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MANAGEMENT REPORT

Donald Fenton, General Manager

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Major repairs and renovations to the concrete area within the swimming pool fence and the adjacent walkways are underway. These renovations are expected to be completed before pool inspection time and pose no delay in opening the pool on the Memorial Day weekend.

A 24" picket style two rail metal fence, approved at the last Board meeting, has been installed in the top of the existing brick wall running from the bus stop to a point across from the West Lobby.

The corridor redecoration is proceeding on schedule. Wallpapering has been completed in the West Building and is scheduled to start May 15th or so in the East Building. Painting in the East Building is underway at this time. We expect the lights to arrive within the month as well as the carpeting. Thank you for being so patient with the mess. I think we will be pleased with the final result.

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"Guests staying more than 60 times during the previous 12 months are considered to be "Residents". Consequently, they are calculated in determining the occupancy of an unit and are subject to the same parking restrictions as RESIDENTS.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

On Thursday, April 6, 1995, at 7:30 pm in the WEST PARTY ROOM, our own Skyline House Resident representative of the Fairfax Police Department, Officer P. J. Taylor and his partner, Officer Brian Colligan, gave an in-depth briefing on the status of community crime activity here in the Baileys Crossroads Area. (See Mason Police article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Some 50 plus residents found their presentation very interesting.... A question and answer session followed.... Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. Sponsored by the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, (Continued on page 2)



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we plan to have regular briefings throughout the year. Please.....we need volunteers for the Watch program. Contact the management office for details.

○ LIGHTS OUT

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○ LANDSCAPING

If you miss getting your hands dirty and/o growing "things", have we got a deal for you..... For a slight charge you can now participate in Skyline House's Landscaping planting program (if you can qualify)... You probably have noticed the activity around the grounds as we (under gardener Drew Williams' supervision) rejuvenate the area. Instead of mulch, an organic leaf compound is being amended into the soil in order to enrich the same. Liquid and solid fertilizers are being applied. Dead, diseased and dying plants are being removed and a major change of the Main Entrance, West and Main Lobby areas is underway. Drew is willing to train any resident to till (amend) soil, plant annuals, etc..... Seriously, come on out and help plant something. You can leave a lot of aggression and frustration in the ground. Besides it feeeels soooooo goooooood to get your hands into the earth again. If you are interested in being an integral part of our beautification project please sign up at the Management Office.

ALSO for the first time we will have extra plants available for any resident who wishes to order for

delivery when our regular purchase is made. For example, we are planning to plant Impatiens (remember how beautiful they looked last year?) along the West Lobby Entrance, the Main Lobby and the North Side of the walkway on the S. George Mason side of the Fountain area. These normally come in 10 inch hanging pots. Since we buy in bulk we get a substantial price break. Those who wish to pre-purchase additional plants may sign up at the Management Office. (We'll announce the price shortly.) This policy will be extended to all bulk plant purchases made by Skyline for items suitable for home or balcony use..

We also will be having a Skyline House Bulb planting day later this year. Watch this column!!!

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Community Relations

Meet Your Political Representatives! May 10

Our elected government representatives will visit **Skyline Plaza** in early May to report on recent Federal, State and local activities at a meeting which is open to all of the Skyline Community. On Wednesday, May 10 at 7:15 p.m., Congressman Tom Davis, State Senator Jane Woods, State Delegate Bob Hull, and Tina Trapnell, Fairfax County Supervisor (Mason District), will give brief reports and answer questions from residents about taxes, transportation, budget decisions, and other issues.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet your representatives and get answers to questions on issues of importance to you! The meeting will be held in the Skyline Plaza South Party Room (penthouse level). Mark your calendars now! Let us impress them with a good turnout!

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The Mason District Council of Civic Associations

By Joseph Mendum, President

The Mason Supervisory District is roughly bounded by the Beltway on the South and West, Arlington Blvd. on the North, and Arlington County and the City of Alexandria on the East. It includes Annandale, Baileys Crossroads, and Seven Corners.

The Mason District Council of Civic Associations is an all-volunteer organization whose members are civic, homeowner, condominium, cooperative, or comparable associations located in Mason District. The Council's functions are to distribute information to, to collect opinions from, to conduct inquiries for, and to serve as a non-exclusive spokesman for the members of its member-associations in matters before the Fairfax County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, the Park Authority, and other County agencies and organizations. (The one exception is land use actions that affect specific parcels only, that is, that do not involve principles applicable elsewhere in the County.) The Council is a separate entity from the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations, having its own bylaws and electing its own officers, but the Council has a permanent seat on the Federation's executive board. It maintains a strictly non-partisan stance.

