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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL L. MOORE

As many of you know, **Mr. David Kafka** has been the Acting Chairman of our Covenants Committee for quite some time. He has now accepted the assignment as the permanent Chairman of that committee. David was the driving force and leader of the recent development and final Board approval of the many beneficial changes to the Skyline House rules. The entire Board thanks David for taking on this most important function and for his voluntary service to our community.

Following in David Kafka's footsteps is **Mr. Robert Busby** who has accepted the position of Vice Chairman of the Covenants Committee. The board thanks you Robert for your voluntary service in this very necessary Association function.

The Chairperson of our Community Relations Committee, **Ms. Helen Drivas**, has recently publicized many very important area community activities and functions. All of our residents are urged to continuously monitor our bulletin boards and front desk notices so that they will stay abreast of what is going on in our area and participate in the many available functions. Thank you, Helen, for your voluntary and in-depth participation in the Fairfax County community affairs.

At the latest Board of Directors meeting on

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the following significant reports were given and actions taken:

1. The Board Treasurer reported that the financial status of the Association remains quite good. He stated that we anticipate coming in on budget at the end of 1997.

2. Our General Manager reported that, on November 3, 1997, new parking garage decals will be distributed. There will be two color schemes, one for Unit Owners and one for residents. Also, the re-coding of the garage door remote control devices will take place early in 1998.

3. The Skyline House Replacement Reserves Schedule for 1998 was approved by the Board of Directors without any changes. The Board appreciated the long and laborious work that the Ad Hoc Committee had endured. We thanked **Ed Bisgyer, Ken Grant, Bob Lowry, Bill Miller and our General Manager, Don Perper**, for this outstanding work.

4. The renewal of the Elevator Preventive Maintenance contract with ELCON Services was approved by the Board.

Our General Manager and the Budget Subcommittee of the Financial Management Committee reported that they are about to complete the draft of the 1998 budget early in November. That draft budget is expected to be presented to the Board at a Special Board meeting in November for final approval.



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## A Note from the Editor:

I feel ashamed and embarrassed. I should have realized this some time ago but it has just occurred to me and I feel that it is time that I rectify this oversight. Here I have been hogging this cushy job for almost six years, depriving others of this most satisfying pastime. It is time that I turn over the reins of this newsletter to someone more qualified and with a new outlook. Call for details at 578-0189.

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## COVENANTS COMMITTEE

H. David Kafka, Chair

On May 28, 1997, the revised Rules and Regulations developed by Covenants Committee of Skyline House and approved by the Board of Directors took effect.

This was not a massive rewriting of the Rules and Regulations that had been in effect since 1992. It refines the language of some rules, more clearly defines others, eliminates some that had become outdated, added others that are more appropriate for a changed time, all the while keeping in mind that the objective is to make living in Skyline House a pleasant, peaceful and enjoyable experience.

This is our home and we are closely surrounded by neighbors who are entitled to enjoy their privacy and quality of life with as little interference as possible.

That is why we have rules, not only in Skyline House but in the world at large, so everyone knows the boundaries that control behavior.

This is called COMMON COURTESY. Everyone deserves it and is entitled to it. In a tightly packed community such as ours it is a necessity.

The House Rules are straightforward, fair and clear.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tony DiSalvo, Chair

The Committee met in October. A discussion of future activities as well as a request that we locate someone or perhaps someone will volunteer as co-chair of the committee. Next meeting will be December 10 at 7:30 PM in the West Card Room.

A Flea Market is scheduled for Thursday, November 19 in the East Party Room. This is a call for those desiring to reserve a table to sell their items. There is NO charge for the table. Selling will be RESTRICTED to Skyline House residents. This is a good time for you to rid yourselves of those heirlooms or white elephants which are taking up space. There is no restriction as to who may make purchases. The doors will be open at 6:30 pm for those who have reserved a table for selling. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own table as the number of available tables is limited. Just let Tony know. Call him at 824-1958 to reserve a table or if you have any questions.

The flea Market will open at 7:00 pm and close at 8:30 pm. Come early and select the heirlooms that will be available.

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.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13. The next TGIF is scheduled for Friday, November 7 at 6:30 pm in the East Party Room.

TGIF	Fri	Nov 7	EPR	6:30 PM
Flea				
Market	Thurs	Nov 19	EPR	7:00 PM
Rec Com	Wed	Dec 10	WCR	7:30 PM
Annual Holi-				
day Party	Sat	Dec 13	WPR	7:00 PM
Post Holi-				
day Party	Fri	Jan 9	EPR	6:30 PM

## MAGAZINES FOR ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Please be advised that for the past several weeks I have been delivering the magazines, which Skyline House residents have provided, to the Alexandria Hospital on Seminary Road. One of the volunteer coordinators expressed his appreciation requesting that we continue the donations. In the past the magazines had been delivered to what was known as the National Hospital for Orthopedics, Arlington. Keep the magazines coming. Thanks, Tony DiSalvo

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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Bill Miller, Chair**

The committee members congratulate FMC member Virginia Poindexter on her appointment to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy of Dolores Littles who resigned from the Board. This is the committee's loss and the Board's gain.

