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General Manager's Corner

Election Results

Well we made it through another Annual Meeting and Election. As most of you know there were three candidates (Dolores Littles, Gabrielle Mallon and Michael Moore) for two positions on the Board. Elected to the Board were Dolores Littles who will be serving her third term and Michael Moore who is returning to the Board after a year off. We wish to extend our appreciation and give a very special thank you to Gabrielle Mallon for her contribution and service to Skyline House and hope that she will continue to be an active member of our community. **THANK YOU GABRIELLE!!**

Following the election, the Board met in Executive Session to elect its officers and directors. They are as follows:

GORDON FRANK - PRESIDENT
UNIT 1111W

DOLORES LITTLES - VICE-PRESIDENT
UNIT 1113W

GEORGE BEAMS - TREASURER
UNIT 710E

HELEN HENDERSON
UNIT T2W

RICHARD NOONAN
UNIT 203E

BARBARA MICHELMAN
UNIT 1311W

MICHAEL MOORE
UNIT 1213E

At this time, the Board liaisons to the committees will remain the same as last year except for the

addition of Mike Moore as liaison to the Covenants Committee.

Management Office Redo

The management office is reorganizing its office space and getting a facelift. To give you an idea of what is happening; the Accounting Office is relocating to the area which was occupied by the Resident Services Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. The Deputy General Manager, Res. Svcs Coord. and Admin Asst. are relocating to the old Accounting Office and Conference area. Basically it is a swap of office space to improve the efficiency and accessibility of the staff. In addition, we have added some glass doors and reconfigured some of the existing space. Please stop by and see the progress. All should be complete by mid April.

Window Washing

Plan to have your screens down in early May for the first of two window cleanings in 1996. Please remember that balcony windows and window interiors are not included in the washing. Look for additional information and scheduling around mid April.

Spring Projects

Be on the look out for information and dates concerning the following projects that are planned for this spring and summer:

- Sidewalk/ curb repair & rejuvenation.
- Garage re-striping & re-numbering
- Exterior tuckpointing & waterproofing.
- Garage concrete testing and repairs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Skyline House Friends and Neighbors,

The program for collecting Giant and Safeway receipts has finally come to an end. I would like to thank you for your continued support. Thanks to you, I was able to turn in over \$14,000 in receipts. My school, *Corpus Christi*, will use the money we earned to buy new computers with CD-ROM to put in every classroom, new textbooks, PE equipment, etc.

Thank you again for supporting my school, and I hope next year you will think of me when it is time to collect Giant and Safeway receipts once again.

Sincerely,
Melissa Stolarun
#1405-W

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These are just a few of the items that management is planning to accomplish during the warmer weather. Currently underway is the scheduled replacement of the coping stones along the edge of the swimming pools. This work is being done by NOVA Pools and should be completed by the end of April.

Vacations and Travel

As you make your wonderful plans to travel this year, please take a moment to advise the management office when you plan on being away. This helps to give us a "heads-up" on any emergencies that may arise during your absence. Thank you!!

Are you interested in automatic deductions from your checking account for monthly condo fee payments? For more information contact Kathleen Bailey in the Accounting Office at (703) 998-0718 M-F.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Miller, Chair

The committee members welcomed **Robert McKinley** of the West Building as a guest at our March meeting. We are hopeful that he will consider becoming a full member of the FMC at our next meeting.

The audit of the Association's 1995 financial status by our auditor, Goldkranz, Cavanaugh and Associates, P.C., was reviewed by the President, Treasurer, Management and the FMC. After review, the audit was presented to the Board of Directors for approval. The Board approved the audit at their March 20th meeting. Copies were available for unit owners at the annual meeting. Any unit owner desiring a copy should contact Management or pick up a copy at the front desk.

The committee is reviewing, along with PPOC and Management, the present procurement policy in relation to the procedure established by the Board in 1988. Any FMC recommendations will be forwarded to Management for their review and submission to the Board for evaluation and approval.

The committee will also begin preparing, in cooperation with PPOC and Management, a Five Year Projected Budget for the Association. Ed Bisgyer will be FMC's representative on this project. Final results will be reviewed by the full Financial Management Committee.

The next FMC meeting will be held on May 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Card Room.

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SECURITY, FIRE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chair, Ann Mehrten

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee convened on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. There were 8 members/visitors present.

Items for discussion included entry procedures for real estate agents and methods for discouraging flyer distribution within the complex. A special session was convened Friday, March 15 with 5 members present to discuss possible changes in the garage. Recommendations from this discussion have been proposed to the Board of Directors.

The next meeting will take place May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. All are welcome to attend.

RETIREMENT: FROM A CHILD'S VIEW

After a Winter break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday. One small child wrote the following:

We always used to spend holidays with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live here in a big home, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with other retarded people. They all live in tin boxes. They ride on big 3-wheel tricycles and they all have name tags because they don't know who they are. They go to a big building called a wrecked hall, but they must have got it fixed up, because its all right now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very good. There's a swimming pool there, but they stand in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim. As you go into their park, there is a doll house with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them. When they can sneak out, they go to the beach and pick up shells.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks, they just eat out. They eat the same thing every night: Early Birds. Some of the people don't know how to cook at all, so my Grandma and Grandpa bring food into the wrecked hall and they call it "pot luck".

