus our Board representative. Hopefully, we can start the fall season with a great showing of new faces.

Inasmuch as the August move-in record was not available at this writing let me bring you up to date on the combined move-in figures for May, June and July. There were 28 move-ins and outs. Of the 28 changes we can add two new owners to our residency and obviously two less renters. You might be interested in the figure of 28 changes, 14 were of rerented apartments. On this same subject, I recommend those of you who missed the August edition of The House Special read page 17 (back page) re: Charles Smith putting 125 resale units in Skyline Square on the Market. You will find it most interesting.

Forty-three 'House' residents were treated to our excellent seminar on June 3, 1988 given by David Tremaine, MD of National Hospital for Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation. Subject, "Reconstructive Surgery." This was one of our better attended programs and it gives the program committee the incentive to go out and bring you new and hopefully worthwhile programs. Once again we ask our readers to give us their input as to what they would like to see and hear at our monthly programs. Just drop a note in my box and we'll work on it.

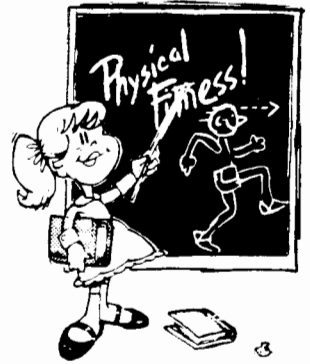
Miscellaneous items: Is work really going to commence on So. George Mason Drive--looks like it. If you get a chance walk over to our neighbor Skyline Towers across the street and go into the lobby. They've put up a very large, modern metal artistic display. It's a beauty. A new restaurant, Western Sizzlin Steak House is opening up next to the Giant Food and should be ready by the time you read this.

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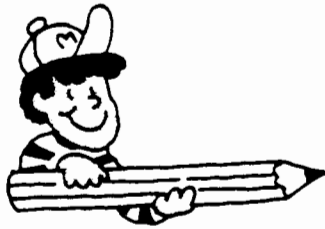
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11 GRANDPARENTS DAY 	12 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM ROSH HASHANAH	13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS EPR, 7:30 PM SECURITY COM. ECR, 7:30 PM FINANCIAL MGMT. WCR, 7:30 PM	14 RECREATION COM. ECR, 7:30 PM	15 COVENANTS COM. WCR, 7:30 PM	16 	17
18	19 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	20 	21 YOM KIPPUR	22 	23	24 ANNUAL PICNIC POOL AREA 5:30 PM
25 Keep Fit 	26 BRIDGE ECR, 7:30 PM	27	28 	29	30	 Stay Healthy

Committee Reports

COVENANTS COMMITTEE

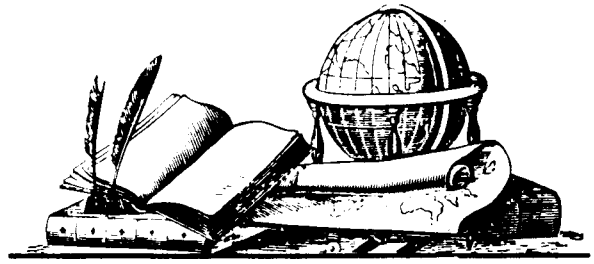
Howie McClennan, Chairman

The meeting was held on August 18 with 12 members present including two board members. Two members were excused for business meetings.

The Chair then read two letters from President Ingels regarding complaints from a unit owner. After a discussion it was decided that the complaint regarding the parking of a car and a light commercial vehicle with two small ladders on the roof of same was not a violation of the parking rules. There are several commercial trucks parked inside and outside of the garage, Rule 17 B1 does not apply. The second complaint was in regards to an "orange blind" in a window of the 16th floor of the east end of the West building. The rules were checked and since the curtain was inside of the window it was not within the jurisdiction of our committee.

The Chair then read another letter from President Ingels that had to do with the "matter of visitation residency rules." It was voted to postpone any discussion or vote on this matter until the September meeting. In the meantime, the Chair will have copies made for all of the committee members so that they can give it consideration for the next meeting. It was suggested that we get a legal opinion of proposed change of the rule.

