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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Tilson, President

o At the November 18 Board meeting the following matters were discussed that are of special significance to all unit owners:

TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

o A Town Meeting for all unit owners will be held in the West Party Room at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 13. The main agenda item will be a discussion on the important report on our replacement reserves that was recently completed by an engineering consulting firm we retained for this purpose. The nature and significance of the report is discussed below. A representative of the C. J. Moore Co., the firm that prepared the report, will be present to answer questions.

o The ad hoc decorating committee, chaired by Roy Cahoon, expects to be ready by December 13 to present its recommendations for redecorating the residential corridors. The committee

will have a board displaying carpet samples, wall colors, etc., and will be present to explain and discuss its procedures and recommendations.

o As is customary at Town Meetings, after the discussions of the scheduled items are completed, unit owners may bring up other items for discussion.

1994 BUDGET

o The 1994 budget for the condominium was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. The expenses total \$1,859,414. The rise in the condominium fee over last year is 8.8%. Since the 1993 condo fee was the same as the 1992 fee, the average increase over the two year period was a bit over 4% per year. This increase in condo fees includes the cost of the cable TV service now being installed by Washington Cable. All unit owners will be receiving a letter from the Treasurer shortly advising them of the new condominium fee schedule.

REPLACEMENT RESERVES: GOOD NEWS

o A study of our replacement reserves was conducted for us in October by an engineering firm, C. J.



Happy Holidays



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Moore Co., that specializes in reserve studies for condominiums. The study was very thorough and the findings and recommendations are both unusually significant and very good news for unit owners. The study involved a thorough and detailed inspection of our entire physical plant and equipment to determine remaining life and costs and scheduling of major maintenance and replacements. They found that our buildings and equipment are in good condition, though there are specific problems they identified that require our attention. (Almost all of the problems had already been identified by Management and plans for addressing them formulated.)

We currently have about \$900,000 in reserves for plant and equipment replacement and major maintenance, and this has been accrued (and used) by the "component" method. That is, the reserve accounts are set up by specific items, with the useful life of the item estimated and an amount for that item included in each year's budget such that there will be a sufficient amount available in that specific account when the item has to be replaced. Theoretically, if done properly, we would never have to draw down the reserves accumulated for other items to pay for the replacement of a specific item, because we would have accumulated enough in each item's account to cover replacement costs.

Using this approach to reserves, our consultants calculated that we now should have well over \$2 million in our reserves and that we should be adding to reserves at the rate of \$559,000 per year. Our 1994 budget will add \$294,000 to reserve, about \$265,000 less than the amount we should have added if we were to adhere to the "component" method of calculating reserve requirements. (\$265,000 more would have added an average of \$40 per month to the condo fees.)

Fortunately, however, our consultants noted that there is an entirely different way to calculate reserve requirements: the "cash flow" method. This calculation projects estimated expenditures from reserves year-by-year for the next 40 years,

and calculates the amount should be added to reserves each year so that there is never less than twice the amount in the reserve funds than the amount that is expected to be expended in the years with major projected expenditures. Under this method of calculation, we now should have about \$500,000 in our reserves, and should be adding to our reserves at the rate of \$254,000 per year. Thus our current reserves of \$900,000 are about \$400,000 more than the minimum amount our consultants calculate we should now have under the "cash flow" method of reserve accumulation.

Management has studied the report carefully and considers it to be sound, though there are a few specifics with which it does not agree. These, however, do not affect the overall conclusions and recommendations. The Board has asked the PPOC to review the study and report its findings to the Board before the January 1994 meeting. It also is referring the report to our auditors and our attorney for their comments on whether they see any problems in our shifting from the "component" to the "cash flow" method of managing our replacement reserves.

Unit owners may obtain a copy of the draft report in the management office.

o The December 13 Town Meeting will provide an opportunity for unit owners to discuss the meaning and significance of this important report.

o And now, we want to take advantage of this opportunity to wish all owners and residents, on behalf of the Board and Staff of Skyline House, a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, the best of everything for the New Year, and, oh yes, Happy Boxing Day.



