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## President's Report by David Tilson

The highlight of the June 19 Board meeting was the presentation by the chief engineer of Media General Cable, Mr. Ray Lucas, concerning the wiring in Skyline House. Completion of the work has been delayed pending completion of an engineering study to determine the most cost-effective way to install the wiring between floors that was also approvable under the building and fire safety codes. Mr. Lucas distributed a report by the engineering consulting firm that did the study. It recommends drilling through the floor slabs in the trash rooms. X-ray equipment will be used to locate the reinforcement bars so that they can be avoided when the holes are drilled. The Board approved Media General's proceeding in this way after Mr. Lucas assured us that all necessary approvals and permits will be obtained from Fairfax County. He said the work will be completed in about a month and cable service can begin immediately thereafter.

A hearing will be held on July 12 in the Circuit Court for Fairfax County concerning our lawsuit against Hyatt and Rhoads. The parties will present oral arguments concerning the defendants' demurrer. As most of you know, this suit grew out of our original warranty suit against the developer which was thrown out of court because it was improperly filed. Hyatt and Rhoads was the law firm responsible for filing the suit improperly.

The Treasurer reported that we continue to operate in the black this year: through May 31, income has exceeded expenditures by \$31,000. It is too early to tell whether this favorable balance will hold through the rest of the fiscal year. The picture will be clearer by the end of September.

Mr. Fenton reported that letters had been sent to all unit owners advising them that starting July 1 all condo fee payments should be mailed to a new address in Merrifield, VA. Pre-addressed envelopes were mailed to all non-resident unit owners; resident unit owners can pick up the envelopes at the front desk. This new procedure is necessitated by the changes in management of our financial affairs that were previously discussed and approved by the Board. Namely, termination of our contract with Hiban and Graffius and start of new contracts with Collins, Forbes and Company and with ADP, Inc. effective July 1, 1991. The lockbox arrangement is with Horizon Bank, which is located in the same zip code as the main post office in Merrifield. The Board also approved other technical arrangements to facilitate financial management and check payments.

Mr. Fenton recommended that the Board approve a new automatic garage opening system using wireless garage openers. The units will be available at a cost of \$25 to all residents authorized to purchase a garage card. The Board approved the use of

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this new garage opening system.

The Fairfax County regulations on pool operations prohibits food or drink within 10 feet of the pool perimeter. Skyline House prohibits any food or drink anywhere in the pool area. Mr. Fenton recommended that this rule be modified to allow soft drinks in plastic containers or cans to be consumed in the pool area provided they are kept and consumed more than 10 feet from the pool perimeter. The Board referred this rule change to the Covenants Committee and requested prompt action in a special meeting.

Two other rule changes were proposed by Mr. Bisgyer, vice president of the Association. He recommended that the pool be reserved for adults (18 years of age and older) from 6-8pm every weekday evening. He also recommended that smoking be prohibited in the lobbies and galleries of both buildings. Both recommended rule changes were referred to the Covenants Committee.

One resident--a renter--requested exemption from the \$100 moving fee because he moved from one apartment to another just two doors away. The Board referred this question to the Covenants Committee for a recommendation.

I reported receiving three fairly lengthy letters from residents who objected to a mandatory annual safety inspection of plumbing. I have personally come to the conclusion that we probably should do the inspections on a voluntary basis because it was highly likely that very few unit owners will decline to take advantage of a free inspection service of this sort. Action on this issue was deferred until management has had an opportunity to work out the details of the inspection protocol and additional staff costs that may be incurred by the program. Management plans will be submitted

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to the PPOC for approval.

he telephone consultant still has not been selected. In obtaining costs for different services, PPOC urged that continuation of the secretarial service be included among the options to be examined. This was agreed. Mr. Fenton expects to have at least three telephone consultants submit proposals. He hopes he will be able to recommend selection of one of them by the next Board meeting.

