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COVENANTS COMMITTEE

Jack Herzig, Chair

At the November meeting, the Committee asked Mr. Don Fenton to compile a list of owners who are ready to sit as members of the Hearings Subcommittee. This is the representative body of the Board of Directors to hear and recommend action in those instances where owners and residents have committed repeated or serious violations of our Skyline House rules. Owners who wish to assist in seeing that the rights of the residents are maintained are requested to so by notifying Mr. Fenton.

Earlier in November this subcommittee had taken action against some owners, resulting in assessments of several hundred dollars for repeated violations of House regulations.

In this regard, a recent U.S. Census Bureau survey showed that the largest percentage of complaints registered by more than 96,000 American households was against the practices of their neighbors. We should take a hint in how we act in our own home, Skyline House.

The Committee reviewed the Management report showing numbers and types of violations of House regulations that had been reported during the previous two-month period. Tailgating was the most frequently reported incident, followed by reports of excess speed in the garage. The Committee discussed a definition of tailgating

that starts out "To drive dangerously close behind another vehicle." It was noted that this practice poses particular danger in the Skyline House garage with its many blind turns, lack of space to maneuver around vehicles, and the ever-present danger of a gasoline fire from an accident spreading among our closely-parked cars. This subject will be discussed further by the Committee chairman, vice chairman, and General Manager with a view toward developing corrective measures before the next scheduled Committee meeting in January.

The Committee endorsed the General Manager's proposed recommendation to the Board that House regulations be changed to require that all residential and commercial unit doors to halls and corridors be kept closed, except when used, of course. Skyline Management offices are exempt due to the nature of their operations.

Committee vice chairman David Kafka and Mr. Fenton plan to confer shortly about a possible need to review and update House rules.

The chairman thanked Committee members and two Board members, Gabrielle Mallon and Dolores Littles, for their participation.

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Letters to the Editor

As has been our custom in the past, we have again chosen this year to donate to the Salvation Army in honor of our Skyline House neighbors rather than send individual Holiday Greetings. We wish each of you a joyous Hoiliday Season and a happy and healthy 1996.

Gordon and Mimi Frank, 1111W

MAGAZINES

In the August issue of the *House Special* we reported that after years of collecting magazines at the front desk for delivery to Arlington Hospital Ed Berman found that he must give it up. At that time we requested that someone volunteer to carry on this worthy task.

Unbeknownst to us at the time, Tony DiSalvo had already taken this on. We appreciate this and thank him for his community spirit but we recently learned that Tony has had trouble accumulating magazines - the font had dried up.

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WJLA-TV reporter John Harter from Car & Travel

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At 16, I lovingly removed, cleaned, painted, and rebuilt every component of this beauty. It was a true labor of love. When the new owner invited me to once again drive my first love, it was an emotional experience.

We hear a lot about the great American love affair with the car. Unfortunately, it's often a case of unrequited love. Our cars and trucks stand ready to take us to work and fun, no matter the weather or time of day. Most of us do little in return besides filling the tank with gasoline and having it repaired when it decides to take a long rest.

I would like to declare July, "Be Kind to Your Car Month." It's time to go outside and open the hood. Check your vehicle's vital fluids. If you're not certain what to look for, get out your owner's manual. If the brake fluid or something else is low, top it off. Be sure to check the tire pressure.

Then get out your hose and vacuum cleaner and give the car a bath and interior cleaning. Follow up with a wax job. Polishing the paint with a towel is an experience that should help you bond with your vehicle.

The rewards are more than emotional--caring for your car also means money in your pocket. I own a nine-year-old sport utility vehicle that's been kept outside. Because it's received loving care and regular waxing, it looks like new. This means, should I sell my truck, it will bring top dollar.

If you really can't get interested in the well-being of your steed, I have one other appeal. I am amazed that people who would never think of wearing dirty clothes will drive a perfectly filthy car. Think of your image!

SKYLINE HOUSE RECREATION
COMMITTEE PRESENTS

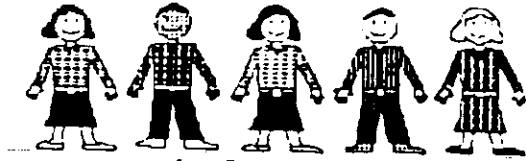


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it, make it your
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little reason. Discard all
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are told. Keep your tree away
from heater of flame, a hearth fire or
match, it's all the same. lights may enhance a
tree, but there's one hitch, pines are full of resin
and pitch. In two minutes flat, it'll vanish in a
flame. Your house may take longer, but it's
all the same. Taking these measures of fire
prevention will greatly reward you for each
good intention.
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Xmasxmas
Xmasxmas

THE GOOD NEIGHBORS GROUP

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



Skyline House Good Neighbors
December 1995

Glendis Taylor 998-7871
Sher Gofreed 379-1395

The Good Neighbor Volunteers helped several residents last month to obtain prescription medicines when they were ill.

We are glad to extend a "Get Well" message and offer our Good Neighbor assistance to any ill resident who is home-bound or who needs temporary help because of emergency or disability.

If you would be interested in joining the good Neighbor Group, please call Geraldine or Irene.

Seasons Greetings from the Editor

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Management Report

- **Status of Resident Corridor Redecoration.** As you read this the redecoration has finally been completed. We found a major difference between the colors of the end caps and main portion. The factory has replaced both parts at no cost so that the color will be compatible. In addition we have negotiated a \$10,000 credit from the manufacturer because of the difficulties in this contract. All other phases including painting, wallpaper, and lighting have been completed. The "G" level connector has been repainted and carpeted as well as installing a chair rail to minimize damage by our equipment. Management has been receiving many positive comments about the new "look".

