

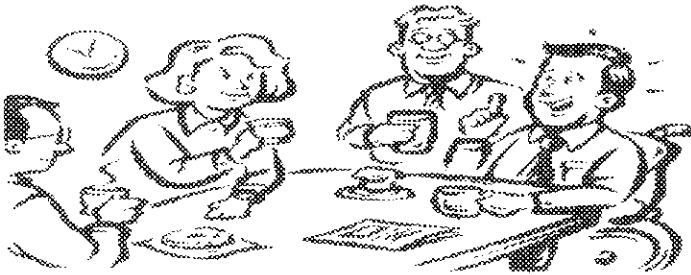


# The House Special

THE HOUSE SPECIAL IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE (SFSC)

Ann Mehrten - Chair

The Security Committee meets every other month in the West Card room at 7:30 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to attend and find out what is going on at Skyline House.

## SECURITY, FIRE & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Security, Fire & Safety Committee convened at 7:30 p.m., September 10, in the West Card Room. There were 5 members / visitors present.

The incident reports for July and August were presented. An attempted entry into a unit on

July 15 was detailed in a previous report. On August 8, an individual who described himself as a "Somali citizen" attempted to enter the East Building without signing in at the front desk, and was uncooperative with the clerk on duty, only leaving after the police had been called. Later that afternoon a resident reported a tailgating incident to the front desk, noting that the car did not seem familiar with the garage layout. The car appeared at that moment outside the lobby entrance doors, and the same man again attempted to enter, but left when the police were again notified. As a point of information, our clerks and security guards cannot detain someone from leaving Skyline property. This incident emphasizes the importance of reporting tailgaters to the front desk immediately - if possible, getting the license plate number, description of the car and noting which space the car pulls into. Do not confront the driver yourself.

Before the previous meeting, several committee members had inspected the area leading down to the bus stop on S. George Mason Dr., and the committee approved the installation of any additional lighting decided upon by PPOC. The language proposed by the Covenants Committee on appropriate swimming attire did not receive any vehement objections.

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Mr. Smith inquired if the committee was interested in having a security company inspect the complex and make recommendations for any improvements. The committee will make a final decision once it is established what cost, if any, is involved.

Note: In the event that Skyline House must be evacuated in an emergency, there is a list at the front desk of residents who may need help leaving the building. If you would like to put yourself on the list or suggest that someone else should be added to the list, leave the name and unit number at the front desk.

The next committee meeting will be Thursday, November 12. All are welcome to attend.

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE (RC)**

By Tony DiSalvo, Chair



The next Committee meeting will be November 11, 1998, West Card Room, 7:30 p.m. Check the bulletin board for any changes in location.

The Recreation Committee needs members so y'all come and be an active part of the Skyline House community, and be a part of the Recreation Committee.

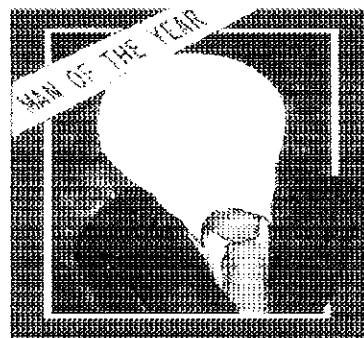
If you are a new resident or an old time resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors. YOU are more than welcome and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring

a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

A flea market is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 1998. The hours will be from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the East Party Room. There will be no charge to reserve a table. Selling will be RESTRICTED to Skyline House residents. You can always bring your friends and houseguests. Complete details on how to reserve a table will appear in the November Newsletter.

TGIF's are scheduled for October 2, 1998 in the West Party Room at 6:30 p.m. and November 6, 1998 in the East Party Room at 6:30 p.m. Again, check the bulletin boards for any changes.

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**GOOD NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE  
(GNC)**

**Co-Chairs - Joan Collins  
Toska Prather**



Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to illness or emergency. Call the Good Neighbors of the month if a need arises. The Good Neighbors Group is always looking for additional members.

Call one of the **Co-Chairs (Joan Collins at 998-0788 or Toska Prather at 379-7849)** if you wish to join the Good Neighbors.

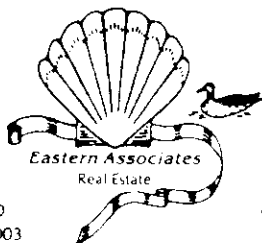
No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone.

**The Good Neighbors for October 1998 are:**

Geraldine Naveau	931-4643
Judith York	671-2267

GN's are available to assist residents in a lot of different ways, so give them a call.

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**COVENANTS COMMITTEE  
(CC)**



David Kafka, Chair

The Covenants Committee meets on the third Wednesday every other month at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. The CC is always looking for new members who want to participate in the development of rules and the election process at Skyline House.

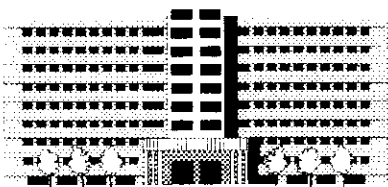
Correction to the August 1998 issue of the House Special: Renters are not allowed to vote or be a member of a committee.