The reserve study ad hoc committee completed their review and presented their recommendations to the Board for consideration. The Board review of the committee recommendations is scheduled for the Board Meeting on October 22, 1997.

The FMC review of the proposed 1998 budget is nearing completion and should be submitted to the Board of Directors after a final review by the full FMC.

After reviewing the financial portions of the elevator and security contracts, the FMC concurred with Management's recommendation to renew the elevator contract with Elevator Control Services and renew the security contract with Argenbright Security, Inc. for 1998.

A personnel leave policy subcommittee, as requested by the Board, was appointed by the FMC Chair to include Grace Krumwiede, Chair, Juanita Mayer, Jack Prather, and Charles Ruby. The subcommittee recommendations will be submitted to the Board and to Management.



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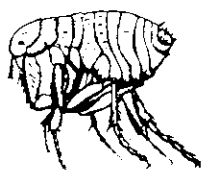
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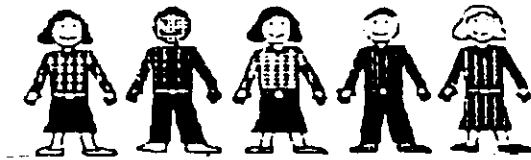
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## THE GOOD NEIGHBOR GROUP

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



### Skyline House Good Neighbors November 1997

Dorothy Sills 998-4045  
Fran Stamm 998-8221

**G**et-Well notes reminding of the Good Neighbor services were delivered to two residents returned from the hospital after surgery. Two other notes were delivered to residents because of illness.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with relatives and/or friends. And if you go away, a safe journey.

## DECALS & GARAGE SPACES

Starting Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, new decals with be issued to all owner and non-owner residents. The schedule for distribution is posted in the mail lobbies and at the front desk. In order to obtain a new decal, you will be required to present the vehicle registration. All residents shall be required to obtain new decals.

Concurrent with the decal reissue, we will be verifying the parking spaces that are assigned to your unit. With increasing frequency we are finding many parking spaces that have been allegedly transferred but never recorded with Fairfax County.

In order to complete a transfer, Skyline House governing documents require that an Amendment to the Declaration be executed. Without the Amendment, no transfer is valid or recognized by the county or the association. Should you find yourself in this situation, we will assist you in correcting the problem. Please know the assigned number of your space(s) when you come down to obtain your decal(s)



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**Helen S. Drivas, Chair**

### Citizens Handbook, Fairfax County

Fairfax County has almost 900,000 people within its borders and is the most populous jurisdiction in Virginia. The County is dedicated to providing services at the most economical cost to meet the needs of this large and diversified population. It is important that you be aware of the broad array of County services available to you and of your responsibilities as a Fairfax County resident.

The County publishes a Citizens handbook which provides important information with a directory of services organized under simple headings and phone numbers to help you find the appropriate department or agency performing the service you are seeking. The handbooks are available at any public library at no cost and at the County Office. Should you stop at the library and they are out of handbooks, ask that they order one for you from the County Office which provides a supply to the libraries and there should be no problem securing a supply.

### THE BAILEYS CROSSROADS REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

The BCRC is a partnership of businesses, residents and government to foster economic development and stable, livable neighborhoods in the Bailey Crossroads area. At present, the activity is focused on the areas in and surrounding the intersection of Columbia Pike and Leesburg Pike. It is a well-thought out plan fostering an environment conducive to the well-being of its businesses and residents. It covers every aspect including landscaping, parks, trails and many more areas.

The BCRC meets mnthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and everyone is welcome to attend. The meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Mason Government Center on Columbia Pike. Since this revitalization effort touches all of us personally, I

urge you to take time to attend meetings as you can. You will be hearing more about this group and I urge you to learn as much as you can. For those of us who are owner residents, it is important to be aware of what is happening and to express our opinions so that our property values are enhanced by any changes and improvements. The quality of life for all residents of our area is bound to be pleasantly affected but we must all participate in the planning and execution by demonstrating our interest.

### ELECTION DAY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

In order to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Virginia and be 18 years of age on or before Election Day and must have been registered to vote by October 6<sup>th</sup>.

On the ballot in this year's general election are Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General of Virginia, all members of the Virginia House of Delegates, and a school bond referendum.

If you will not be here to vote on Election Day and wish to cast an absentee ballot, they are available at the front desk. Additionally, absentee voting location information is also available at the front desk and on the Bulletin Boards. The deadlines for absentee voting are: by mail -- October 30; and in person -- by November 1.

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