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# House Special

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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

Donald Fenton, General Manager

### o THANKS

The Staff and Members of the Association owe a special thank you to two extra special members. Both of these people have given many hours of their time at a very low rate of pay (\$0.00) in order that all of us may easily and painlessly exchange our garage cards and recode our remotes with Angel Dust. I am of course talking about Ms. Arlene Burbank and Ms. Helen Henderson. Next time we are going to double their pay. Thanks from all of us, you made a hard job look easy.

### o GARAGE CARDS & REMOTES

**SEPTEMBER 6, 1994 IS AN IMPORTANT DATE.** That's the date when the old garage cards and remote door openers will no longer work. **IF YOU HAVEN'T COME BY THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO EXCHANGE YOUR CARDS AND/OR RECODE YOUR REMOTES YOU MUST DO SO QUICKLY.** On the 6th we will be knocking down the old reader which is surrounded by concrete. If you wish to rid yourself of frustration(s) you are welcome to come down and strike a blow or two.

### o LOST SECURITY KEYS, ETC..

If you should lose a common area key or garage

card please let the management office know as soon as possible. The new garage cards can be deactivated (and reactivated, if found) very easily. Common area security keys are numbered and, if lost and reported, we will update the database and place a lookout for the key. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL GARAGE CARDS, REMOTES AND COMMON AREA KEYS SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO YOUR NEXT OWNER OR RENTER WHEN YOU LEAVE.** All resale packages and move-in documents now contain a listing of the above items.

### o SECURITY

If you haven't read the "LOOKOUT" NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS PLEASE DO SO. We have temporarily placed a table staffed by volunteers in order to remind everyone not to let people in without common area keys. They are also drumming up interest in the Neighborhood Watch Program scheduled to kickoff on the 27th of September. Please read the separate full page notice following this report. As many of you are aware, more unauthorized people are allowed in through the West Lobby Door than through any other entrance. If you have had someone appear at your door unannounced they most likely gained entrance through this doorway. This is one time when politeness isn't called for. **DON'T** let people in, make them use their key. If someone comes in with you call the front desk, give a description of the person(s) and where you last saw them go and we will follow up on the problem. Better yet, if someone is waiting enter through the west lobby



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advise the desk person or security that someone is waiting at the other door. If we all cooperate by following the established rules of access, Skyline House will continue to be a safer place to live. Join the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. Use of the eyes and ears and knowing your neighbors is a great way to enhance security and at the same time have a pleasurable experience.

## o LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors has established a new standing committee having oversight on the landscaping plans at Skyline House. We need a few good, interested residents preferably with some experience in large scale gardening programs to serve on this committee. The committee will be making recommendations in formulating a long term landscaping plan in conjunction with professionals for Skyline House. Any residents interested please contact Don Fenton in the management office. **FLASH .... WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE, HOW ABOUT SOME MORE !!!!!**

## o LOST & FOUND

Remember LOST & FOUND is at the front desk.

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Here are a few steps you can take to minimize the amount of water you waste at home:

1. Test for a leaking toilet by adding food coloring to the tank (not the bowl; the tank is the covered portion of the toilet that holds the flushing mechanism). Without flushing, note if any color appears in the bowl after 30 minutes. If color appears, you have a leak.

2. Turn off your hot water heater when going on a long trip.

3. When washing dishes, don't run water continuously in the sink. When you use your dishwasher, run it only when you have a full load and use the cycles with the fewest number of washes and rinses.

4. Use a toilet dam to save water every time you flush. *Do not -- repeat, do not -- put a brick in your toilet tank to save water. The brick will eventually wear away and sediment may clog your pipes.* Most commercial dams are very inexpensive and can save up to 4 gallons per flush. Alternatively, fill gallon, half-gallon, or quart jugs with water and set them inside the tank. (This is an appropriate use for those plastic jugs you've purchased but don't want to throw away.

