



The House Special

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Michael L. Moore



A hearty welcome to Mr. Al Smith, our new Deputy General Manager. Out of the 22 candidates, our General Manager, Don Perper, selected Al with the Board's unanimous approval. As requested by the majority

of our Unit owners who attended the Town Meeting on March 8th, 1998, Al is living on the premises. We wish Al a very satisfying and productive work and living experience here at Skyline House.

Check the Neck, Zap the Cap, and Throttle the Bottle. (Note: This edited item was extracted from the Fairfax County's April 9, 1998, issue of it's "Weekly Agenda.") Many residents believe that they should deposit all plastics in our recycling bins. That is not true. While many types of plastics are "technically" recyclable, municipal collection programs are driven by market demand. Currently in Fairfax County, available markets are seeking **#1 and #2 "pour" bottles and jugs ONLY**. Other resin grades such as #3 - #7 are contaminants in this program and should be disposed of along with regular trash. If a load is too contaminated, the

entire load will be rejected and may end up in the trash. Such containers as yogurt cups and margarine tubs are also #1 or #2 but have undergone a different manufacturing process and possess different physical properties from bottles and jugs. Please throw away cups, tubs, or other shapes of plastic as part of household trash. The following is how to determine what is acceptable plastics for recycling in the Fairfax area. **If it is a #1 or #2, do this:**

- **"Check The Neck"** If the neck is smaller than the base, recycle it; if it is not, throw it away as part of the household trash.
- **"Zap The Cap"** The caps are a different type of plastic and should not be put in the bin.
- **"Throttle The Bottle"** Plastic bottles take up a lot of space in the recycling bin. You can help increase recycling efficiency by flattening all plastic containers before you place them in the bin.

Remember, that in order to be recycled in this area, plastic containers have to pass two tests: one is to be labeled #1 or #2 and the other is to have a neck that is smaller than the body of the container.

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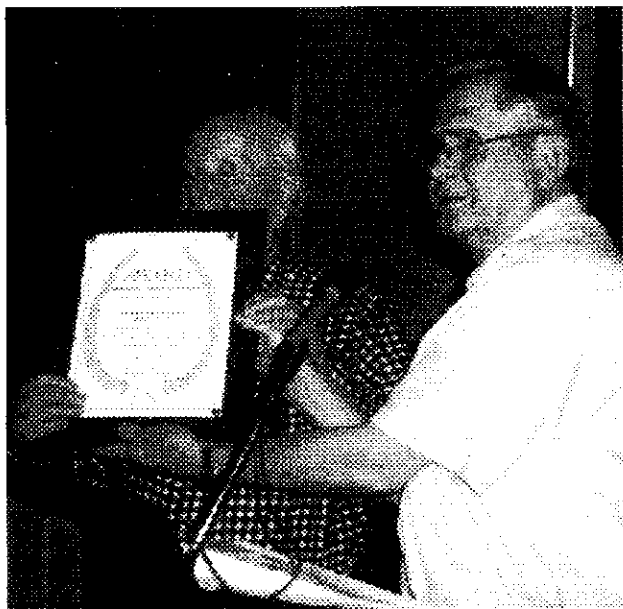
The Board of Directors approved the following significant motions at our regular meeting on April 29, 1998:

- The Third Special Meeting minutes were approved.
- The Ninth Regular Meeting minutes were approved with amendment.
- Signature authority for management and board members was set for signing Association checks with Nations Bank.
- The replacement of the Garage Sweeper was approved.
- The Audit report was approved as amended.
- An Ad Hoc Committee Chair was appointed to select committee members for review and revision of Association By Laws.



AWARD WINNER KEEPS ON TICKING

Michael Moore presents Mr. Howie McClellan another award for his many years of service to the Skyline House Unit Owners Association.