The redecoration is proceeding on schedule. Painting and papering is essentially completed and the drapes were installed on June 24. Carpeting will be shipped from the factory on June 28 and will be installed soon after it arrives. Some of the furniture is here and the balance is expected shortly.

The balcony and spandrel repair project is proceeding satisfactorily. Enjoy the summer!

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

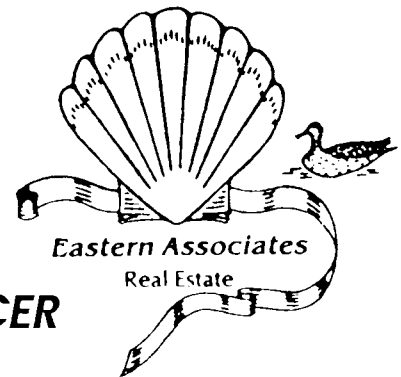
Sophie Anderson, Chair

The Community Relations Committee sponsored a "COFFEE ON THE ROOF" on Saturday, June 22nd at 9:30 a.m. It was well attended and a great success except for the sudden arrival of a passing rain squall accompanied by high wind which ran everyone inside. The socializing however continued. It was very enjoyable and we hope this sparked some interest in joining. Perhaps, as indicated by the satisfactory turnout for this affair, it might bode well for future meetings along these lines. Meet with us next time and give us your opinion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. Please join us and bring your ideas on items of interest.



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## PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Ed Ing, Chair

The PPOC at its regular meeting on June 6th, discussed the following items:

1. Board Action on PPOC Recommendation -- Telephone System. The Committee, in May, had recommended that the Board retain existing telephone services with the replacement system. Alternatively, the PPOC recommended that the Board canvas residents' opinion on desirable phone services with a survey which the Committee had drafted. However, the Board rejected the PPOC's recommendations. The Board President, Dave Tilson, said that the PPOC report was the worst report ever given and that he was very disappointed. The President and another Board member also said that the PPOC survey was biased. The Board then approved a motion to authorize Don Fenton to obtain the services of a telephone system consultant to determine the Condominium's needs. The consultant would then advise the Condominium on the most effective, economical equipment.

The Committee reviewed Dave Tilson's report on this issue which had been printed in *the House Special*. A discussion followed on the President's following statement:

In essence, this (the PPOC's recommendation to the Board) memorandum reaffirmed a previously-stated PPOC position that all the services provided by the present system, including intercom and secretarial services, be retained by a replacement system. ....In the discussion that followed, it was clear that the Board was not prepared to act on the PPOC's recommendations for several reasons, including the inadequate exploration of alternatives (including services offered by the telephone company to individual subscribers), the fact that a thorough analysis of the realistic options and their costs had never been prepared, and because a useful opinion survey cannot be undertaken until such an analysis is made available to unit owners. Moreover, the questionnaire that had been prepared was seriously biased.

In the ensuing discussion, the Committee noted that the President's report might convey the impression that the PPOC was derelict in not preparing the appropriate analysis of different phone systems. Back in October of 1990 the PPOC had asked the Board to direct the General Manager to prepare such an analysis with options and costs. The PPOC's report to the Board last October read:

The PPOC ... decided to defer action on the management proposal (to purchase only a basic replacement telephone system). It was moved, seconded, and passed, that the Committee request management (through the Board) that (1) current condominium requirements for a telephone system be outlined, (2) the ability of the different systems to meet these specific needs be sketched out, and (3) the costs and durability of the different systems be compared. Such an analysis will provide the Committee a basis for reviewing the management recommendation. An outline of present requirements should include:

1. Basic, multi-line, roll-over phone service of the Condominium management office including the front desk.
2. Telephone wing that provides in-house communication link between the front desk and key areas such as building entrances, elevator cabs, party rooms, billiard rooms, sun decks, swimming pool area, and East and West Buildings' lobbies.
3. Communication link (preferably in-house) for the front desk with individual units to announce visitors and other purposes.
4. Communication link for individual units with the front desk to allow front desk secretarial answering service for unit owners and to allow unit owners to call the front desk for packages or for information.