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Barbara Michelman

Representative to the Mason District Council

o At the meeting of the Mason District Council of Civic Associations on November 17th, it was announced that the recently filed application for two fast food restaurants (Taco Bell and Hat 'n Now, divisions of Pepsi Co.) at the corner of Leesburg Pike and Glen Carlyn Road had been postponed indefinitely.

o There is a proposal to amend the Zoning Ordinance concerning Accessory Dwelling Units. The original purpose was to allow elderly homeowners of single dwellings to maintain their homes by renting a portion of their dwellings for additional income to them and to provide additional low cost housing in this area. This proposed change, known as the "Granny Law", required approval by the Zoning Administrator. The new proposal has been changed to require no approval and would remove any vestige of county control over this means of increasing density. It would permit additional dwelling units on lots now used for non-residential purposes.

o Not only did the Mason District Council Association (Skyline House included) reject the

proposed zoning change by a unanimous vote, but we recommended that future amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that would make a fundamental change in the characters of neighborhoods be submitted to a public referendum. We support and strongly recommend that the County enforce the Zoning Ordinance as it now stands.

LOCAL LAND USE - Crossroads Center Approved:

o Recently the Board of Supervisors approved a rezoning to allow for a 25 acre, 300,000 square foot retail center in the Baileys Central Business Center at the intersection of Columbia and Leesburg Pikes. Six tenants were announced last week. They are: Filene's Basement Store, Marshall's Department Store, Staple's Office Supply, Service Merchandise Store, Borders Books and Music Store and a large Safeway Grocery Store.

MASON DISTRICT TOWN MEETING
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MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- Don Fenton, General Manager

o This month management has several items we think will be of interest to all residents be you owners or renters. In no particular order these areas are Skyline House Cablevision, Decorations, Common Area Re-keying, Fire Safety Tips, Filing System and Seasonal Safety/Anti-crime Tips.

o Contrary to rumors, dissident East building residents have not cut the Skyline House Cablevision Cable to the West building. But the question has been raised when is it coming to the West building? Answer - vague -. Washington Cable has advised me they hope to have it resolved this week. They are encountering problems in the length of cable from the East building and have installed boosters are working diligently to correct this problem. While the West building has its independent source of signals from Channels 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 all the other channels are either coming from antennas or the microwave dish mounted on the East building. In addition, the attempt to transmit these other channels are at times interfering with these lower channels. We will continue to post significant changes and PROMISE to pass on an expected completion date as soon as we get it.

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o Washington Cable has advised us that the Skyline House Bulletin Board which was to share time with the Prevue Guide on Ch. 10 will now have its own full time channel, Ch. 12. Previously we had been advised that Ch. 42 (CNBC) would be relocated to a lower channel and that still is expected to be necessary. Originally we intended to ask Law Henderson to publish a new channel listing in this issue but due to the probable near future changes I'd like to hold off for a week or so. When it's working we will issue a complete package including self survey sheets as well as THE Channel Assignments. Any changes will be reflected in our lobby postings and front desk handouts. Thanks for your patience.

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o Skyline House maintenance staff will assist

any resident in connecting their TV(s) to the House System.

RULE 16 DECORATIONS

A. Seasonal decorations are permitted on unit doors and balconies during the period December 1st - January 15th.

B. For other special occasions, decorations of any kind, including lighting, are not permitted except by application to and permission from Management.

SEASONAL THEFTS & OTHER THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT.

As I have said in the past THIEVES go XMAS shopping too, they just do it differently than we do. Here are some tips to keep your season merry.

1. When you must keep packages in your vehicle, hide them. Put them in the trunk, or if you don't have a trunk, place them on the floor and cover them up. I once saw an experiment where a sack of garbage was wrapped as a Xmas package and left on the seat of a vehicle with the window open. Within 10 minutes it was stolen.

2. Park your vehicle as close as possible to the store you are patronizing, park in a well lighted area and be aware of who is around when you leave or approach your vehicle. DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE CAUTIOUS.

2a. Shop with a friend.

3. Keep a good grip on your purse or keep your wallet inside your coat. A waist belt is a good way to carry cash. Whenever you use your credit card, remember to check that it is your card that the clerk has returned to you, and always keep the carbon. If you dispose of it, tear it into little pieces.