5. Install a low-flow shower head. It will reduce water use up to a third without affecting the shower pattern. A normal shower uses about eight gallons of water per minute. Low-flow devices can cut the flow to 2 to 2 1/2 gallons per minute.

6. Install aerators on your faucets (if not already in place). These screw into the faucet and add air to the water, giving a

fuller flow with less water--about 40 to 60 percent less water. They also reduce splashing. Aerators are available at any hardware store for a dollar or two.

7. Take showers instead of baths. A bath can use 30 to 50 gallons of water, compared to 20 gallons for a ten-minute shower with a low-flow shower head.



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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Bill Miller, Chair

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) did not meet during the month of August. Primary activity was pre-planning and establishing procedures for a review of the 1995 proposed budget due for subcommittee and full committee review during the month of September.

Also being reviewed is the cash management proposal. The FMC plans to call for a review and submission of the FMC recommendation to the Board of directors for their consideration at the Board's September 28th meeting.

The September (FMS) meeting will be held on September 15, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room. The primary agenda item will be a review of the proposed 1995 Association budget.

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## RECREATION COMMITTEE

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

## Tony DiSalvo &amp; Dave Harvey, Co-Chairs

The Committee met in August for a short meeting to discuss future activities. It is an item we discuss every couple of months.

The covered-dish dinner is scheduled for October 28. A flea market is still on the calendar for the evening of November 17. Additional details will be forthcoming as the dates draw near.

Just a reminder for those new residents who have not attended the monthly TGIF, make the one on September 9 your first and meet your neighbors. YOU are more than welcome and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a *plate of hors d'oeuvres*, just bring your own liquid refreshments.

The September TGIF will be Friday, September 9 in the East Party Room at 6:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for a possible change of location to the **Roof Top East Building** if the weather is good. A sign will be posted at the door of the East Party Room if the TGIF is to be held outside. You'll notice that the TGIF is being held on the second Friday of the month because of the Labor Day weekend.

We received a note from the Alexandria Singers thanking the Recreation Committee for its \$100 donation. They reminded us that they will have a concert, featuring the *Capitol Steps* in October and their annual *Holiday Dessert Concert* in December. All those who went to their concert in June at T.J. Williams High School had a great time.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 14 in the East Card Room at 7:30. Why not join us?

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

|         |            |          |
|---------|------------|----------|
| TGIF    | Fri Sep 9  | EPR 6:30 |
| Rec Com | Wed Sep 14 | ECR 7:00 |

## Tony DiSalvo

A return visit to the **Crossroads Center** at Baileys Crossroads for an update concerning construction. Jim Dixon, of L.F. Jennings, Inc., the general contractor indicated that the construction is going very well; the weather has been cooperating and the Center is tentatively scheduled to open in mid-October. Of course, this is subject to change.

Two eating places have been added to the original list of stores - Chesapeake Bagel and La Madeleine, French Bakery and Cafe. I think we are all familiar with the former and the latter is based in Bethesda and is a very nice cafe, providing good food, etc. The RoweShow Place, a furniture store has recently joined the Center. The other stores, as reported in the June issue of the *House Special*, are: Ruby Tuesday, Filenes, Marshalls, Bed Bath and Beyond, Service Merchandise, The Cosmetic Center, Payless Shoes, Staples, Borders Books (the only two story establishment) and Safeway.

Another new restaurant is coming to the neighborhood, the **Athens Restaurant** to be located close to the intersection of Seminary and Carlin Springs Roads. The downstairs will be a pizza restaurant and upstairs a traditional restaurant. The Athens now has a restaurant at Seven Corners. The new one is tentatively scheduled to open in late September.

