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#### ...from the General Manager

HOLIDAY WINE & CHEESE MIXER TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Tuesday December 10th, The Board of Directors and Management will host a Holiday Wine & Cheese Mixer to welcome new members to Skyline House. The meeting which is open to members will highlight Association Governance and the vital role that the unit owners play in a condominium association. In addition, a special presentation on "Maintaining Your Unit" will be made by our Chief Engineer, Greg Grimm. An opportunity for questions and answers will follow. Please mark this date on your calendar and be sure to join us for a fun and informative evening!

DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 1996

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: WEST PARTY ROOM

GARAGE SAFETY AND PARKING YOUR CAR

As you travel through the garage, you hopefully will notice new "yield" signs which have been installed for your safety and observation. Please exercise caution when driving inside the garage and follow a few simple rules:

- 1. Follow the 5 MPH speed limit.
- 2. Use your headlights at all times.
- 3. Watch for cars pulling in & out.
- 4. Use good neighbor etiquette and yield to vehicles turning on the ramps.

 If by accident you damage another vehicle, please report the incident to Management immediately.

\*\*\*With the holiday season upon us, we urge you not to leave valuables of any kind in your vehicles.\*\*\*

PROPOSED ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO SKYLINE HOUSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

For about the past six months, the Covenants Committee in cooperation with Management has been evaluating the Rules and Regulations which were last examined and updated in July 1992. At this time, the Covenants Committee is inviting unit owners to examine the proposed changes and additions and return any comments to the Committee no later than December 13, 1996. A copy of the proposed rule changes and a comment form may be picked up at the Front Desk. The Board of Directors will take this matter up at its January 1997 regular meeting.

#### STILL GETTING SUDS????

The following is a reprint from my May 1996 article. Management is still responding to many suds calls so here it is again:

One of the "ogres" that high-rise living may manifest is the phenomenon of soap suds backups. Because this is a concern that has affected a number of residents, the topic merits discussion and your consideration.



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Law Henderson

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Many high rise residential buildings experience soap suds. They can emerge from your kitchen sink, bathtub or in some instances from a commode. The residents of the lower floor units are particularly prone to this problem. Plain and simple, backups from soap suds are a result of the use of too much laundry detergent in the washing machine.

To help reduce if not eliminate the suds backup phenomenon it is strongly recommended that you do consider using (if you are not already) a low suds laundry detergent. The Association has taken a survey to determine which brands of detergents are acceptable or otherwise "high-rise friendly." Regardless of which detergent you select, it is very important that you read the labels carefully for the proper soap quantity.

Many brands are labeled "concentrate" and thus require much less detergent added to the wash. Particularly relevant to Skyline House is the fact some brands offer specific directions for front loading machines. Typically, front load machines use much less detergent. Here are a few examples of "low sudsing" laundry detergents which you might consider using:

AMWAY SA-8 ARM & HAMMER IVORY SNOW ALL (powder only) FAB (powder & liquid)

Perhaps you have picked up a tip that you did not know about. Please check your current product and see if it is a low suds type. If it is not, you might consider changing brands and/or reducing the amount of soap that you use when you run a load of wash. Your neighbors all around you will appreciate your consideration.

For additional information please contact the Management Office.

#### NEW GARAGE EXPANSION JOINT

During the Summer of 1995 a new type of expansion joint (Inter-span) was installed on the

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upper "A" level of the garage. This new concept in expansion joints proved to be successful in both water retainage and noise reduction. After giving a full year of testing, the Association contracted Structa-Bond, Inc. to install a like product on the lower "A" level. Currently the Association is evaluating the future replacement of the similar expansion joints on the remaining garage levels. So far the Interspan joint is doing a great job!!!

In addition to the internal expansion joints that have been installed, extensive re-caulking has been done on the garage roof expansion joint in an effort to deter water penetration into the garage. Further studying is being done on ways to decrease water infiltration into the garage building.

#### IS YOUR BICYCLE REGISTERED?

The bicycle storage rooms located in the East and West Buildings have become home to many abandoned bicycles. Skyline House offers these storage areas to current residents who have registered their bicycles with the Association through the Management Office. Effective January 1, 1997, any bicycle found without a decal will be removed from the Bicycle Room and discarded. Please help us to clean this area up by registering your bicycle. Thank you for your cooperation!