4. DON'T OPEN SKYLINE HOUSE DOORS FOR ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW. A favorite trick is to come up to a door with a

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couple of bags and fumble around hoping a KIND, POLITE SOUL will open the door for them and it usually happens

5. Don't open your unit's door unless you are expecting someone. Visitors should be announced from the front desk. Employees should call first, unless it is an emergency. Check identification, call the front desk or office if you have any doubt.

6. Report any unusual occurrences or suspicious persons to the front desk. **DO NOT CONFRONT ANYONE.** Prompt reporting of intruders will result in a much greater chance of us nabbing them. **CONFRONTING** them may be **HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH.** Your awareness is one of the most potent weapons in making our life just that much safer. Please keep it up.

o Skyline House is in need of a volunteer or volunteers with experience in overhauling our **filing system.** Anyone with such credentials is asked to contact me, Don Fenton.

o RE-KEYING

Management expects to have all the keys and locks in hand and **pre-tested** during December to change all of the common area entrance locks. Because of the busy holiday season we don't expect to start issuing the replacement keys until the first week of January and actually change the locks from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 1994.

Anytime during this period a unit owner or his representative, with written authorization, may obtain, at no cost, replacement keys in the management office by presenting their current keys. The new key numbers will be recorded in the unit records and the new keys issued. Under this plan, keys to the common areas will be issued up to the maximum number of residents allowed in the unit. Two additional keys, however, may be obtained, at a nominal charge, if these keys are presented **at the same time** of the unit key issuance. For example, a unit with a maximum occupancy of 4 would have to produce 6 keys

under this policy.

Any additional keys may obtained upon application and approval of the Board of Directors. The current policy of replacing broken keys applies with the proviso that you surrender the broken key showing the registered number.

o FIRE TIPS

Each month from now on management plans to offer FIRE Safety tips applicable to Skyline House and to answer questions that may come up from time to time. A brochure is now in preparation containing these and many more tips. First, a brief explanation of the Skyline House Fire Alarm System. Fire alarm devices are strategically located in 2 defined areas in Skyline House. A master system board monitoring all of these devices and locations is located in an area adjacent to the front desk known as the Fire Control Room. The fire communication system is based in this room. This is the reason why the driveway to the Main Entrance is officially designated as a fire lane with **NO PARKING or STANDING ALLOWED.** At least one fire truck must respond to this location to assist in locating the site of the alarm. This is also where one of the management or engineering staff responds for the same reason and to assure cross communication between Fire & Skyline House personnel.

For alarm purposes Skyline House is divided into 2 basic areas, the West building and the East building. An early decision included both halves of the garage and the lobby in the West building system. This feature causes the fire alarm to sound in the West building even though it may be in the garage. A tour of the system board indicates devices such a sprinkler alarm activation, smoke detectors (**IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SMOKE DETECTOR IN YOUR UNIT**), heat sensors and manual pull stations. Looking further it identifies the device by indicating the floor on which it is located.

When any device is activated, a red fire indicator is lighted and a loud buzzer sounds at the front

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desk. From this panel the front desk person can identify whether the alarm is in the 3709 (EAST) or 3713 (WEST) building. The front desk person then immediately notifies the Fire Department through a direct 911 phone line system. Next they notify the appropriate engineering, management and finally all employees at the complex. All on-call duty personnel are equipped with paging devices for this purpose.

If a device is activated, the fire alarm is designed to sound on the floor where the device is located and one floor above and below. Other floors may be directed to be evacuated at the Fire Department's direction. If an alarm goes off in the garage, alarms will sound in the corridors, stairwells, elevators and units on the G, lobby and 2nd floor levels in the West building. The red box near the front door of your unit is known as the ANNUNCIATOR through which a unit will receive instructions.