My Grandma says Grandpa worked all his life and earned his retardment. I wish they would move back up here, but I guess the little man in the doll house won't let them out!



THURSDAY, MAY 30th!

Bus trip to ATLANTIC CITY!



Destination: TROPWORLD

Board: 8:45 AM

Depart: Skyline House Lobby
at 9:00 AM

Return: 11:00 PM

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RECREATION COMMITTEE**Tony DiSalvo, Chair**

The committee met on Wednesday, March 13 in the East Card Room.. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10 in the West Card Room at 7:30 p.m.

A *St. Patrick's Day Covered Dish* was held on Friday, March 15. It was a most successful event. We want to thank the Skyline House residents who attended which is what made this event so successful. Thanks to **Lisa Ruiz** and **Sophie Anderson** who coordinated and decorated the Party Room.

Atlantic City, Thursday, May 30. Mark your calendar for our annual trip to Atlantic City. Destination is TROPWORLD and you will receive a \$14.00 rebate. The actual cost is \$11.00. Donuts will be served but bring your own liquid refreshment. No minors are allowed. See the included reservation form for further details.

The next TGIF will be on Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Party Room. If you are a new resident and have not yet attended the monthly TGIF, make the next one 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 refreshment.

The committee would like to thank **Jerry Stone**, our new Deputy General Manager, for attending the March TGIF as guests of the committee. His lovely wife, **Jean**, accompanied him. This gave Jerry an opportunity to meet many of our fine residents at other than an office setting. Thanks Jerry. **Don Perper**, our General Manager, and his lovely wife, **Terry**, was also in attendance and our thanks to them as well.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. Please join us.

Our next TGIF is scheduled for Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m in the West Party Room. We'll look for you there also.

TGIF	Fri	Apr 12	WPR	6:30 PM
TGIF	Fri	May 3	EPR	7:00 PM
RecCom	Wed	Apr 10	WCR	7:30 PM
Atlantic City	Thur	May 30		

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Tony DiSalvo received a note from Sue Chamberlain, Volunteer Coordinator at the National Hospital for Orthopaedics in Arlington, thanking the residents of Skyline House for the selection and volume of magazines received that allows them to provide reading matter to their clinics, lounges, waiting areas, etc.

It is evident that the magazines you dropped off at the Front Desk have been put to good use and have been appreciated. We might sometimes wonder if our efforts are productive but the note received may set our minds at rest.

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LITTER RECYCLING PROGRAM

On April 13th there will be an April Litter Recycling Program. This will be a joint venture with the Skyline Plaza Grounds Committee and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Clean Fairfax Council is again participating in the Glad Bag-A-Tron national litter and recycling cleanup program to help make Fairfax County a cleaner place to live, work and go to school. Last year there were 15,000 volunteers who participated in this program. We ask you to join us in this project.

A sign up sheet will be provided at the Front Desk for those interested and for information please contact Dick Noonan at 820-5178.

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COVENANTS COMMITTEE**Jack Herzig, Chair**

The Covenants Committee was reconstituted last year and now consists of 10 active members who have met regularly since.

The Hearings Subcommittee, which has the authority to levy assessments for serious violations of the Rules and Regulations, has a permanent chairman. As a result of recruiting on the part of members of the entire committee and requests through the *House Special*, a formidable number of owners available and qualified to sit on this important enforcement operation have been identified. The subcommittee is called upon to ensure that our residents do not suffer as the result of behavior by those few persons who act in a selfish, careless, or even dangerous manner toward our fellow neighbors. The subcommittee has taken action against several residents this past year resulting in assessments of several hundreds of dollars before the violations were corrected. Any owner who wishes may serve as a member of this subcommittee by notifying Management or the Covenants Committee.

Through a joint effort with Management, a system was established which facilitates the tracking of reported offenses. At present, a reported violation is entered and accounted for at each stage of processing, thus insuring that every report is followed to an appropriate conclusion. This system also reports the number and nature of violations, indicating where preventive effort should be directed.

The Rules Subcommittee plans to review the current Rules and Regulations with a view toward making deletions, additions or clarifications that are required as a result of procedures that have been instituted since the last edition of our rules. The Rules Subcommittee will be working closely with Management on this. Residents who wish to comment on this project are asked to contact Management and/or the Covenants Committee.

Neither the Covenants Committee nor

Management can correct a situation unless it is reported to them. Residents are the primary source for actions that can be taken to contribute to the well being and pleasure of our home at Skyline. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the procedures that have been established toward that end.

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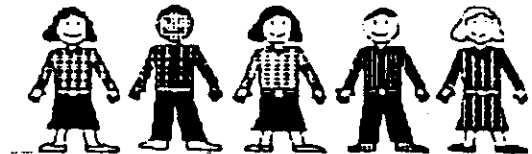
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THE GOOD NEIGHBORS GROUP

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



Skyline House Good Neighbors
April 1996

Toska Prather 379-7849
Darryl Graham 820-1138

This is to remind all Skyline House residents that the Good Neighbors stand ready to offer temporary assistance if you need it due to illness, emergency or disability. If you would like to join us, please call Geraldine or Irene. Also, if you know of a resident who is ill and would enjoy receiving a Get Well message, just call one of the Good Neighbors for the month.