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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Miller: Chair

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met on Thursday, September 21, 1995, for our regular meeting.

Bob Lowry, Chair of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC), attended the meeting and briefed the FMC on their walk-through of the common areas of our two buildings. In order to substantiate the conditions observed, a technical consultant will evaluate the conditions of the garage and other common areas.

The committee members agreed to a proposal from Bob Lowry and Ed Bisgyer of the FMC that the two committees have a representative at each other's meetings. This will insure that each committee has knowledge on all items that affect both committees. Juanita Mayer of the FMC will represent the FMC at PPOC meetings and brief the PPOC members on the financial aspects affecting projects under joint consideration and new projects being reviewed by FMC.

The committee reviewed the recommendation from the Board President to establish a Swimming Pool Committee and the anticipated replacement of swimming pool furniture for the 1996 pool season. Kathleen Bailey, Association Accountant, informed the committee that 75 lounges as well as a number of chairs are being re-

strapped over the winter months by in-house management personnel. The frames are in good condition and working order. Prior to the obligation of funds for the procurement of swimming pool furniture, with the exception of umbrellas, the refurbishing should be completed and then assessed as to the adequacy of the furniture for pool use.

The committee agreed, from a financial point of view, that all projects should be placed in priority order as to their need, effect upon the Association and funding availability to accomplish. The FMC intends to use such a system in their budget and funding recommendations to management and the Board of Directors.

The committee, along with PPOC, will suggest a review of the Association's present procurement policy and present management procurement procedures and an update of the present policy where needed.

The next FMC meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 1995 at 7:00 PM in the West Card Room.

**October 9
Columbus Day**



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GROCERY RECEIPTS

The season is upon us wherein we are requested to help our student residents accumulate receipts which assist their schools obtain computers and/or software. This is a worthy endeavor and costs nothing more than dropping off the receipts at the front desk. This year we have two students collecting and the following are letters from each of them. Your assistance will be appreciated.

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Dear Residents of Skyline House,

As you know, I turn in Giant and Safeway receipts to my school so my school can buy computers and software. This will be my last year at Ellen Glasgow Middle School and, consequently, the last time I will collect Giant and Safeway receipts. Other students in Skyline House will be attending Glasgow, though, so I'm sure they'll be happy to collect for the school.

I'd really appreciate your help one more time! The box for these receipts is located at the Skyline House desk and I thank you in advance for all your help.

Sincerely,
Andrew York 514-W

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Dear Skyline House Friends and Neighbors,

My school is collecting Giant and Safeway receipts and I would really appreciate it if you would save them for me and put them in my box at the front desk. My box number is 1405-W. With your help, my school can get educational software, computers and learning tools. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mellisa Stolarun

SECURITY, FIRE and SAFETY COMMITTEE

Millie Foley, Chair

Five members/visitors attended the September 14th meeting.

A review of the incidents which occurred at Skyline House during May, June, July and August was discussed.

Our next scheduled meeting will be the second Thursday in November (November 9). The location will be posted at a later date.

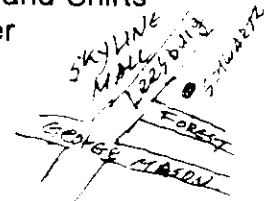
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RECREATION COMMITTEE**Tony DiSalvo; Chair**

The Committee met on September 13, in the East Card Room.

A Covered Dish Dinner was held on September 22 and, I must say it was a great success. Many thanks to our co-chairpersons, Liza Ruiz and Sophie Anderson, who made this event so successful. Our thanks also to the residents who attended because without them, no party. Thanks to the women who helped with the clean-up, Joan, Maria, Elsa, Nancy and Heloise.

An Italian Night has been scheduled for Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Party Room. (A flyer appears elsewhere in the Newsletter.) Seating will be limited to 36 persons because of the work involved. Please, no outside guests because of the limited seating.

A Flea Market is planned for Thursday, November 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the East Party Room. Come early and set up. A table is furnished for you to sell your items. This is a good time for you to rid yourself of those heirlooms which are taking up space. Tables **RESTRICTED** to Skyline House residents. Call Tony at 824-1958 to reserve a table, or if you have any questions. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for those who have reserved a table for selling. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own table as the number of tables available are limited. Just let Tony know.