RECREATION COMMITTEE (RC)

Tony DiSalvo, Chair



The Committee met on Wednesday, 8 April, 1998. The Chairperson and one other member were present, along with the new Board of Directors Liaison Bob Busby. The Committee's activities were reviewed. Possible future events discussed

included a flea market, a barbecue, and a Chinese food night depending on community interest and the amount of volunteers who participate. The next TGIF is scheduled for June 5, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the West Party Room. Y'all come and plan to have a good time meeting and talking with your neighbors. You know, those people who live above, below and on both sides of you whom you have not yet met. If you are a new resident, or a long-time resident who has not attended TGIF, make this a first and come on up and meet your neighbors. You are more than welcome, and to make it easier, the RC will provide the hours d'oeuvre. You just bring your own liquid refreshment.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday June 10, 1998 in the West Card Room at 7:30 PM.

COVENANTS COMMITTEE (CC)



David Kafka, Chair

The CC has been working on various rules projects to ensure unit owners have the best guidance to while living here

at Skyline House Condominiums.

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Several discussions (because of recurring violations) over the past few meetings regarding pets and the current rule of "NO PETS" have resulted in the committee being split on the current rule. Since the committee is split on the current pet rule, it may be that the unit owners are also split over the current NO PET rule. The chairman requested that an article be placed in the House Special to solicit unit owners input, so here it is!

To Pet or Not to Pet

Bob Busby - Former Vice Chair CC

The Covenants Committee has recently reviewed several pet violations in Skyline House. Because of the pet violations reviewed and the emotional views of the pet owners, the Covenants Committee has decided to review the current condominium rule on "no pets."

Numerous individuals have commented about seeing small pets and pet food being brought into Skyline House. Very few complaints have been made by owners and renters about pets causing problems. Pets observed in windows have been reported to management and action taken. (These reported pets have been removed by the owners after management informed them of the current No Pet Rule)

The owner and renter population of the condominium are asked to provide comments to the editor of The House Special on their feelings regarding the current no pet rule. Currently no pets of any kind are allowed in the Skyline House Condominium. Your comments may be in the form of a note or a letter but please provide your name and unit number so the Association can ensure the comments provided are by our unit owners and renters.

Remember the type of pets that could be allowed in Skyline House is a big concern for all unit owners and renters. There are no accommodations at

Skyline House for animals that must leave the individual unit in other than a pet carrying case. There is no place for certain kinds of pets to be walked or taken for play. Taking pets from the individual units in other than a pet carrying case of some sort would leave the owner open to damages caused by the pet while entering and leaving the individual unit and the building.

If pets are allowed, no matter what variety, they would not be allowed to violate health, safety or noise rules of the Association.

Research has shown that people who keep pets live longer. However, there are people who don't like animals in the house, and do not wish to see or be exposed to any type of animal/pet roaming the halls. Some people are concerned about fleas infesting our living area. Since there are so many people living in close quarters in our community, we need to see if the winds are changing on having pets at Skyline House, and if so, to what limits the owners want to make changes. Tell the Association what you think about pets (kind and size) being allowed at Skyline House.

Do you want pets in Skyline House?

What type of pets would you allow?

What size pets would you allow?

How many pets per unit would be appropriate?

How should the unit owner transport pets to and from the individual unit through the common areas?

Now, with all that said, take a moment and put pen to paper and let the editor, the Covenants Committee and your neighbors know what you think. Please do not call, just let us know your feelings about pets at Skyline House in writing. Drop your comments at the Lobby Desk attention Bob Busby. **Remember currently pets are NOT ALLOWED at Skyline House.**

Pool Rule Update -

David Kafka - Chair CC

In accordance with the "Procedures To Change The Rules" approved by the Board of Directors on 7/23/97 the following notice is published:

POOL RULE UPDATE CONT'D***RULE 24 Swimming Pool Section H***

The following rule is to be added to the current "Rules and Regulations" of the Skyline House Unit Owners Association, Inc.

APPROPRIATE SWIMMING ATTIRE SHALL BE WORN IN THE POOL. "APPROPRIATE" TO BE DEFINED AS CONFORMING TO LOCAL COMMUNITY STANDARDS.