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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The South side of Skyline House faces Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) and the Coca Cola bottling plant (Coke). These organizations have become major polluters, and are affecting the health and property values of the Skyline House residents. This letter describes the problems, and the next steps in their resolution.

#### **NVCC**

The NVCC parking structure is the source of many noise and air pollution problems, but perhaps the most insidious are the car alarms. At all hours of the day or evening, car alarms are set off not by carjackers but by low-level environmental disturbances (wind, thunder, movement of the structure floor by car motions). The alarm noise is very loud and disturbing. The obvious solution is for the car owners to either turn off the alarms when parked at NVCC or to reduce the sensitivity settings. At present, there is no motivation for the parkers to take either of these actions. The problem could be eliminated rapidly through stiff fines, towing, and revocation of parking permits for owners who do not effectively de-activate their alarms. However, the NVCC Administration refuses to do any more than notify parkers that their alarms have activated after the fact.

#### COKE

The Coke plant generates noise and air pollution around the clock. Especially in colder weather, the trucks idle continuously, and generate tremendous amounts of diesel pollution. When winds are directed toward Skyline House, the unit exteriors are bathed in diesel fumes, and the windows must be kept closed. This increases the levels of equally dangerous indoor air pollution, and probably has increased damage to the respiratory and immune systems of the affected Skyline House residents.

#### PROBLEM SIMILARITIES

The root causes and persistence of the NVCC and Coke problems are the same. Reducing noise and air pollution costs money, time, and inconvenience. It requires thought, motivation, and effort on the part of the polluters. However, in the present situation, neither the NVCC Administration or the Coke managers live in the affected environment, and have no personal motivation to correct the pollution problem. They are effectively 'absentee landlords', or, more appropriately, slumlords. Unfortunately, the response of the Skyline House residents to this environmental

assault has been chronic apathy, and the situation has progressively deteriorated.

This apathy is not without its costs. In addition to the health problems, these pollution problems result in decreased property values. I know for a fact that the motorcycle classes that used to occur almost under our windows before the parking structure was built decreased the desireability of the South-facing units, and we are only starting to recover from the negative reputation caused by those classes. Both the present air and noise pollution problems affect the desireability of the units, and result in depressed prices. All owners should understand that, because any one unit's price depends on the selling price of other units anywhere in the building, everyone in Skyline House becomes affected financially by these pollution problems. In this light. NVCC and Coke are effectively stealing thousands of dollars from every Skyline House resident by their indifference to the pollution problems.

#### PROPOSED SOLUTION

There are about 1100 residents in Skyline House, and only a few Administrators in NVCC and managers in Coke—Yet, because of apathy, the few control the comfort of the many (reminescent of the old Soviet Union). If a substantial fraction of the Skyline residents worked in a concerted effort to apply pressure to NVCC and Coke to correct these problems, they would be phased out in a timely manner. I propose the Board of Directors of Skyline House convene a special meeting on this topic in early November, and develop a strategy and plan of action for immediate implementation that would involve participation of the Skyline House residents. All options for applying pressure should be considered; nothing should be left off the table.

#### Dr. Ronald N. Kostoff Unit 602W

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I live in a Terrace apartment on the ground floor. For 12 years, I have accepted the fact that gravity accounts for some of the items that appear on my terrace from above.

In the last 2 or 3 years, however, this has become an increasingly aggravating problem. All kinds of things rain down from above: dead flower clippings, orange peels and a variety of food items, cigarette butts, food cartons, children's toys, children's shoes and other clothing and many other trash items.

The children follow the example set by their parents in

tossing materials from their balcony. A few weeks ago, my cleaning lady had just finished vacuuming my 45 foot terrace carpet. A few minutes later she found it strewn with dozens of dead geranium head clippings. They were still coming down from an apartment balcony and it appeared that they were coming from an apartment balcony in the 1th-14th floor area - on the 14th tier.

In an apartment condominium with well kept public areas and easy access to trash disposal rooms, there is no excuse for such uncivilized behavior. I request that the persons responsible please stop throwing items from their balcony, in consideration of others who live in this building.

Irene H. Wolgamot - T 14E

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We feel we must add our comments to the preceding letter as we also live on the Terrace level. We have been considering writing a Letter to the Editor for some time now as an effort to reach our lofty neighbors. Ms. Wolgamot's listing of her unsolicited contributions can hardly be surpassed except for burning cigarettes and one or two unmentionable items. We have had our carpet burned with cigarettes and a short time ago the bushes outside our unit were almost completely destroyed by fire and our widow was cracked, possibly by a discarded cigarette, whether from a passerby or from above is moot.

