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## SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rob Sherrer, Chairman



The committee met on the second Thur. in Apr. and 11 residents attended, the best turnout in some time. Matters discussed included incidents, performance of guards, control of access to the main lobby and into the buildings, the need of issuing residents new

parking stickers, alternative forms of identification for Neighborhood Watch participants while they are on patrol, and speed bumps. With respect to the latter, the committee voted to recommend to the Board that a speed bump be installed at the top of the entrance driveway and at two locations on the exit driveway, one near the freight door and the other in the middle of the curve at the top of the driveway.

The committee has signed on to the Mason district Police neighborhood watch information system, receiving a password and security level to gain access to the computerized bulletin board that tells what is happening crimewise in the area.

On April 18, representatives of the four Skyline residential communities met with Captain David R. Franklin, the new commander of the Mason district Station, and Lt. Earsey "Skip" Mahaffee, deputy commander.

Much of the meeting was spent with the Skyline attendees informing the officers of the security and safety situation here, past experiences, the layout of the buildings, and our special concerns. Communication is two-way, and at these meetings officers inform us about what is happening in the district. This personal relationships being built with the police at meetings such as this improve our understandings of each others' needs and operations. This leads to more effective police service to Skyline.

The following incidents were reported over the past month:

A car entering the garage was hit by a tailgating truck. This truck has been observed tailgating on other occasions.

Five large holes were knocked through the wall on the 3rd floor West, four across from the passenger elevator and one by the service elevator.

A lock was forced on a car in East garage; no entry. Lock had to be replaced.

Newspapers are still being taken in both buildings.

Profanity written on hallway wall, garage level, West Building.



**Skyline House  
Art Show!  
Sunday, May 6th  
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Skyline House Recreation Committee

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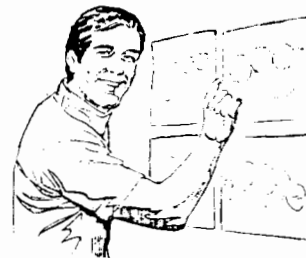
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PHYSICAL PLANT &  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
Ed Eng, Chairman



The April meeting of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC) was held on Thursday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. The minutes of the March meeting were approved after it was explained that the PPOC had decided to table the revision of the front desk manual for the time being, because of the coming changes in the management firm and the hiring of a full time general manager. A member asked about the status of computerizing the condominium office. It was explained that this has been put on hold until the new management is in place.

Next there was a report on actions taken by the Board at its March meeting in response to PPOC concerns. In addition to other actions the Board requested an immediate report from the PPOC on the advisability of requiring removal of all carpeting from balconies on the south side of the West Building, to permit the entire balcony to be inspected and repaired. The present contract with Palmer requires only that 18 inches of carpeting be lifted for inspection.

The committee had a lengthy discussion on balcony carpets and tiles, which took up almost all of the meeting. The discussion addressed the following eleven items:

1. Whether moisture retained by carpeting endangers the physical structure of the balcony.

2. Whether the problems caused by carpeting are minimal compared to the problems initially caused by poor construction.

3. Whether any problem caused by carpeting is reduced by applying sealant to the balcony surface.

4. Whether the balconies at Skyline House had been treated with sealant.

5. Whether the procedure for Phase 1, i.e., rolling back the carpet to expose 18 inches, should be continued in Phases 2, 3 and 4.

6. Whether a change in procedure for the remaining phases, i.e., complete removal of the carpet, mandated redoing the inspections and repairs of Phase 1.

7. Whether the benefit of complete inspection of the balcony, rather than just 18 inches, outweighed the cost and inconvenience to unit owners whose carpets might be destroyed during the removal.

8. How a unit owner or the repair company would remove a carpet still firmly glued to the concrete, so that the balcony surface would be effectively inspected, sealed and covered with a new carpet.

9. Whether the condominium or the individual unit owner should bear the expense of replacing a ripped or destroyed carpet.

10. Whether the Board's decision to pay for replacing balcony tiles established a precedent for replacing carpets.

11. What guidelines could appropriately be established for unit owners who wanted to cover their balconies after the repairs.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

- We have a problem. Too much glass, aluminium, paper and plastic get thrown away. My suggestion is to put a garbage can in every disposal room for glass, paper, plastic and aluminium. Please respond as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Tom Carroll  
602E



Editor's Note. This letter was received on April 22, Earth Day.

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### PHYSICAL PLANT (continued)

After the discussion the committee adopted the following recommendations to the Board, which it presented at the Board's meeting on April 17.