Several PPOC members also sat in on the General Manager's meeting with various telephone equipment vendors. But the General Manager has not prepared the requested report. The PPOC also noted that before it formulated its May recommendation to the Board, the Committee had never taken any position on the services to be included in the replacement system. It was proposed that this matter be set straight in *the House Special*.

The President's scope of work outline for the telephone consultant was also reviewed by the PPOC. A discussion followed on the following statement in the scope of work:

We are not interested in providing the type of secretarial service that requires a desk clerk to answer the

phone for absent residents and leave written messages for them in their boxes at the front desk. But we would like information on the types of voice mail service that could be provided and the costs. We wish to evaluate installation of voice mail equipment in-house, or use of an external voice mail service as an option for those unit owners who want to subscribe at their own expense, or as a service to all residents with the cost included in the condo fee.

The Committee discussion raised the question who "we" referred to? Whether this reflected a decision by the Board to replace the present secretarial service with a voice mail system or whether the Board still wanted to consider all options. The PPOC adopted a motion to recommend that the Board modify its scope of work to include a cost estimate of duplicating the existing telephone system so as to make a fair comparison of all options.

2. Media General Cable TV Installation. Contrary to Media General's initial presentation, the Company representative now states that the main service cables cannot be installed without drilling holes through each floor in the East and West Buildings' trash rooms. The PPOC is concerned that drilling would sever reinforcement rods embedded in the concrete and weaken the floor's structural support. The PPOC is also concerned that Media General has not submitted any written details of its work for review before the work began.

3. Revision of Front Desk Manual. The General Manager provided three copies of the revised manual but cautioned that significant changes will be provided by the end of the week when a newly typed edition would be completed with significant changes.

4. Repair of Garage Decks, Sun Decks, and Planters. The General Manager reported that only cosmetic repairs are needed for the tree and shrub planters atop the garage. In July and August the garage expansion joint will be removed, the sides metal brushed, and the joint re-caulked. In the Fall, the trees and shrubs will be removed, the planters cleaned, and the membrane replaced. At that time, the expansion joint between the garage and the Management Office will also be repaired.

5. Painting of Balcony Railings and Doors. Two metal doors will soon be test painted to determine the correct color and the paint's durability.

6. Tree Replacement Program. The State arborist has not responded to the Condominium's request for assistance.

Therefore, the General Manager will employ a private arborist to work on a landscaping plan. The PPOC, at its next meeting, will review the condition of existing trees, shrubs, and plants to draw up a replacement plan for the Board.

7. Condominium Electricity Use. The General Manager reported that the Condominium's electrical use in May was the lowest in five years. The staff has nearly finished re-working the Condominium's six air handlers to integrate heating and cooling more efficiently. All air compressors will be re-piped. The PPOC's Electrical Use Subcommittee commended the General Manager on his supervision of this work.

8. Proposed Checklist to Safeguard Units during Resident's Absence. The Committee completed its work on a list of suggested safeguards for residents to follow when they leave their units unoccupied for extended periods. The suggestions will be submitted for printing in *the House Special*.

9. Status of Phase III Balcony-Spandrel Repairs. Although initial work has been slow, the contractor still plans to meet the target October completion date. The contractor uses a different method of coring out the balcony railing holes which causes less noise and dust than before. The General Manager will soon re-inspect balconies which were repaired during Phase I -- the West Building north side; these balconies will be resealed.

10. Roof Leak. The General Manager will soon investigate the cause of water leaks in the roof top membrane of the West Building.

11. West Building Ground Floor Trash Room Door. Damage to the door frame will require replacement of the entire frame. A company has been contracted to do the work.

12. Condominium Window Washing. The General Manager has postponed the annual Spring window washing for individual units until completion of the balcony-spandrel repairs in the Fall.