We have lived here for approximately the same length of time as she and like her we have noticed a change in the past few years.

Law & Helen Henderson - T2W

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Perhaps a reader of the House Special can help us. We would like to hang additional flower boxes but have been unable to find brackets that fit the Skyline House balcony railings. We have checked most of the home improvement stores in the area (Heckinger, Home Depot, Brown, Merrifield, etc.), but their products are not wide enough to fit our railings properly or require drilling holes for permanent mounting.

We will appreciate any information that will help us find these items.

Sonya Livingston - 814W

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### Who Pays Insurance Deductibles? (By Andrew Elmore)

Imagine a high-rise condominium where the washing machine hose in unit #1501, owned by Mr. Smith, ruptured causing water to leak and results in damage to the unit below, #1401, which is owned by Mr. Jones. Mr. Smith is out of the building when the incident occurs, however, Mr. Jones is relaxing on his sofa when a stream of water flows across his floor and ruins his Washington Post. Mr. Jones calls the condominium front desk to report the incident. He is informed by the on-site manager that because the water passed through the common elements before entering his unit the damage is covered by the Association's master insurance policy therefore, the Association will make the necessary repairs. The repairs cost \$3,000 but the Association's policy has a \$1,000 deductible per occurrence. Who has to pay the deductible?

Generally, it is unclear in many community associations who would have to pay the deductible under the circumstances described above. Contributing to this lack of clarity is the fact that there is little, if any, case law on this issue and most association documents do not specifically address this point. Complicating matters even further is that both the association and the unit owners, by definition, are named insures under association's master policy. Unfortunately, associations will have to approach each situation on a case-by-case basis when determining who shall pay the deductible until this issue is clarified by statute, case law or document amendments, in instances where its master insurance policy provides coverage for damage to a unit in the common elements caused by something that was the responsibility of a unit owner.

Dependent on the circumstances, either the association, a unit owner, or a group of unit owners, may be liable for the deductible. Some associations may take the approach association shall pay for the deductible under any circumstance where coverage is provided by the association's master policy. However, an association may, in situations similar to the example set forth, want to enforce payment of the deductible against the unit owner who caused or whose unit caused the damage. Associations which attempt to enforce such payment by relying

on a standard insurance deductible provision which is contained in its recorded documents may still have difficulty with enforcement.

In the latter situation, a typical insurance deductible provision usually provides that if something from one unit which, pursuant to the governing documents is the responsibility of the unit owner, causes damage to another unit, but is covered by the association's master insurance policy, the unit owner responsible for the faulty item shall pay the deductible. Although a deductible provision puts the association in a good position to enforce payment from the unit owner causing the damage, it is not foolproof. Many condominium associations which already have insurance deductible provisions in their documents, as a practical matter, are unable to effectively enforce these provisions due to the impact of other provisions in the documents.

The problem is that some condominium documents establish that a unit owner is only responsible for damage to another unit or the common elements caused by something under the unit owner's responsibility if the damage was a result of the unit owner's negligence, misuse or neglect. In other words, the association may have to prove that the unit owner was negligent before properly enforcing payment against the unit owner for the insurance deductible.

The association's ability to establish negligence by a unit owner is usually arduous. Generally, negligence is an onerous burden for any plaintiff to meet because it requires a detailed factual underpinning that must dovetail with four mail elements of the negligence cause of action. If any of the elements are not established, the cause of action for negligence will usually fail. The association's burden of establishing negligence in many cases is exacerbated by the reality that it is difficult for the association to know the facts regarding a unit owner's behavior in his unit and/or the condition of the components therein. Consider the broken washing machine example. For the association to establish negligence (absent the unit owner admitting that he knew the hose was going to break but elected to do nothing about it), there would probably have to be a regularly scheduled inspection of the units to determine whether unit components were in a satisfactory condition.

In addition to triggering issues with respect to the association's authority to perform such inspections, associations probably do not have the resources to adhere to any sort of inspection schedule which could lead to a discovery of potential negligence. As a result, associations which seek to have wrongful unit owners pay the deductible may not be protected by merely having an insurance deductible provision in the recorded documents. However, an express well-written deductible provision could circumvent this type of provision.