The Covenants Committee solicits input from ALL community residents on the above proposal and requests any comments be submitted by June 5, 1998, to the Lobby Desk, attention David Kafka.

GOOD NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE (GNC)

This fine group of people take the time each day of the year to help those requiring assistance.

Geraldine Naveau & Irene Wolgamot received awards at the annual meeting for donating their time to the Good Neighbors. Way to go Geraldine and Irene!



Geraldine & Irene



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YOUR Good Neighbors for May 1998 are:

George Beams can be reached at: **578-9507**



If you need assistance George Beams may be the person who helps you this month from the Good Neighbors Group.

Stephanie Keyser can be reached at:

671-8545 (Photo not available) may also assist you in your time of need.

Good Neighbors are available to all residents who are in need of temporary help because of illness or disability. Call the Good Neighbors of the month if the need arises. Call one of the Co-Chairs (Joan Collins at 998-0780 or Toska Prather at 379-7849) if you wish to join The Good Neighbors.

SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE (SFSC)

Chair - Ann Mehrten

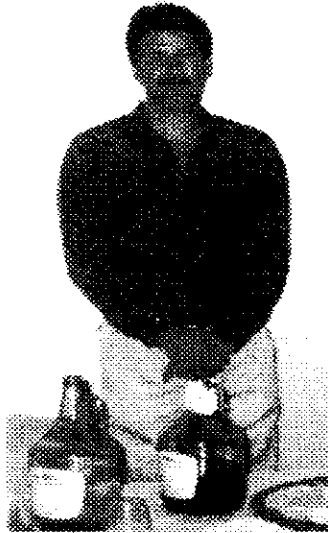


The Security Committee has been assisting the Association and Management in developing information on prospective replacements for the

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current security provider, Argenbright Security. The information developed will be provided to management and to FMC and the Board for their upcoming meetings.



Greg GRIMM
Chief Engineer

Knows how to pour a mean drink. Greg assisted at the 1998 election by making sure all who wanted wine had a full glass. Greg and his team are always available to help the residents when problems arise.

Physical Plant & OPNS (PPOC)

Ken Grant - Co-Chair



At the election meeting Ken Grant one of the Co-Chairs of the PPOC, provided information on what the committee has been up to for the last year. All of us owe our volunteers who take the time to attend meetings a lot. We also owe those few who become leaders

of the volunteers and committee chair and co-chairs. Thanks for the effort Ken!

Robert Lowry -Co-Chair

On April 8, 1998, the PPOC met in the West Card Room. Mr. Lowry thanked the other Co-Chairs

Ken Grant & Ross MacAskill for their time and efforts and Ms. Jean Orben for taking the meeting minutes. Someone mentioned that it was time for new volunteers to fill the PPOC Chair and Co-Chairs. During the meeting, the following motions were made and passed:

- The scope of work proposed by the Wardman Companies, Inc., to survey the balconies for damage and / or deterioration.
- Thomas Downey, Ltd., and Sontz Engineering, P.C. demonstrated the danger of using tile on the balcony. The PPOC recommended to the board to reconsider the balcony policy regarding tiles.
- PPOC recommended that our procurement policy for the required three bids be suspended, and that Management purchase the Tennant Company's 6400 Power Sweeper for \$18,132.94, already funded in this year's budget.

The meeting minutes are available in the management office.

D Level West Building Garage Stairs

A resident owner, Luis Valdivieso, reported that the stairs between the upper and lower D Levels of the West Building were too steep and narrow and were a safety hazard. The committee decided to find out if the stairs are within proper building code standards. The estimate to repair the steps was \$3,500.00.

Unescorted Children in the halls

Numerous complaints have been made regarding young children walking and running in the hallways with no parental supervision. Obviously some children are very capable of independent behavior while others need constant supervision. Parents are asked to be aware of where their children are to make sure they stay safe and out of trouble. Other complaints include children yelling in the hallways

and playing in the elevators. Some damage to the hallway walls is believed to have been caused by children dragging their school bags along the walls while running to the elevators.