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Grace Krumwiede, Chair

For several months this Committee has been operating without a permanent chairperson, nevertheless, we have had volunteers to chair the Committee every month and considerable continuity exists because of close communication among its members. For July our chairperson will be Bill Miller and in August, Gladys Frank.

Several visitors attended the May and June meetings and we hope they will return for future meetings. After having attended three meetings, visitors become voting members of the committee and these meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Check the calendar for the location.

At the June meeting our General Manager, Don Fenton, informed us of the progress we were making in the changeover from Hiban and Grafius as Management Agent to full in-house management. You should have received the new envelopes for mailing your condo fees to the Horizon Bank for the July 1 payment.

Procedures for the signing of checks by the General Manager, the Treasur-

er, and other Board Officers were developed and recommended to the Board of Directors, which approved them at its meeting on June 19th.

At the July meeting the FMC plans to begin the budget review process with letters going out to the other Committees for their estimates. Budget review is one of the major functions of this Committee, and the Committee would especially welcome anyone with expertise in the budget area.

Review of proposals for contracts is another major task. Our General Manager plans to give the Committee a list of contracts, at the next meeting, with expiration dates so that the Committee can begin work on their review. The Committee, when time permits, hopes to have them listed on the posted agenda so that residents who have information or questions about them can come to the Committee meeting to discuss them.

If you are interested in learning about the financial management of the condominium, and democratically expressing your views about how condo fees are spent, come to our meeting. And if you want to see how our money is spent as well as make recommendations to the Board on financial matters through the Treasurer, become a member.



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Obviously, you should follow the manufacturer's recommendations for service at the very least, but what I am proposing is a plan to make your car - the one for which you spent all that time shopping and now depend on for daily transportation - last longer and deliver many more trouble free miles for just a small investment of time and money.

Oil Change - Cut the service manual's 7,500-mile recommendation just about in half and *change both the oil and oil filter every 3000 miles or so*. Use a quality motor oil; don't try to save a few pennies buying an off-brand unless you know who really refined it. Sometimes you can get a bargain on a small, private brand, especially if you know it came from a top refinery, but if you're uncertain, stick with a quality name brand.

Transmission - With a manual gear-box, try a *complete change at 2,000 miles*. This removes all the shavings from the assembly process and the metal fragments dislodged from the first 2,000 miles of break-in. Remember, there's no filter on a manual gearbox. *After the initial change, drain and refill the manual gearbox every 12,000 miles or once a year*. Lubricant is cheap; transmission overhaul is not.

For cars equipped with *automatic transmission, do the first drain and refill at 2,500 to 3,000 miles and*

*then every 12,000 miles or so*. If you use the vehicle to pull a trailer, change the fluid and the filter more often. If you read your owner's manual, it also suggests this more frequent change. The major cause of damage to an automatic transmission is too much heat. If you plan to keep your car for four or more years, consider installing an after-market transmission oil cooler; it will more than pay for itself.

Filters - It is important for a fuel-injected engine to use only clean gasoline. Change the fuel filter more often than specified; it's inexpensive and easy. Also *change the air-filter more often, especially if you drive in dusty conditions, another inexpensive and easy fix*.

Differential of Transaxle - With a conventional rear drive, *change the gear oil at 2,000 miles and then again every 12,000 miles or once a year*. A manual transaxle benefits from the same maintenance schedule. For an automatic transaxle, follow the same routine as outlined for the automatic transmission.

Brakes - Good brake pads wear out; that's what stops the car. Don't be disappointed if the pads only last 20,000 miles or so especially if the car stops well and they don't squeak or squeal. Brake pads that seem to last forever are probably just wearing out the rotors.

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○ Effective July 1, 1991 several changes will go into effect. For example, your condominium payments will be made directly to Skyline House's own lockbox located in Merrifield VA. The Association will provide six (6) pre-addressed envelopes for the new lockbox, our bank account at Merrifield, VA. If you are a non-resident owner they have been mailed to your address in our data base. Resident unit owners may obtain their envelopes at the front desk twenty-four hours per day simply by signing for them. By the way it is the intention of the Association to continue to provide these envelopes. After July 1 your management office will be the place to make inquiries about your account.