The Council holds a general membership meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30 PM, at the Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, to which everyone is invited. A combined newsletter-meeting announcement is mailed to each known civic association in Mason District about two weeks beforehand. To be eligible for membership in the Council, associations must maintain a formal organization with elected officers and represent County residents in a contiguous area not within the area of another member-association; however, member-associations that satisfy those requirements need not be "active." Dues for each member-association is \$10 per calendar year. For further information, please contact Joe Mendum, Chairman, at 941-1269, or Frank Mackey, Secretary, at 573-2990.

Financial Management Committee**Bill Miller, Chair**

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) did not have a meeting during the month of April. The only committee action during April was the monthly review of the Association's financial documents.

The next FMC meeting will take place on May 18, 1995 in the West Card Room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda will include in-unit maintenance, estimated decoration expenditure update and organization of the 1996 Budget Subcommittee.

All residents of Skyline House are welcome and urged to attend the FMC meetings

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Mason Police Serve in Various Modes

The Mason District is served by two police stations, the Mason District Station and the Franconia District Station. Both

of these utilize bicycle patrols (Neighborhood Policing units) in various locations and are the most visible indication of our philosophy of Community Policing.



Neighborhood crime problems are no longer confined to selected inner-city developments or areas. In recent years, serious neighborhood problems have shifted from urban areas to suburban neighborhoods. These shifts have moved the Department's efforts toward a community policing concept, where some dramatic results have been realized. The Department's community policing program has resulted in a reduction in serious crime in neighborhoods served by community police officers. The Department's community policing/bike patrol program continues to evolve into a successful campaign that has received national and international recognition.

The Mason District Police Station has twelve officers assigned to its Neighborhood Policing initiatives. The officers are assigned in teams of two and work in Culmore, Willston, Annandale,

Skyline Plaza, the Kingsley Park area and Landmark.

The officers are tasked with the responsibility of identifying and addressing concerns and problems within their respective communities. They use innovative and creative techniques to combat crime, fear of crime and disorder as well as collaborative efforts with various social service providers that are valuable resources.

Some examples of the programs implemented are ESL classes, tutoring programs, legal aid, Boy Scout Troops, Family Planning, Neighborhood and Business Watches and shoplifting prevention seminars. The officers are also involved in various community efforts to combat violent youth crime such as the Making the Grade Program, JEB Stuart High School Community Coalitions. The Neighborhood Police officers are also intimately involved with the Hispanic Committee of Northern Virginia and assist with their social activities, such as Christmas parties and identifying families that are candidates for aid.

Most of the Neighborhood Police units have satellite offices within their communities to serve as their "base of operations" for the described programs. These community based offices afford the citizens an opportunity to interact more closely with the police officers assigned to their neighborhood and are paramount to the early identification of specific neighborhood problems. The Culmore office is located at 3341 Glen Carlyn Drive, Apt. #101, Falls Church. The

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The Franconia District Station has six officers assigned to its Neighborhood Police unit. Two of these work the Edsall/Bren Mar area and do not have a satellite office at this time. The other four are assigned to areas in downtown Springfield and have an office in the Springfield Gardens Apartments.

All of the satellite offices are supplied through contributions of space from management of the various neighborhoods. The overwhelming support of these local businesses is viewed as an important link with the community. We could not provide these services without their assistance.

The Neighborhood Police units are available for civic association meetings, business groups, as well as any other organization that would desire to learn more about their activities. Requests for appearances should be directed to Captain Lee Williams at 256-8035.

I'd Pick More Daisies

If I had my life to live over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I would relax, I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I know of a very few things that I would take seriously. I would take more trips, I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers and watch more sunsets. I would do more walking and looking. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones. You see, I am one of those people who live prophylactically and sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments; and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another instead of living so many years ahead each day. I have been one of those people who never go anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, aspirin, and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I would go places, do things and travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefooted earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would play hookey more, I wouldn't make much good grades except by accident. I would ride on more merry-go-rounds. I'd pick more daisies.

--Bother Jeremiah

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Fairfax County's Department of Information Technology and several other county agencies have computer bulletin boards in which the public can access County information. Most County information can be accessed by dialing 703-802-3270 with a computer modem while Police information can be accessed by dialing 703-425-0536 with a computer modem. The County bulletin board provides information in four major areas: General (telephone numbers to County agencies, etc.), Procurement related information, Personnel related information and Board of Supervisors information. The Police bulletin board offers crime reports and warnings.