Over-Occupancy

Constant reports are being made to management about residences that have too many occupants. If you have more individuals living in your unit than you reported to management when you moved in, you need to update your owner/renter information and make sure you are not in violation of the Over-Occupancy rule.

A MANAGEMENT MOMENT...

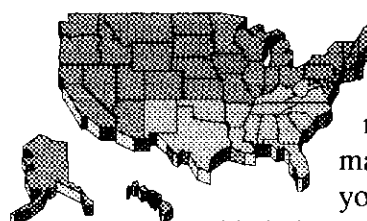
Donald Perper, General Manager

All repairs have been made to the concrete decks in the west garage building. During the repairs within the northwest quadrant only one post tension cable repair was required. This was very good news for the association. At this time we are engaged in some limited exploratory work associated with the overhead beams. Further updates will be made available as soon as possible. Thanks again to everyone's patience during this project.

Maintenance Log

Management appreciates your participation in the maintenance log program. We need your eyes in helping us to keep the building in tip-top shape. Please, however, use the log for its intended purpose and that is common area maintenance related items. If you have reported a concern and it has not been corrected within a reasonable period of time, please call the office before re-entering the same problem in the log book. There is an explanation as to why there has been no resolution. One last BIG REQUEST, **PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY**. If we cannot read it, we cannot fix it.

Vacations and Travel



As you make your 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!!

Swimming Pool News

With Memorial Day just a little over four weeks away, the swimming pool season gets closer and closer. Atlantic Pool Service is back again for a second year as our pool service provider and we are looking forward to working with them. On weekends (Saturday and Sunday), the pool will open at 10 AM and close at the usual 8 PM. This will allow "early" risers a chance to take a dip. Our opening day is scheduled for Saturday May 23rd at 11 AM. Pool passes may be picked up at the front desk beginning Monday May 4th. Have a safe and enjoyable swimming season!

Window Washing

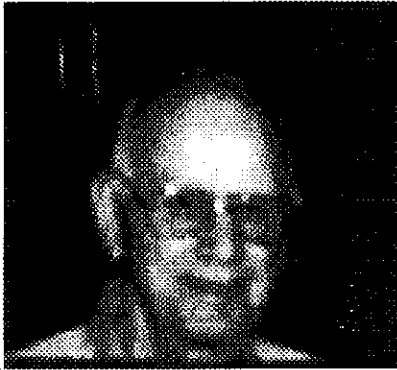
Plan to have your screens down in early June for our annual window cleaning in 1998. Please



remember that balcony windows and window interiors are not included in the washing. All screens must be removed in order for the

windows to be washed. If you need help in removing your screens, within the next several weeks, sign-up sheets will be available at the front desk.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FMC)



Bill Miller - Acting Chair

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) is looking for Association Unit Owners to become members to volunteer for committee positions.

The current members of the committee average 15 years of service and would love to have some new faces in the crowd.

At the FMC meeting on Monday, April 20, 1998, the committee gained two new members, Rich Reither of unit 1606 East and Bert Rapaport of unit 1111 West. In addition to becoming an FMC member, Rich also volunteered to accept the Chairperson position of the FMC. Since Rich was not selected for the Board this year, he is graciously volunteering his services in another way on an important committee. After a briefing by Bill Miller, present Chair and Ed Bisgyer, past Chair, Board Member and Association Treasurer Wayne Krumwiede, Rick will assume the Chair on May 1, 1998.

The Committee approved a change in the meeting date. The new date will be the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the West Card Room. There will be no meeting in the month of December.