○ All unit owners should have received the notification letter with or without envelopes by now. If you have not please call the office and advise. If your name or address is even only slightly wrong - whatever - please advise us when possible.

○ Coupon books: Everyone should have coupon books, again if you don't, please advise. Within the week we will have the capability to provide temporary coupon books. Owners that use billpayer accounts should call their billpayer with the change of address. It is not necessary for billpayer accounts to use coupons but in return they must provide other pertinent account information on the check. In any event it is a good idea for us to place the following information on our checks: Unit Number & Building; The five digit number following the "1035" sequence found on your coupon - your account number.

○ Remember the only thing that has changed in paying your

monthly fees is the destination of your payment.

○ Condominium Resale packages, a requirement of VA Condo Law, may now be applied for at the management office. They will be provided within 10 working days of written request and payment. In addition the Association maintains sample unit and parking space leases, as well a sample acceptable sales document for the sale of parking spaces. Please remember that the Association through its Board must approve all sales of parking spaces. An necessary approval, that is often overlooked, is that of the unit mortgage holder, even though they may not have an interest, releasing any current or future interest in the parking space. The By-Laws are specific in that each unit in Skyline House must be assigned at least one parking space in the garage.

○ Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M., July 16, in the West Card Room, the Covenants committee is planning to hold it's regular monthly meeting. This is shaping up to be the MAJOR meeting of the year. They will be discussing several important potential changes in the Rules & Regulations. Two of these changes involve the operation of the swimming pool: to wit: the restriction of use of the main pool by individuals under the age of eighteen after the hour of 6 PM, Monday through Friday; the designation of a food and or drink area within the existing pool area; and third, a proposal to extend ban on smoking to additional common areas, particularly those of the main lobby and galleries. If you would like to be heard, plan to attend. Can't attend? Write a letter to Ms. Fran Blumberg, 305 E, expressing your opinion.

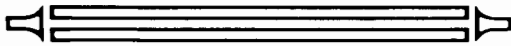
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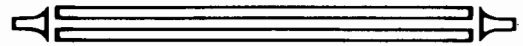
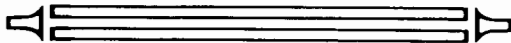


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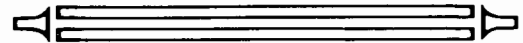
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1. Electrical Safety.

- a. Put the circuit breakers on "off" for the washer, dryer, water heater, range, and dishwasher. Be sure to leave the refrigerator and heat pump circuit breakers "on". Each circuit breaker is labeled in the kitchen circuit control box.
- b. Unplug lamps, small appliances, and electronic equipment (televisions, stereos, VCRs).
- c. Leave the refrigerator running and at the normal temperature setting. As a precaution, food in the freezer compartment might be put in containers to catch spills in case of an extended power failure. If the unit will be vacant for longer than two months, remove all food from the refrigerator, clean the refrigerator, and turn the refrigerator off.
- d. When leaving a unit unoccupied during cold weather months, set the heat pump control for automatic heat and lower the thermostat to 55 degrees. This will keep the unit warm enough to prevent water pipes from freezing and bursting.
- e. When leaving a unit unoccupied longer than a day during hot weather months, turn off the air conditioner. The drain in the air conditioner's condensation pan can become clogged and cause flooding in the unit.

2. Plumbing Safety.

- a. Turn off the washing machine's hot and cold water faucets.
- b. Flush toilets. To prevent mold, add a tablespoon of disinfectant to the toilet bowl and tank. Close the toilet bowl lid.
- c. Run water in sinks, tubs, and showers for a few seconds to fill drain traps with water. This prevents back-up of sewer gas.