There will be a Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 11, in the West Card Room at 7:30 p.m. Please join us.

If you are a new resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this 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 your own liquid refreshment.

The next TGIF will be on Friday, October 6, in the West Party Room, 6:30 p.m. Why not join us?

RecCom	Wed	Oct 11	WPR, 7:30 pm
Italian Nite	Thur	Oct 12	EPR, 6:30 pm
TGIF	Fri	Oct 6	WPR, 6:30 pm

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PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Robert Lowry: Chair

The committee had a busy meeting on September 13, 1995 where we discussed the status of the items in the old "warranty" claim against the developer, our current procurement policy, the proposed pool committee, and relocation of "Yield" signs in the garage.

The report of the committee's survey of "Warranty Items" on July 22, 1995 identified four items that should have top priority for repair:

1. Garage expansion joint - pool level
2. Garage expansion joint - all others
3. Transverse cracks in garage slabs
4. Application of sealant to garage slabs

Work has begun on items 1 and 2, and Thomas

Downey, Ltd., an engineering firm, has been hired to survey the garage to report on its condition and make recommendations. This would include items 3 and 4.

Don Fenton gave us a run down on current procurement practice which indicates it may be wise to review the last comprehensive policy statement made in 1988 to see if it needs to be changed.

The committee passed two motions for the Board's consideration:

- ◆ That the new Pool Committee be subordinate to PPOC.
- ◆ That current "Yield" signs in the garage be immediately relocated so that they are undeniably visible to all motorists.



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MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Resident Corridor Redecoration

The redecoration is finally in the home stretch as we install the carpeting in the bottom half of the East Building. All other phases, including painting, wallpaper and lighting have been completed. The "G" level connector has been repainted and we are awaiting the final shipment of carpet to complete this portion of the project. We estimate the entire project to be completed by the end of October. Management has been receiving many positive comments about the new "look". On the down side, however, we have been experiencing an increasing rate of vandalism on the resident floors particularly with the wall covering and carpet base. Please, if you see something suspicious occurring on your floor, notify the Management Office or Front Desk immediately and we will investigate the matter right away!

Exercise Room and Lobby Roof Replacement

As you might have noticed, there is a great darkness that has overtaken the West Gallery. This due to the staging and materials that are in place for the roof replacement of the Lobby and Exercise Room. Due to much needed rain, the work has been delayed but we are now underway. First, the Exercise Room roof will be torn off and replaced. This part should take about a week to accomplish. Finally, the Lobby roof will be prepared to receive an overlay thus completing the roof replacements for Skyline House. The whole project should be completed by mid October. During this construction period, the Exercise Room will be closed. We regret any inconvenience this has caused.

Sample Expansion Joint in the Garage

A new expansion joint has been installed on the upper "A" level of the garage building which separates the East and West sections of the garage. This new joint is a sample provided by Structa-Bond, LTD and will allow the association

to evaluate the performance and durability of this expansion joint in order that future plans may be made to replace the remainder of the old joints. One of the major attractions of this new design is the lack of the metal cap thereby eliminating the noise factor that has been associated with the older type design.



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The "Magnetic" Appeal of Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

By Susan Grandgeorge, Magnetic Program Liaison

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences is in its 4th year as Fairfax County Public Schools' first elementary magnet school. "So what is a magnet School?", many callers ask. The word "magnet" simply means: to attract. Magnet schools are schools that attract students from outside their attendance areas.

The magnetic appeal of Bailey's is the extensive use of contemporary technology and a unique instructional program which makes learning relevant to the real world and to the children's lives. Bailey's houses a computer lab, science discovery lab, performing arts theater, music technology lab, and communications lab. The activities in the resource areas enrich and enhance the learning in the classroom. First grade students learning about winter use computerized temperature probes in the science lab to determine their hand temperatures before and after an ice melting race. In the electronic music lab, 4th graders studying the solar system compose and record music from a planet. Second graders share their knowledge of pollution and the water cycle through a student-created dramatic performance on "The Pond". Fifth graders in the communications lab produce a daily new program. And third in the computer lab create a data base of observed bird feeding behaviors.