A better solution for the associations in the immediate situation, and those with documents that are silent on the issue, is to have a "strict liability" standard contained in an insurance deductible provision in the recorded documents. So, a provision could provide, in part, that:

 In the event of an insured loss to a unit, units and/or the common elements, under the association's master casualty insurance policy, if the loss is caused by anything in a unit for which the unit owner has the maintenance, repair or replacement responsibility, then the deductible shall be paid by that unit owner without regard to the negligence of the unit owner.

With strict liability language like this set forth in its recorded documents, by document amendment an association might be able to avoid the necessity of proving negligence and thus, enhance its ability to enforce payment of the deductible from the wrongful unit owner by merely establishing that the component causing the damage was an item to be maintained by the unit owner.

In some situations, the association's claim against a wrongful unit owner for damages, including the deductible, may be covered by the insurance policies of the individual unit owners. However, there are some insurance companies who are actively initiating subrogation claims against associations in situations where their covered individuals have previously paid for the deductible. Again, in defending a subrogation suit for the insurance deductible, the strict liability provisions offers the association the best protection for enforcing the payment of the deductible against the wrongful unit owner.

QUORUM - (Community Association Institute)

# COUNTY CITIZENS URGED TO "SHARE THEIR LIVES; SHARE THEIR DECISIONS"

Did you know that there are dozens of Fairfax County residents now waiting for an organ transplant? Members of the County's Committee on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation would like to tell you more! The Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors to increase public awareness on this issue. Members respresent the nine Supervisory Districts, the City of Fairfax, and the medical and religious communities. The Commission also includes transplant recipients and candidates and their family members.

The Commision reports that organ transplantation is becoming more successful and widespread evry day. In the last five years, 275 Fairfax County residents have become recipients. The organs and tissues from one donor can help dozens of people. In addition to organs such as heart, liver, lungs and kidneys, donors can also contribute their corneas and heart valves.

However, there is a serious imbalance between the number of people on the waiting list and **the number of donors**. The United Network or Organ Sharing estimates that, for the U. S. as a whole, a new name is added to the list every 20 minutes, and seven people die every day while waiting for a transplant. Some of these people live in Fairfax County, like the son of one of the Commission members.

The goal of the Commission is to provide education so citizens can make an informed choice about organ donation. The commission hopes that citizens will decide, like national spokesman Michael Jordan, to "Share Your Life; Share Your Decision." That is, deciding to become a donor is only the first step; you must also tell your family.

If you would like to learn more, Commission members and volunteers are available to speak. For more information, please call the Commission's Chair, Rev. Jane St. John, at (703) 281-1767. You may also reach Commission staff at the Fairfax County Health Department at 246-2411.



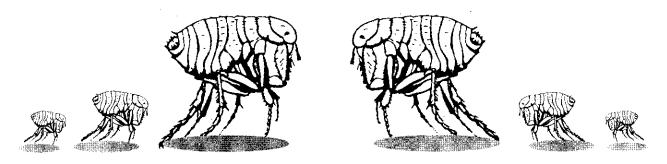
#### Current Owner and Resident Statistics

Total Units		559*		
Total Residents:		995		
Total Residents Authorized		1759		
Number of Resident Owners Units		397		
71.2%				
Number of Non-Resident Owner Units137				
24.6%				
Number of Vacant Units	25	4.2%		
* Includes 3 Association units				



Thursday
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7:00 to 8:30 PM





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Dear Skyline House Friends and Neighbors,

The Giant and Safeway receipt collecting program has now entered its eighth year. Once again I am asking you to help my school, Corpus Christi, earn computers, textbooks, TVs and VCRs, microscopes and other much needed educational tools.

All you have to do to be part of this partnership is save your grocery and pharmacy receipts from Giant and Safeway. Just clip the bottom portion of your yellow Giant receipt tape and/or save the entire receipt tape from Safeway and leave them at the front desk for Melissa Stolarum, in box 1405 West.

If you haven't been donating your receipts, I hope you will consider starting now. Last year I was able to turn in over \$14,000 in receipts which helped us earn some great new equipment for the school.

Thanks for your participation.