- d. Keep all drain stoppers open. Do not leave any drain plugged shut. This avoids potential water overflows from leaky faucets.

3. General Safety.

- a. Be sure that the Management Office has keys to enter your unit in an emergency. If management does not have keys to enter a unit, it is authorized to break open the door to gain entry in an emergency, for example, to cut off a burst water pipe or a flooded drain pipe.

If you are leaving for an extended period, you may wish to inform the Management Office where you can be reached.

- b. Throw out all garbage and put unrefrigerated food (such as cereals, sugar, flour) and detergent in insect-proof containers.
- c. Stop newspaper deliveries and mail deliveries.
- d. Instruct the U.S. Postal Service to either hold your mail or forward it to your temporary address.
- e. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up phone books, brochures, and other material that might be left in front of your door.
- f. Close blinds or drapes. This keeps the unit cool in hot weather and warm in cold weather.
- g. Close the doors to all rooms. This will help contain a fire and also help deter burglars.
- h. Close and lock windows and exterior doors. Unit owners should consider installing pick-proof dead bolt locks on their entry and balcony doors. A brace (like a broom handle) can be placed in the window track to prop shut the windows; alternatively, install a heavier window lock.

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Consider the following: The water supply to the building or to your tier is shut off to repair a major pipe. You turn on a faucet for a glass of water and guess what, no water. You leave your unit but forget to turn the faucet off. Water service is restored while you are gone. Hours later when you return you discover the faucet you left on has caused the sink to overflow resulting in substantial water damage not only to your unit but to the units below as well.

What do you do? Does the Association Insurance cover you? Does your personal insurance cover you? Do you even have personal insurance?

As required by recorded documents the Association does carry a Master Insurance Policy which provides coverage for the common elements. The Master Policy also extends within individual units to provide coverage for fixtures, appliances, cabinetry,

wallcoverings and floorcoverings for The kind and quality to that conveyed by the developer to the original owner. Any unit improvements, betterments, additions or alterations made subsequent to conveyance from the developer are not covered by the Master policy.

Unit owners can purchase a personal insurance policy to provide protection for damage to your unit improvements, betterments, additions, alterations and personal property including furniture, clothing, etc. Your personal policy can also protect you against any Liability you may have for damage to your neighbor's unit or contents resulting from, for example, your neglect in leaving a faucet on during an interruption in water service or your failure to adhere to the reasonably prudent person standards for replacement of your washing machine hose.

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The Master policy property coverage is subject to a \$1,000. per occurrence deductible. Your personal policy may have a deductible as low as \$100. When concurrent coverage exists some insurance companies will afford coverage for damages more than a personal policy deductible up to the level the Master policy will respond, \$1,000. You should contact your insurance agent or company to determine if your personal policy provides this coverage.

The Master policy includes no subrogation clause with regard to unit owners and members of their families. This means the Master policy Insurer will not pursue recovery of a claim payment from a unit owner or a member of their family regardless of fault or Liability.

Renters are not protected by the Master policy no subrogation clause. The Master policy Insurer can and certainly will pursue recovery of a

claim payment from a renter when Liability for damages is indicated. For example, while the Master policy Insurer would not have the right to pursue recovery of a claim payment for damages resulting from a unit owner or a member of their family that left a faucet on during an interruption in water service, recovery from a renter would be pursued. Accordingly, to protect their financial integrity it is imperative that renters purchase personal property Liability coverage.

In conclusion, the Master insurance policy does not satisfy all the insurance needs of unit owners or renters. At a minimum, resident and non-resident unit owners should purchase coverage for unit improvements, betterments, additions, alterations, contents and personal Liability coverage. These specialized policies can be obtained by contacting most any property and casualty insurance agent or company.

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## SECURITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Rob Sherrer, Chair

The Committee welcomed three residents to its June 13th meeting who were attending for the first time. All present participated in interesting, informative discussions on a variety of topics. All this and the meeting adjourned within an hour -- which was greatly appreciated by those present.