So how have these innovations changed Bailey's? Bailey's is considered a model educational facility. Visitors, to include teachers, administrators, government leaders, university students, and interested parents, totaled over 900 this past school year. Over 3000 volunteer hours were logged. The school staff share their successes through conference presentations, publications and in-services. Bailey's has recently won the following awards:

- ◆ Selected by Virginia State Board of

Education as one of 10 schools in the state demonstrating "Exemplary Uses of Technology in Education"

- ◆ One of 5 schools in the country to receive the Business Week/McGraw Hill Award for "Instructional Innovation: Schools in the Age of Technology"
- ◆ Cited in U.S. Department of Education, Public Affairs Release as one of the "Examples of Exemplary Schools" in the nation
- ◆ Selected by Redbook magazine as one of "America's 142 Best Schools"
- ◆ 1994 Principal of the Year, 1994 Teacher of the Year, 1991, 92, 93 Teacher of the year finalists
- ◆ 1995 A. Heath Onthank award for outstanding public service.

Of Bailey's 750 students, 180 are from outside its attendance area. Approximately 300 applications are received each year to fill the 50-80 slots (including Spanish Immersion application process) that come available. Many have expressed interest in moving into the attendance area to secure admission. Bailey's, the most linguistically diverse school in the county, was selected to become a magnet school to draw proficient English speakers into the classroom. As a result, the percentage of language minority students has decreased by 20%.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences is a fascinating learning environment. You are invited to visit and see its wonder first hand and/or to volunteer and experience it!

(Questions or requests to visit may be directed to Susan Grandgeorge at 820-1863.)

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NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGES

Hardy's plans to replace the **Roy Rogers** fast food restaurant at Carlyn Springs and Route 7 intersection with a completely new facility according to Supervisor Trapnell's office. A new drive-through window, safer drives and access roads, and a better setback from the highway will be new features.

A new two-story building will be constructed on the site of the old Mobil gas station at Leesburg Pike and Glen Carlyn, according to preliminary information given at a meeting of the Police Citizens Advisory Council on September 12. The new L-shaped structure would include a parking garage and house a new teen center which would double as a senior center.

Fairfax county reportedly has expressed interest in leasing 10,000 square feet for a substation and committee room. The first floor on the new building would be designated as additional retail space. So far several grocery companies and a bank have expressed interest in renting.

Meanwhile, the property has been fenced off blocking what some residents have taken to be a service road although the status of the "road" is open to question. The new building is reportedly a project of Dr. Cyrus Katzen, owner of the Culmore Shopping Center who recently purchased the property.

The Culmore Shopping Center is being scrubbed and face-lifted. A new Post Office substation is scheduled to open early in 1996--it is moving into the space left vacant by a previous grocery market.

The projected and long awaited Culmore Shopping Center upgrade will include new facades and mansard roof trim with a slight overhang and lighting for store fronts. New parking area lights are already in place. The

parking lot will be repaved and new sidewalks are going in.

A representative of Dr. Katzen, owner of Culmore, says he is prepared to add a right turn lane at Leesburg and Glen Carlyn. New signs will seek to alleviate the chaotic traffic circulation problems.



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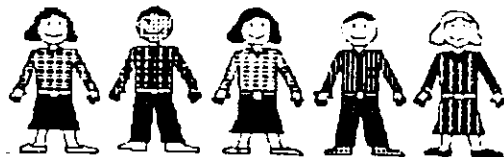
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Ann Preston and Richard Noonan joined Geraldine Naveau and Irene Wolgamot at a Good Neighbor table in the East Mail Lobby on September 12, from 5 to 7 PM. To publicize the Good Neighbor program, we answered questions and gave the Good Neighbor brochure to interested residents.

Five residents signed on as new members of the Good Neighbor Group: Marilyn Fenton, Sher Gofreed, Davis Shandloff, Bilen Eliot and Ophelia Fernandez. We extend a warm welcome to our Good Neighbors and will be calling them to serve as Good Neighbors of the month in the near future.

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