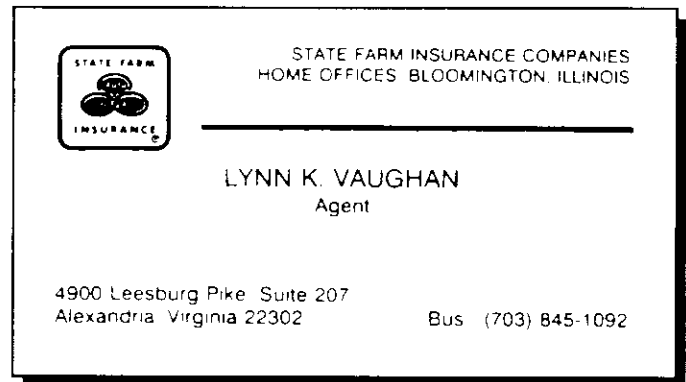
DO NOT PANIC..... After checking that you can get to the stairwell safely, calmly evacuate the building down to the street. If smoke, fire or heat stops you from leaving your unit, block the openings around the door with wet sheets, towels, blankets or the like. Call the front desk and advise them of that fact. Retreat to a point furthest from the front, closing, but not locking, any doors. If necessary retreat to your balcony or an open window where you can attract attention by such things as tying a white sheet to the railing, waving a light colored towel, etc. If you require assistance to evacuate call the front desk. Do you remember the Skyline House HANDICAP list? The reason for this list is to provide a list of those individuals who may require special assistance for evacuation during fire or some other disaster. If you think you would need assistance please notify management so that you may be placed on this list.

Now a question. "Why, when the alarm was in the garage did the West elevators stop functioning?"

A short time ago a false alarm was sounded in the garage. This activated the alarm system which in turn automatically brings all elevators to the lobby

level, opens the doors and reserves the use to firemen equipped with a "fireman" key. Because the garage system is tied into the West building the elevators both in the West Tower and West end of the garage are turned over to the Fire Department.

Next Time: How to check for fire etc in another room or corridor without opening the door.



SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Millie Foley, Chair

o The Security Committee met on November 10 with 7 members/visitors in attendance. One of the items discussed was re-keying. It will be discussed in further detail in the General Manager's report. Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m.

o Officer Larry Clark, of the Fairfax County Police Department, our liaison with the Mason District Station, has retired.

o The holiday season, unfortunately a high crime time of year, is upon us, so be alert and take adequate precautions against persons such as purse-snatchers and pickpockets. Lock all purchases in the trunk of your car rather than leave them in view in the passenger compartment. At Skyline House report any suspicious persons in our buildings or on the outside grounds.

o Last but not least, we, the Committee, wish everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season.

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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR GROUP

Co-Chairs: Irene Wolgamot 998-1715
Geraldine Naveau, 931-4643

o The volunteer Good Neighbors for November are:

SKYLINE HOUSE GOOD NEIGHBORS

December 1993

Toska Prather 379-7849
Jim Floodas 931-7568

o At the end of December, the Good Neighbors will have completed a year of temporary help to residents who called upon them because of illness, disability or emergency. The volunteers who have served as Good Neighbors of the Month will be honored at a Good Neighbor Appreciation Party on January 22. It will take the form of a potluck dinner at 6 pm in the East Party Room.

o A cordial invitation is extended to all Skyline House residents who would like to join us in this Appreciation Dinner. Just let Irene or Geraldine know so there will be table room for you. Also, we are glad to welcome additional Good Neighbors at any time. Please let us know if you want to join our Volunteers.

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Gathered Curtains	\$40 per width
Tie-backs	\$20 per pair, \$30 trimmed
Tab Top	\$30 per width

SHADES

Roman, Hobbled & Cloud	\$10 per sq.ft.
Balloon	\$10 per sq.ft.
Roller	\$40 per shade

Average 42"x68" window is \$200.00

Valances (lining included)

Pinch-pleated	\$90
Gathered, top/bottom	\$70
Box-pleated	\$100
Swags & Jabot	\$200 per set
Cornices	\$200

Prices based on an average 41" window width

Dustruffles (lined, gathered, pleated)

Single	\$100
Double/Queen	\$120
King	\$140

Duvet

Single	\$90
Double/Queen	\$110
King	\$120

Miscellaneous

Table	\$90	Slipcovers	
Shower Curtain	\$65	Arm chair	\$300
Toss Pillow	\$50	Sofa	\$400/\$500