The pros and cons of optional, remote-control, garage entry devices were discussed. The Committee felt that it was essential that the range of operation of the device be limited so that the door could not be opened from any significant distance, but rather only in the immediate vicinity of the door. Management agreed with this concern and said the sensitivity of the opener would be adjusted to operate in this fashion.

The vestibule in the Main Lobby will soon be partitioned to control entry. Residents with keys will admit themselves on the right side. Others must enter the left part of the vestibule and request entry through the speaker. The specific operational procedures of this system will be refined through experience. This procedure was recommended by a building security safety expert.

Management has implemented swimming pool security and safety procedures. In addition to the extensive set of established lifeguard responsibilities, lifeguards have been instructed to call management immediately should any security-related problem arise and assistance be necessary. In addition, management conducts periodic checks of the pool area, employing a reporting form to record the situation.

In May, the Fire Department came to familiarize itself with the buildings in case of emergency. The

guard escorted them on a tour.

### Incidents:

- o A car was reported, by a guard, to have been broken into (May 14); a window was broken. However, there is some question about where or when the window was broken since it was not indicated on the report that there was broken glass at the scene.

- o A guest's car was stolen from the lot across the street (May 28).

- o An ambulance, apparently lost, (not called to Skyline House) turned around in the rear of the West Building; it hit a tree and broke a limb. The reporting resident could not get its number, so nothing could be done to "trace" it.

As is customary, the Committee is recessing for July and August. This column will also be on vacation for those months. The next column will report on the September meeting and events of interest that happened over the summer.

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## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Toni DiSalvo &  
Dave Harvey Co-Chairs

The Committee met on Wednesday, June 12. The first order of business was the selection of a Chairman due to the resignation of Carroll Thompson after many, many years in the position. Thank you Carroll for all you have done. Toni DiSalvo and Dave Harvey will now serve as Co-Chairs of this Committee.

The Atlantic City trip was a great success with a full bus load and lots of money. Some of us actually returned with more than which we left, at least that is the story being told. Others were more truthful and admitted losing. Our thanks go out to *Mimi Frank* for coordinating the arrangements. For your information and long range planning, such trips will continue in the future.

The Western Barbecue on June 22nd, originally planned to be held in Skyline Park (adjacent to the swimming pool) had to be relocated in the West Party Room because of rain. We express our appreciation to the General Manger and his competent staff for moving all the tables, chairs, etc. to the Party Room, a tremendous job. Bill Cleary, *The Wild Buckaroo*, regaled us with cowboy stories and song. The thanks of the celebrants were tendered to all who assisted in the preparation of the feast, however, *Mimi Frank* who spent the evening greeting everyone and seeing that they got to the right table missed out so we here offer our thanks to Mimi. Seventy-six attended and enjoyed themselves.

As in the past TGIF will continue on the first Friday with an occasional transfer to Saturday for special events, such as, the Annual Birthday Party, Holiday Party and the Luau in August (a TGIF with a Luau theme, dress, hors d'oeuvres, etc.). A

flea market is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th. No reservation will be required for those who offer their treasures up for sale. Further details will be found in the August *House Special*. We still hope to have a pot luck dinner one of these nights but as yet, no specific date. And finally, Maria Boykin and Elsa Paez will host Mexican Night in November, assisted by members of the Committee.

The next TGIF is scheduled for 6:30 P.M., Friday, July 5 in the East Party room. All residents are invited to our July TGIF, just bring your own liquid refreshment, setups and a plate of hors d'oeuvres to share. No reservations required.

For those newly arrived residents who have not yet joined us at TGIF we invite you to come. There is no need to bring hors d'oeuvres for first time attendees but please let us know in advance by leaving a message at the front desk for Toni DiSalvo, 502E, or call Toni at 824-1958 or Dave Harvey, 578-4621.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 10th on the East Card Room. **Come join us.**

See the calendar for upcoming events.



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