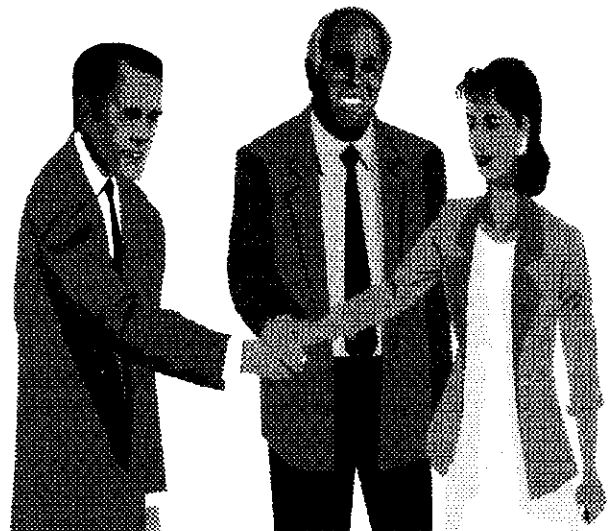
FMC concurred with the Association manager, Mr. Perper's selection of Tennant as the vendor to provide a sweeper replacement.

It was recommended the Board of Directors approve the final report of the 1997 Audit.

It was also recommended that the Association President of the Board of Directors appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Association's by-laws. At present, the by-laws restrict the ability of the FMC to recommend financial changes deemed necessary to continue a sound financial posture of the Association's finances.

In order to comply with the Association's Procurement Policy, Bob Lowry and Ken Grant of the PPOC and Ed Bisgyer and Bill Miller of the FMC will collaborate on the selection of the vendor to provide Termite Preventive Maintenance for the Association.

The members also recommended that two PPOC members be appointed to the FMC Budget Subcommittee to assure full coverage of the reserve schedules during the proposed budget review. This is to be a permanent addition to the FMC Budget Review Subcommittee.



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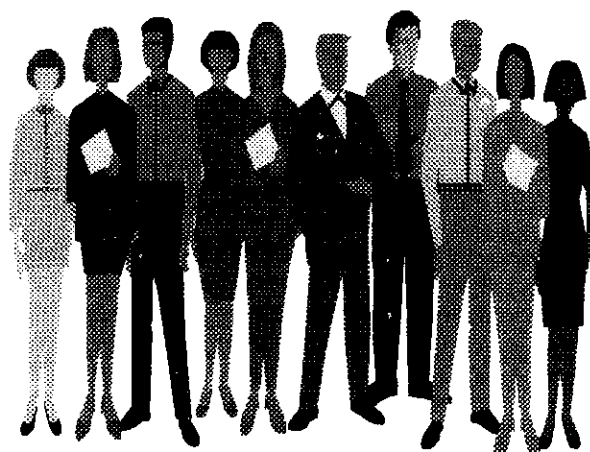
Keep Smiling and Have Fun For These Are The Good Old Days.

RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

Remember we are featuring a new restaurant each month in hopes that members of the Association can share neat places to eat in the local area.



DAKS has a real down-home atmosphere where you are bound to feel safe. Local Police frequent the place and enjoy the food, which is very tasty. The prices are just right and the closest DAKS is located just down the street at 5838 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.



The Association needs VOLUNTEERS now.



The election committee gets together in the East Party Room to discuss how the 1998 election will be run. This photograph is a little dark but I could not get the committee members to sit still or turn up the lights. Betty Weber at the far right is the chairperson.



Tanya, Charley and Edna trying to get the paperwork right during the 1998 election. The Association had many volunteers who worked behind the scenes as well as out in front where all could see.



You will also notice that Laurie Lakey and Virginia Wallace who worked behind the scenes also were out in the public view.



Betty Weber, who was behind the scenes and out in front for all to see, enjoyed the election, appreciated all the assistance she received from the volunteers, who made the 1998 election a success.

LIBRARY UPDATE

By Barbara Michelman

Keep the books coming. Due to the overwhelming response to our request for books for the lending library the opening will be delayed until the latter part of May.

If you can spare an hour or two at any time to help to categorize, stamp mark, etc, please leave your name, telephone number and time preference in Box 1311W.



ENTERTAINMENT

COMMUNITY
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EXHIBITS

SIDEWALK SALE

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