Retail Furniture less 10 to 20 percent.
Appointments day and evening.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony Di Salvo & Dave Harvey, Co-Chairs

o The committee did not meet in November. The next meeting will be December 8 in the West Card Room at 7:30 p.m. where we will discuss, among other things, the December 11 Holiday Party.

o The Atlantic City trip in October was a great success. It was a beautiful day for walking on the Boardwalk and all who went had an enjoyable day even though there were no big winners nor losers. Calorie-free donuts were provided by the Committee. Again, thanks to Mimi Frank, our hostess for this trip.

o Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. in the West Party Room for the Annual Holiday Party. It is usually Skyline House's most attended social activity. As usual, the Committee will have champagne available and a number of other goodies in addition to those provided by the residents. If you have family or guests staying with you bring them along. We will always have plenty of *hors d'oeuvres* available.

o The Alexandria Singers will perform at the George Washington Masonic Temple on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 17-19. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details or call 941-7464.

o We have had some success in looking for volunteers. A Skyline House resident, who is a certified aerobics instructor, is interested in conducting such classes. We will be working on details right after the first of the year. If you are interested in attending such classes, leave a message for Tony at the reception desk.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

Rec Com Mtg	Dec 8	WCR 7:30
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TGIF	Jan 7	EPR 6:30



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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Miller, Chair

o After completing the review of the Association's financial documents, the Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on November 22, 1993 in unit C2W. The meeting date was changed due to the rescheduling of the Board of Director's meeting to November 18th.

o At the Board meeting on November 18th, the recommended Skyline House Unit Owners' 1994 budget was presented to the Board. The recommended budget had been unanimously approved by the Committee along with the Association Treasurer and General Manager. The budget as recommended was approved by the Board.

o The budgeted operating expenses for 1994 increased by \$132,470 over the operating expenses for 1992. No increase was included in the 1993 budget and at the end of September 1993 our finances were on the plus side. Three new items included in the 1994 budget account for \$67,536 of the increase: Bad Debts - \$7,936, Cable TV - \$39,600 and Working Capital Fund - \$20,000. The Working Capital Fund is being increased on the advice and recommendation of our Association Auditor. Two other major increases are Water/Sewer - \$19,000 and Electricity - \$10,000. The CPI (cost of living index) for two years, 1992 and 1993, through the end of September 1993 stood at 5.8%. This results in a yearly increase near 3% for each year. This figure was used in compiling the basic salary increases for Association employees in 1994.

o The Association has received a working copy of the maintenance reserve survey performed by C.J. Moore and Associates. This report was available to the Committee and was considered by the Committee at our November 4th budget work session. The report covered two methods of annual deposit to the maintenance reserves: The Component Method which is presently used and the Cash Flow Method. The Committee recommended a switch to the Cash Flow Method.

We understand the report will be provided to PPOC for their review and recommendations. Management is in the process of reviewing and refining the report.

o The next meeting of the Financial Management Committee will be held on January 20, 1994 in the East Card Room at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS AT BORDERS

by Tony DiSalvo

A number of activities took place at the espresso bar. On Tuesday, November 23, Borders celebrated one year in operation by providing coffee and cake and a classical guitarist who played all types of music. They had drawings for gift certificates and although a number of Skyline House residents were present, none were winners.

Borders' own Penny University continued during November wherein they discussed 18th century France. They will continue 18th century France during January. The discussion was monitored by Barbara Kemp, the espresso bar manager.

The next session is scheduled for Monday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m. The topic will be Holiday Practices - religious or otherwise. Anyone interested may select a topic to research and present to the group. You may sign up at the espresso bar. Plan to attend even though you do not wish to research a topic. You would be surprised how much you would contribute to the discussion. Coffee was provided by the espresso bar manager.

Recipe demonstration. In November (at the espresso bar) there was a demonstration on baking Savarin. Samples were provided to those in attendance. Barbara Kemp demonstrated. There will be no demonstration in December but will resume in January.

Other activities. There will be another coffee sampling in December. There is no charge for these activities. Pick up your "FootNote" at Borders.