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## THE GOOD NEIGHBOR GROUP

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

o The Volunteer Good Neighbors for September are:

### SKYLINE HOUSE GOOD NEIGHBORS

September 1994

David Graham 820-1138  
Geraldine Naveau 931-4643

o The Good Neighbors enjoyed a potluck picnic on July 30 - held in the West Party Room because it was too hot and humid outdoors. Since we did not receive many calls for help, we discussed ways to publicize *Good Neighbors* so that residents in need will know about us and use our help. One suggestion was for the volunteers to make an effort to explain Good Neighbors to persons who they think might need us.

o This was a celebration of the first half of 1994 Good Neighbors Group. With this in mind, Irene Wolgamot read an original verse with a touch of humor, "The Skyline House Good Neighbors", which see in the next column.

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*In Skyline House there is a group  
Of residents who say  
We want to be Good Neighbors  
And there surely is a way.*

*To aid a neighbor in distress  
Who needs a helping hand  
So we'll set up a program  
The best one in the land.*

*Now each month there is chosen  
Two for their expertise  
Their compassion, courage, beauty  
And ability to please.*

*These fearless two now offer  
Succor to those in distress  
An errand for groceries or pills  
Trip to the doctor - more or less.*

*The Good Neighbors want most of all  
To do good for this community  
But calls for help are scarce indeed  
And they wait in vain for opportunity.*

*We are happy our neighbors are doing well  
And don't need us as often as expected  
But we will stand ready just in case  
for service we are anxiously selected.*

*We think we're a resource, engendering good  
will  
And hope that our mission we can fulfill  
Getting to know each other is a pleasing plus  
And that makes this a good time for all of us.*

THINK  
SECURITY

# NOTICE

The Fairfax County Police have advised us of a rash of burglaries (25+) in Skyline high rise communities. There is no evidence of forced entry. Entry was made into units that had not locked their dead bolts and/or doublelocked the regular lock. Entry was probably made by slipping the lock using a credit card or possibly a key. The intruder has entered at least two occupied units. In one case he said something about being in the wrong unit and left. In the other case, after posing as a carpet installer, he used the telephone and taking the woman's purse, calmly left. In the other cases mostly jewelry is missing, although in one instance a gun

was stolen. He leaves the unit undisturbed - no mess. Additionally, he knocks on doors and if someone answers he makes up a story of the wrong unit or floor.

We cannot stress this strongly enough -- **DO NOT** let anyone into the building whom you do not know. This is especially pertinent to the **WEST LOBBY ENTRANCE**.

## DESCRIPTION

White male  
27 years old  
6 feet, 170 pounds  
No facial hair  
Long wavy dark or blond hair  
with a pony tail  
Has been seen wearing a knapsack  
or carrying luggage

FLASH ..... FLASH ..... FLASH....

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE HAVE JUST INFORMED US THAT THE ABOVE INTRUDER HAS BEEN APPREHENDED AND IS IN CUSTODY...

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FCP FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THE HE WAS FOUND WITH A COMMON AREA SECURITY KEY TO ANOTHER SKYLINE HI-RISE COMMUNITY AND SEVERAL OLD STYLE MEDECO KEYS IN HIS POSSESSION.

PLEASE, IT IS STILL IMPORTANT -- DO NOT OPEN THE DOORS TO ANYONE YOU DO NOT KNOW.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

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**AN ORGANIZATIONAL AND TRAINING SESSION FOR SKYLINE HOUSE'S  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WILL BE HELD ON:**

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1994**

**AT**

**7:30 PM**

**IN THE**

**WEST PARTY ROOM**

**OFFICER JOSH BROWN OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU (NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH) WILL BE THE MAIN SPEAKER. COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING SESSION WILL QUALIFY YOU FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SKYLINE HOUSE'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. WHILE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO GIVE ADVANCE NOTICE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF HOW MANY WILL ATTEND. DROP DON FENTON A NOTE IF YOU WISH TO BE A MEMBER, (COUPLES ARE GREAT, TOO). WE WOULD LIKE A STRONG SHOWING - THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS SORELY NEEDED HERE AT SKYLINE HOUSE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.**