1. That the Board seek the opinions of Kidde (the consulting engineer), Doug White (the Smith Co. engineer), and the Palmer Construction Co. engineer on whether it is advisable to remove all carpeting from the balconies for inspection and, if necessary, repairs.

2. That any expenses of replacing balcony coverings beyond those for which Palmer is responsible, whether for carpets or tiles, be assumed by the affected unit owners.

3. That the Board request Kidde, White and Palmer to provide instruction on proper balcony care, including types of carpeting and types of installation.

During the discussions it was announced that Fairfax County had

ordered a halt to further repairs pending resolution of certain problems which have surfaced concerning the permits and repairs of Phase 1. NOTE: The Board expects the problems to be resolved quickly, and that delays of further work will only be about a week.

Due to the lateness of the hour, and to the amount of material covered, remaining agenda items were postponed until the May meeting.

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### 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 Beth Lehman-Marzullo, Director of Volunteer Services at 998-4973.

If you would like to talk to one of the Volunteers who lives in Skyline House, contact Nancy DiSalvo 824-1958.

**REMINDER**

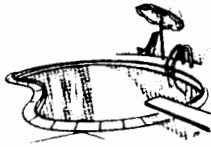
### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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.

FROM MANAGEMENT

SWIMMING POOL OPENS MAY 26

The swimming pool will be open every day during the pool season, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. except during inclement weather.



Swimming pool passes will be available at the front desk after May 14. 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 area.

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 corridor to and from the pool area. Please do not go thru the lobby.

8. ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING.

BALCONY ETIQUETTE

It's springtime again and many residents will be using their balconies. We remind you of:



RULE 15. BALCONIES-PATIOS & 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 Associatin Board of Directors. (The balcony or patio associated with a unit is considered beyond the confines of that unit.)

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## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Carroll Thompson, Chairman

On again...off again...spring and winter. The calendar says this is spring but tiresome old winter doesn't seem to want to give up. Regardless of the abnormal weather condition the Recreation Committee has planned several activities for May.

First is the monthly TGIF, May 4 East Party Room. This is the Annual Birthday celebration. In May 1981 the first elected Board of Directors assumed the leadership at Skyline House. Therefore this is the ninth year. However, a number of residents were here May 1980 and they consider this the tenth year. Either way you choose to count we are celebrating our anniversary. Plan to join us on this festive occasion.

The Art Show on Sunday, May 6, East Party Room from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. is the scene of our second activity. A number of paintings by several residents will be on display. All residents will have an opportunity to meet and talk with our resident artists. See flyer in Newsletter for additional details. If you have talent perhaps this show will inspire you to express yourself in a visual art form. For further information please contact Louise Alexander 204E or Carroll Thompson 1108W.



Our third activity, and certainly not the least, is the trip to ATLANTIC CITY on Thursday, May 24. The hotel will be selected shortly. We had been scheduled to go to the fabulous Taj Mahal but the Taj Mahal canceled our visit so another will



be selected. We will be traveling via one of the beautiful buses of Tri State Tours. Remember what a terrific bus it was last October. Well, Mimi Frank arranged again to have one of their best buses. From the time we leave Skyline House until we return its First Class all the way. Reserve your space immediately because tickets are going fast.

As predicted in the last House Special Italian Nite was as always a gourmet's delight. The DiSalvos offered a different menu this year for everyone's enjoyment. Many said this was the best dinner. Nancy and Tony have planned and prepared for this annual event. We thank them for their continuing efforts.

SKYLINE PARK!!! Do you know what it is? Where it is? Learn about Skyline Park. Soon you will need to know. Watch for hints of an event in the Park. You will not want to miss what we have planned so be on the lookout for something different.

Our next committee meeting is May 9, East Card Room. Please join us and help make Skyline House a very pleasant place in which to live.

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### RECREATION COMMITTEE COMING EVENTS

May 4	TGIF 6:30 p.m. East Party Room
May 6	Art Show, 2-5:00 p.m. East Party Room
May 9	Recreation Com. Meeting 7:30 p.m. East Card Room
May 24	Atlantic City, Taj Mahal
June 13	Recreation Com. Meeting 7:30 p.m. West Card Room



## BAILEY'S DAY FESTIVAL



PLACE: Mason District Park  
6621 Columbia Pike  
Annandale, Virginia  
DATE Sunday, May 20, 1990  
TIME 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
CONTACT: Marianne Gardner, 246-1268  
Bailey's Crossroads  
Revitalization Coordinator

This will be the second annual Bailey's Day, free festival celebrating the cultural diversity of Bailey's Crossroads.