- **Exercise Room.** The exercise room should be reopened after its face lifting sometime this week. Not only was a new ceiling installed but all walls were redone along with carpeting. Shortly, we will be replacing the steam generator for the steam room. Recommendations for a new treadmill will be made at the January '96 meeting.

Emergency Panel Glass. We are experiencing a rash of breakage of the glass in the Fire Phone panels -- over 14 panels in the past 8 days. This breakage is primarily in the West Building. Various measures are being taken to apprehend the person(s) responsible and when found will be prosecuted. Any help by residents will be appreciated. It is important that we have prompt reports so as to narrow down the time of the vandalism.

Decorations -- You are reminded the seasonal decorations are permitted on unit doors and balconies during the period December 1 thru January 15.

- **Safety is the Watchword for the Season** -- As in the past we caution you to take great care during this season. At the time when people are in a joyous mood and shopping in a seasonal spirit, not only are

the merchants depending on this time to make their score for the year but there is also another segment of the population with the same aim in mind. These are the ones to be on the alert for. Here are few reminders to help protect you.

1. Shop with a friend.
 2. Park your car as close as possible to store you are patronizing or to the entrance door to the mall.
 3. When leaving purchases in your car, keep them out of sight. Put them in your trunk or at the very least if they are in your car cover them so that they are not obvious.
 4. If you are carrying a purse, hold it securely rather than letting it hang from your shoulder. Your wallet should be carried in an inside pocket.
- Hearing Panel.** The Board of Directors approved the naming of the following owners to the Hearing Panel of the Covenants Committee:
- Mr. William McClennan, 414W, Chair
 Ms. D. Bisgyer, 1507W
 Ms. E. Grant, 1408W
 Mr. O. W. Krumwiede, 608W
 Mr. R. Malitzke-Goes, 1305W

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony DiSalvo, Chairman

The committee did not meet in November. Meeting canceled.

The Flea Market held on Thursday, November 16, was rather successful. Enough residents participated in reserving selling tables, but the buyers were not as great in number as in past years. The committee will review this activity in 1996 to see if it will continue.

Mark your calendar for the ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, Saturday, December 9, 7:00 p.m., West Party Room. This activity is the most attended of the year, so why not join your neighbors and possibly meet new friends. The committee will, as usual, provide champagne and other goodies.

If you are a new resident and have not attended the annual holiday party, 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 beverage.

There will be a Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room, to review the Holiday Party plans. Please join us.

Thanks again to Mike Moore for the really great flyer he prepared for the Annual Holiday Party.

The annual Post Holiday Party will be held on Friday, January 5, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Party Room.

RecCom	Wed Dec 6	WCR	7:30 p.m.
Annual Holiday Party			
	Sat Dec 9	WPR	7:00 p.m.
Annual Post Holiday Party			
	Fri Jan 5	EPR	6:30 p.m.
RecCom	Wed Jan 10	ECR	7:30 p.m.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Bill Miller, Chair

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met at a special meeting on November 2, 1995 to review Management's proposed 1996 budget. The proposed budget has been evaluated by the FMC Budget Subcommittee, chaired by Ed Bisgyer, and the results submitted to the full committee for review. After discussing the proposed expenditures of several items the FMC voted unanimously to submit the proposed budget as recommended by the subcommittee to the board of directors for approval.


Funds are included in the proposed budget to cover the swimming pool improvements recommended by the PPOC Swimming Pool Subcommittee. Continuing improvements as recommended will be considered during the 1997 and 1998 budget review.

The FMC will commence preparation of a five year budget forecast within the next two months. This project will be a coordinated effort between FMC, PPOC and Management. The FMC will be the lead on this project with Ed Bisgyer being the FMC representative.

The next meeting of the FMC will be held in the East Card Room on January 18, 1996 at 7:00 P.M.

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SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Millie Foley, Chair

The Security Committee met on November 9 with seven members/visitors present.

Incidents which occurred at Skyline House during September and October were reviewed.

I am stepping down, after 2 years as Chair of this Committee and Ann Mehrten has offered to take over this position.

Please heed the Seasonal Security comments that the General manager posted in the November issue of the *House Special*.

The next meeting will be the second Thursday in January (the 11th) in the West Card Room at 7:30 P.M. All residents of Skyline House are welcome and urged to attend.

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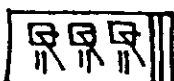
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3. Some artificial trees can be decorated with miniature lights. However, the tree manufacturer's instructions should be followed precisely. Miniature lights should also display a

- "UL" or "FM" label.
4. The location of the tree should not block or restrict the use of halls, exits or stairways.
5. The tree should **not** be located near a heat source (ie: a radiator or heat vent, which can cause a more rapid drying of the tree.)
6. No open flames like candles should be permitted in the area.
7. Finally, **don't** spray artificial snow or glass wool on the needles on the tree. The artificial snow is not fireproof, neither is the glass wool, so you're doing a **crazy** stunt just for the effort. It's not worth it!!

Save your **\$\$\$\$** and buy a better tree or some new lights.



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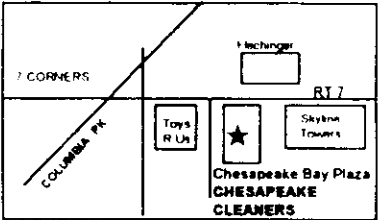
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