Melissa Stolarum - 1405 West

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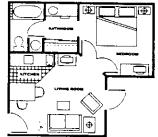
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#### **COVENANTS COMMITTEE**

#### Jack Herzig, Chair

At its October meeting, the committee finished the review and updating of the draft of the Skyline House Rules and Regulations. Much of the initial detail work had been the product of efforts of Anna Malitsky-Goes and H. David Kafka, Vice Chairman of the Covenants Committee, who had met several times with General Manager Don Other members of the committee participated actively in producing this document that outlines the parameters within which we should function as a small but orderly community respecting the rights and liberties of all who share our property. This draft is now being circulated among the other committees for their review and comment. These suggestions will then be incorporated into another version and made available at the front desk for additional comments by owners and residents. The Board of Directors wil render their final approval and the new Rules and Regulations will be printed and distributed early next year.

The Hearings Subcommittee continues to decide cases of serious violations of our Rules and Regulations. In most instances, a compromise or agreement can be reached. However, in instances where flagrant violations have occurred, more stringent action has resulted in assessments of several hundreds of dollars placed against owners responsible. Subcommittee Chairman, Mr. Howie McClennan, and its members have been joined by Mr. James Moyers, Esq., who has been appointed as Vice Chairman by our Board of Directors. resident who wishes to serve on the hearings panel should contact Mr. McClennan or Jack Herzig, Conenants Committee Chairman.

## Vote

#### Old Eyeglasses!!

For many years, the Lions Club of America has had a program through which thousands of people with poor vision have been enabled to see. Members of that organization collect eyeglasses that are no longer of use to people who had worn them. The club then cleans and repairs the glasses and labels them according to their strength and characteristics. They are then distributed throughout the world to people who otherwise would not be able to read or see clearly.

Larry Bauer, the owner of Bauer Optics in our own Skyline Mall has offered to be a collection point for this worthy project and our General Manager, Don Perper has authorized our front desk personnel to accept used eyeglasses for further delivery to Mr. Bauer. We are happy to see that our old glasses will be sent on the way to those people who otherwise would be deprived of one of our most precious gifts - that of eyesight.

Letter from Gordon Frank as President of SHUOA to Ms. Kathleen A. Mitchell, of Department of Housing and Community Development, Fair Fax County:

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Skyline House Unit Owners' Association, Inc. On behalf of its 556 unit owners supports the initiative for tax abatement for rehabilitated properties. We believe that this program would encourage needed revitalization in the Baileys Crossroads area which is of great importance to owners concerned about the value and marketability of their property.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

Gordon A. Frank, President Board of Directors SHUOA, Inc.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony DiSalvo, Chair

The committee did not meet in October.

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If you are a new resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF 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 liquid refreshments.

We continue to get one or two new faces at the monthly TGIF. We are pleased to have them. We still miss our regulars who have not attended for whatever reason. Please come back -- we miss you.

The next TGIF is scheduled for Friday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Party Room. Mark your calendar for the annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14. Please join us.

TGIF	Fri	Nov 1	EPR	6:30 PM
Flea Market	Thurs	Nov 21	EPR	7:00PM
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Annual Holi-				
day Party	Sat	Dec 14	WPR	7:00PM

### SECURITY, FIRE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Ann L. Mehrten, Chair

The Security, Fire and Safety Committee convened September 30 at 7:30 P.M. in the West Card Room. There were seven members/visitors present.

The committee reviewed incidents which occurred during the months of July and August.

At the request of the Board, the committee examined its charter, last updated in February 1992, and made a few changes, mostly semantic, to be recommended to the Board. The bulk of the charter continues to expand upon our mission to be "....the Skyline House guardian of the vital measures" for the protection of persons and property against accidents or willful malicious acts".

Other subjects under discussion included entry procedures for real estate agents and the quality of lighting in the garage and the outside parking areas. The Committee asked the Management office to look into the possibility of installing a house phone at the West Lobby Entrance for the convenience of residents who want to contact the Front Desk quickly from that location.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 P.M. in the West Card Room. All are welcome to attend.

#### CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION 12000 Government Center Parkway Suite 433, 4th Floor

Fairfax, Virginia 22035-0045

October 21, 1996

#### Dear Homeowner Association President:

We are writing to inform your organization of an important Fairfax County activity in which you and your members are encouraged to participate. Fairfax County's cable television franchise, awarded to Media General Cable of Fairfax, Inc. (MGC) in 1982, is scheduled to expire in the fall of 1997. Accordingly, the review process for possible franchise renewal has started, a major component of which is public comment.

The Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission (CPC) is responsible for advising the Board of Supervisors concerning MGC's past performance in operating its cable system, and in the identification of the community's cable television needs for the next franchise period. Public input will be sought through a public hearing that will be held in the auditorium of the Massey Building, Level A, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 1996. If necessary a continuation of the hearing will take place Thursday, November 21, at the same place and time. In addition to this letter, announcements of the public hearing will be made through County publications, Fairfax County's Channel 16, and the news media.

Comments may be made by individuals and representatives of organizations and groups. In accordance with usual public hearing procedures, individual speakers are asked to limit their presentations to three minutes. Representatives of organizations may be eligible for additional time. All persons wishing to speak on these subjects should call the Department of Consumer Affairs to be placed on the speakers' list. The priority of speaking order at the hearing will go to those who have registered for the speakers' list. The telephone number is (703) 222-8435; TDD (703) 222-8653. If you are unable to attend, written comments may be submitted in lieu of a personal appearance and should be mailed to the Consumer Protection Commission, Attention: MGC Public Comment, Suite 433, Department of Consumer Affairs, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. Comments received by the CPC will become part of the County's public record on MGC's cable franchise renewal.

We encourage your participation in the renewal process, including comments about how the cable television system has served your community, and what you would like cable service to provide in the future. We look forward to having your community's ideas included in the review.

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Kirk Chairman Comsumer Protection Commission

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FMC)

#### Bill Miller, Chair

The FMC and Management jointly completed a review of the proposed 1997 budget at a special FMC meeting on October 10, 1996 and recommended forwarding the approved proposed budget to the Board of Directors for review and approval. The President of the Board scheduled a Special Meeting for October 29, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. in the West Card Room to review and approve the budget.

FMC recommended that the elevator contract bid received from Elevator Control Services be accepted. Acceptance of this contract will result in a significant savings to the Association. The new contract cost has been included in the proposed 1997 budget.

The subjects of the proposed reserve study by an outside consultant and the water infiltration project at the west end of the West Building and the east end of the East Building are scheduled for review at the FMC meeting on November 21, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in the West Card Room.

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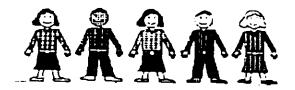
Do you feel in need of toning up, or slimming down? The Skyline Clubs are offering a free one month trial membership to any new or current resident of Skyline House. This offer expires on November 30, 1996. For further information please contact Mary Grace Murry, Marketing Assistant, at (703) 820-4100.

In addition, Mrs. Murry has offered the support of the Skyline Clubs in conducting programs that may be of interest to Skyline House residents such as blood pressure screening, seminars on health, and workshops on fitness.

Coordinating these activities might normally be the responsibility of a Community Relations Committee which, unfortunately, is not active at the present time. We seek a volunteer to form an ad hoc committee to begin work with Skyline Clubs on this initiative. A trial membership application will be included in the information packet for new residents. If you are interested please contact our General Manager, Donald Perper or leave a message for Gordon Frank, our Association President in box 1111W at the front desk.

#### THE GOOD NEIGHBOR GROUP

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



Skyline House Good Neighbors November 1996

Nadine Tyonoff Dorothy Sills

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During the summer, the Good Neighbors were called upon for various kinds of assistance.

The Good Neighbors:

Picked up medications for two residents,
Took a resident to the doctor's office,
Took a resident to the Metro station so
she could see her doctor in D.C.,
Sat with an elderly resident so her daughter could go for chemotherapy,
Assisted a 9-year old with his math!

Notes and telephone calls from the Good Neighbors to residents included:

Two injured in falls,
Two ill and went to the hospital,
One ill at home,
Two recovering from surgery,
One receiving cancer chemothreapy.

Call a Good Neighbor of the Month if you need temporary help due to illness, emergency or disability.

We wish you all a.....

### Happy Thanksgiving!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### SUPERVISOR PENNY GROSS

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1996

7:30 PM

MASON GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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OR
E-MAIL: MASON@CO.FAIRFAX.VA.US

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When someone doesn't file and pay personal property tax, that puts an additional burden on those who do.

#### That's Not Fair!

Help us fix the problem! To report vehicles normally parked in Fairfax County with out-of-state license plates or without a valid County decal, call the

#### TARGET HOTLINE at 324-3767.

You may report the information anonymously. We will follow up on all leads and assess all property subject to taxation.

Department of Tax Administration, Program TARGET