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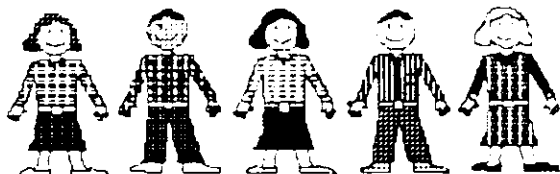
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The Good Neighbor table in the lobby on April 6 was manned by the April Good Neighbors, Dorothy Sills and Lou Burkot with the Co-Chairs, Irene Wolgamot and Geraldine Naveau. A new Good Neighbor was recruited.

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Recreation Committee**Tony DiSalvo, Chair**

The committee did not meet in April. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10 in the West Card Room at 7:30 p.m.

We may still have seats available for the trip to Atlantic City on May 11, but the number is critically short. The cost is \$25.00 per person (no minors allowed). We will be going to the Resorts International Casino. Upon arrival, the Casino will rebate each person \$11.00. The reservations are on a "first come, first served" basis. The motorcoach is air conditioned and equipped with a lavatory.

If you are a new resident and have not attended our monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors. Ordinarily, each attendee will bring a plate of *hors d'oeuvres* but to make it easier for you, bring only yourself and your own liquid refreshment.

The next TGIF will be on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Party Room.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

TGIF	Fri May 5	EPR 6:30 pm
RECCOM	Wed May 10	WCR 7:30 pm
Atlantic City Trip	Thurs May 11	

Widening Route 7 From Baileys Xroads to Seven Corners

Supervisor Trapnell reports that after several years of effort working with the Fairfax County Office of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation, The Route 7 widening project from Baileys Crossroads to Seven Corners will be modified from eight through lanes to six through lanes. This will reduce the right of way required by VDOT and the adverse impact on adjacent businesses and residents. She has asked that the Board of Supervisors identify this project before the Commonwealth Transportation Board as one of special interest.

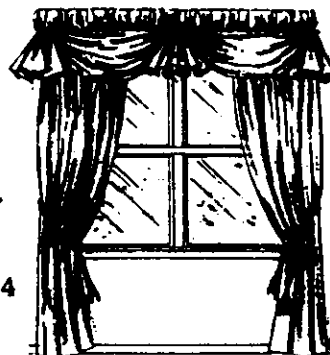
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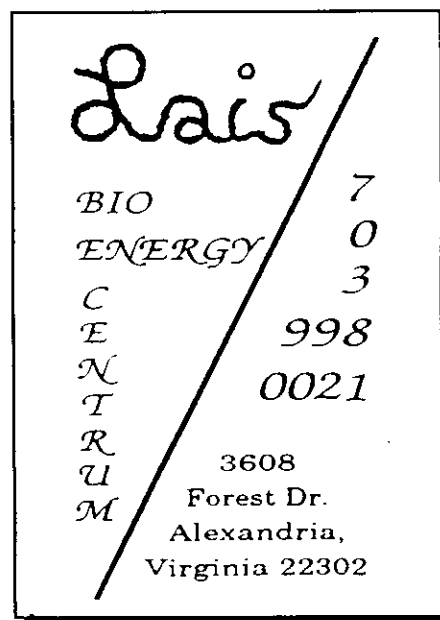
Donald J. Perper,

The month of April saw several changes in our Skyline House team. On a somber note we had to say "farewell" to Mike Coleman who was with us almost two years. Mike came to Skyline House while still active in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and worked part-time as a Front Desk Receptionist. Upon retiring from the Army he joined our staff on a full-time basis as the Resident Services Coordinator handling our in-unit service. In addition to his regular duties, Michael played an integral role in the training and development of the front desk personnel. In keeping with his military training, Mike's new civilian career is with a local medical diagnostics firm where he has assumed a marketing management position. I know that you join me in wishing Mike much success for the future.

We have a new face in our Maintenance department with the hiring of Schubert Magno as our In-Unit Mechanic. Schubert, who is originally from the Philippines, has been state-side for a number of years working in the Engineering/Maintenance field. Most recently he was the Senior Maintenance Technician at a large church in Arlington, VA. Schubert and his family reside in the Falls Church area. We welcome him to Skyline House!

A couple of inter-department transfers that we are very pleased about. First, Edna de Jesus who was assisting in the Accounting office has assumed the position of Resident Services Coordinator replacing Mike Coleman. Edna brings many years of administrative expertise to the management office. We are pleased to have her with us on a full-time basis.

The second transfer involves Guillermo Soliz who previously was in Housekeeping and is now training at the Front Desk. Guillermo's warm personality and pleasant manner is an added enhancement to the desk staff. We wish Guillermo much success in his new position.



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