The day will begin with The Raider Run which benefits the J.E.B. Stuart Booster Club. At 10:00 a.m., the fun starts at Mason District Park with tasty food samples prepared by Bailey's Crossroads best restaurants, an auction of locally donated items, craft sales and rides. Amusements will be complemented by displays of County Police Helicopter and a Fire and Rescue Department Hook and Ladder Truck. Demonstrations and exhibits by community groups will provide information about services.

This year, Bailey's Crossroads cultural diversity will be spotlighted through entertainment. Performances by:

Ganga - Folk Music of Bengal  
The Fairfax Jubilaires  
Slaveya - Slavice Women's A Cappella Singing Group  
OnceNoviembre - Central Amer. Music  
Danza del Rio - Dances of Spain

The involvement of local merchants, service clubs and elected leaders demonstrates the value of The Raider Run and Bailey's Days as community projects. Many of the local restaurants will be involved and will offer their specialties. The Bailey's Day auction will receive a helping hand from the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club with the

Honorable Thomas M. Davis III, Fairfax County Supervisor for Mason District as auctioneer.

All proceeds from Bailey's Day will benefit the Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Task Force, the steering committee for the Bailey's Crossroads Commercial Revitalization Program.

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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS



The Skyline Plaza Community Relations has invited our top three State and local government representatives to bring Skyline residents up to date on recent developments in Richmond and in Fairfax County. State Sen. Emilie Miller, Del. Leslie Byrne, and Fairfax County Supervisor Tom Davis will visit Skyline Plaza to discuss issues relating to transportation, taxes, area development and other current issues. This is your opportunity to meet your area representatives and to let them know your views.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 23 in the North Party Room SKYLINE PLAZA. Skyline House residents are welcome. Mark your calendars!

(Provided through the courtesy of George Ferguson, Skyline Plaza. Thanks George.)

## WANTED - CHAIRPERSON - COMMUNITY RELATION COMMITTEE



If you are interested please contact Ed Berman, a past chairman of the committee, 820-3459, or leave a message for him at the front desk, 1706E. A chairperson is needed NOW.

If Skyline House had its own committee chairperson, we would not have to rely on the good George Ferguson to keep us up to date.

## COVENANTS COMMITTEE



The meeting was held on February 15 with 18 members present.

During January there were a number of complaints and that 12 cars were towed. The complaints ranging from cars in the parking area without stickers, trash being dumped down a chute at 12:30 a.m., birdseed on a 7th floor balcony, ragged green carpet hanging from a balcony, visitors honking their horn on two occasions outside a unit, speeding in the garage.

A discussion took place on policy enforcement procedures and it was agreed that to ask the attorney's advice in updating the enforcement procedures to conform with the Condominium Law of the Commonwealth of Virginia.



A discussion took place concerning the need of a traffic light outside of the driveway. It was referred to the Security Committee. The Highway Department has indicated that a new traffic study will be made.

March meeting was held on March 22 with 20 members present.

During February there were a number of complaints and that seven cars were towed. The complaints ranging from speeding in the garage and no lights on car. A resident's car was hit from behind as truck following car into garage did not use Card Trol pass. Cooking odor and radio and television noise. Truck speeding. A complaint that a Corvette pulled along the side of a resident's car and entered the garage at the same time. A complaint that has occurred before was trash being thrown down the chute at 1:00 am. When investigated, it was determined trash was being thrown by persons cleaning up after party in party

room. Residents having parties are advised to put trash in bags provided, tie bags, and leave in kitchen for Skyline House employees to pick up and dispose of the following morning.



As usual most of the complaints had to do with driving of automobiles.

A discussion took place as to the commercial units in the East Building. It was recommended and approved that NO food store or dry cleaning establishment be allowed.

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### FROM MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### Balcony etiquette/rules (continued)

G) Balconies and patios shall NOT be used for storage.

H) Bicycles may NOT be stored on balconies or patios.

#### 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).



#### HOLIDAY

Management Office will be closed Monday, Memorial Day, May 28.

#### HAVE YOU DONE YOUR GOOD DEED

When you are walking around the grounds of SKYLINE HOUSE or through the halls or lobby, do you pick up anything that someone has carelessly discarded on the floor or grounds. Remember this is your home. HELP KEEP IT CLEAN.