Rules and regulations violations between June 18 to August 13: Seven cars towed away. There was a rash of five complaints on trash not being placed in trash chute or garbage on floor of trash rooms. Letters were sent by Management to all of the floors that were involved both in the East and West



building. A complaint about no one answering the secretarial on a certain day, (it was a busy day and only one clerk on duty at the time). Management spoke to the clerk. A report that someone got into a unit owner's car and ran the battery down. Management was unable to determine what had happened. Another unit owner complained about someone had been in their unit. No report of anything taken. Management investigated and could not find anything about it and found that there was no key left down at the desk.

As for new business, the Chair reported that he had attended last PPOC meeting and that 31 unit owners were in attendance. The Chair also extended to Mary and John Walsh, two of our regular members our deepest sympathy on the death of Mary's sister last week. She lived with Mary and John. The Chair also announced that while in Las Vegas last June had his picture taken with Jerry Lewis at the MDA Annual Meeting. Kay Kelly had requested it when she had heard I was going to be with Jerry. It is sitting on Kay's desk at the present time. The Chair also announced that the firefighters had been working with Jerry Lewis since 1958 and during that time had raised over 55 million dollars for Jerry's kids during the Labor Day Telethons.

With no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be September 15, 1988 in the West Card Room at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

I wonder how they go about hiring the necessary help considering the non-availability of help in the low end wage market. This is a real problem for our area. We need lots of help, you see the want ads all the time, but where are they going to live. One of our committee members, Nancy Harvey, has become involved with this problem through her being part of the Mason District Council. There will be more on this subject in the months ahead. Did you know that the Bailey's Crossroads Giant Food Store has the highest volume of any supermarket in the Washington, Baltimore area with \$53.2 million in annual sales. That's what a 'food world' release informs us.

Those of you who may have been away the entire summer may have missed the results of the June 14th Democratic primary. Bob Weinberg defeated MacKenzie Canter and will challenge Frank Wolf in Virginia's 10th Congressional District in the November general election. Start getting ready for the November elections, it should be a dilly once again. Welcome back and let's see new faces at our CRC meeting on September 6, East Card Room, 7:30 p.m. We need you.

VOTER REGISTRATION



Voter registration is currently being held at all Fairfax County Regional Libraries during regular hours of operation (Sun. 1-5, Mon.-Thur. 9-9, Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-5). The LAST DAY to register for the November election is Saturday, October 8, 1988.

If you are physically unable to register at one of these locations, or if you will be out of town on election day, call the office of General Registrar, at 591-8523 M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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RECREATION COMMITTEE COMING EVENTS

Sep 2	TGIF	East Party Rm.
Sep 24	Picnic	Pool Area
Oct 7	TGIF	West Party Rm.
Oct 13	Atlantic City	
Nov 2	Mexican Night	West Party Rm.
Nov 4	TGIF	East Party Rm.
Dec 10	Holiday TGI Sat.	West Party Rm.
Jan 13	Pot Luck	West Party Rm.



DUPLICATE BRIDGE WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

August 1
Jill & Jerry Schumaker 1st
Lina Moyer & Tony DiSalvo 2nd

August 8
Elcy Leshley & Rob Keller 1st
Nancy Pearson & Betty Wade 2nd

August 15
Nancy Pearson & Betty Wade 1st
Midge Easter & Jackie Kopecky 2nd

August 22
Jill & Jerry Schumaker 1st
Midge Easter & Jackie Kopecky 2nd

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From Management

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.

TRASH DISPOSAL

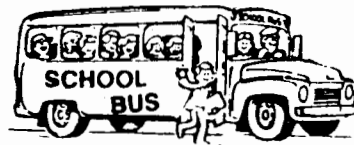
a) No garbage and trash, including newspapers, which should be bagged or tied, MUST be placed in the trash chute in the disposal room on each floor. NO GARBAGE or TRASH shall be placed on the floor of the disposal room.

b) Empty boxes or other items too large to go into the chute are to be taken by THE RESIDENT, using the service elevator, to the loading dock on the ground floor.

Please help keep our Disposal Rooms clean. Our porters clean the rooms on each floor every morning. Therefore, trash left after that will remain until the following day. Your cooperation is anticipated and appreciated.

Slow Down,

Mr. Driver!



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 building every first and third 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.

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.

Elizabeth Sperry has joined Skyline House Staff as Administrative Assistant. WELCOME LIZ!

Management office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 1988, for the holiday.

Skyline House Pool will officially close on Labor Day. However, pool will open Sat., Sept. 10 and Sun., Sept. 11 for the last weekend.

I'm Going Back To School!