At its regular meeting on December 20, 1983, the Board of Directors approved a document, commonly known as "The White Paper", which set forth Board and Committee responsibilities and relationships. This document had been extensively reviewed and discussed both in committees and by the Board before it was accepted. In Section III (Membership requirements and responsibilities), clause D-3 states "Full participation by renters."

This document has not been revised or rescinded by any subsequent Board of Directors and is still in effect. The intent was to encourage maximum participation in the affairs of the Association. The Covenants Committee strongly endorses this position, feeling that great damage can be done to our Association when a significant number of residents feel themselves disenfranchised and uninvolved.

## PHYSICAL PLANT & OPERATIONS (PPOC)

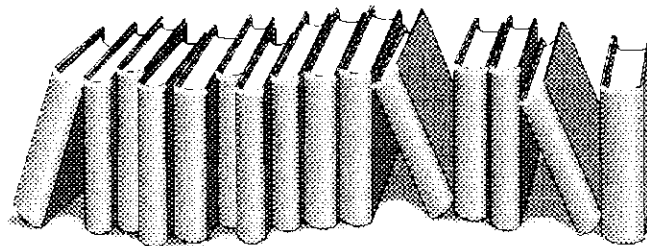
**Bob Lowry - Co-Chair**  
**Ken Grant - Co-Chair**  
**Ross MacAskill - Co-Chair**



The PPOC meets on the first Wednesday after the First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. The PPOC is in need of new members who want to get involved in the beautification and restoration of Skyline House. Many unit owners have expressed their concerns about landscaping and other areas in which the PPOC is involved. Why not come to the committee meetings, make suggestions, and see if you can get the community to share your wishes in keeping Skyline House a beautiful place to live? The information for PPOC was lost in cyber space this month. Another reason association members should attend the monthly meetings.



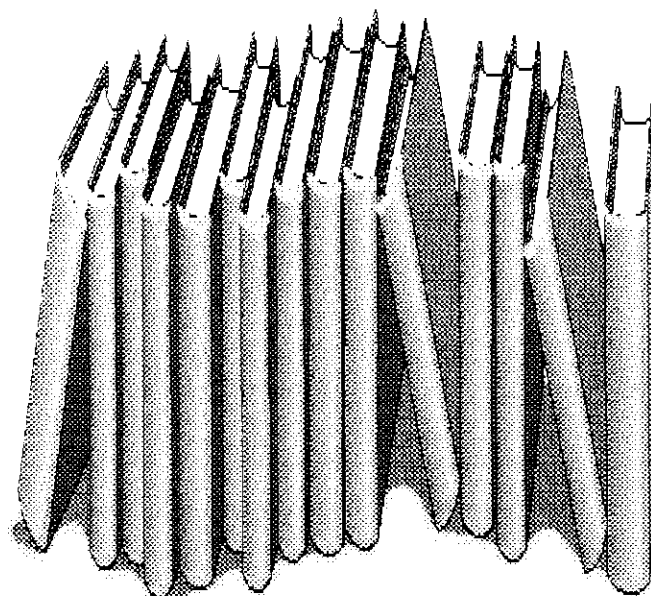
## LIBRARY UPDATE



By Barbara Michelman

The library offers a wide assortment of books including mystery and suspense, romance, adventure, history, biography, classics and more.

Please come and see what these dedicated supporters have accomplished. Borrow a book or just share a social evening with your friends in what used to be the East Card Room every Monday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

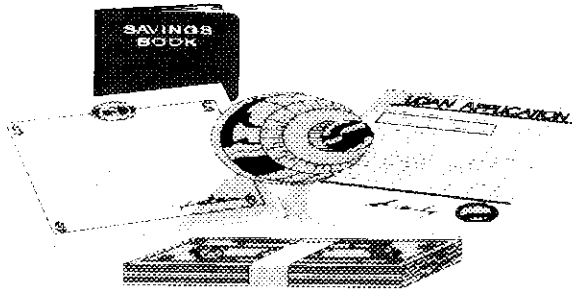


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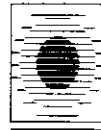
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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FMC)

Rick Riether, Chair



The FMC meets on the third Tuesday of every month. In October, the Committee is meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All residents are welcome to visit, attend and become members of the FMC. Your association needs your expertise on the FMC as well as on other committees. Come check out the FMC and see how your money is being spent.



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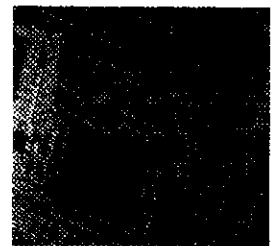
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## INFORMATION TO THE ASSOCIATION

By Bob Busby

Several letters, notes, and comments have been sent and provided to various Board members and to the House Special regarding problems observed by owners at Skyline House.

Members of the Board, Committee Members, and the Management staff at Skyline House appreciate the time and effort spent by the unit owners who researched the problems identified and in some instances provided solutions to the problems. The Association appreciates the owners for bringing the information and or problems to the attention of the Skyline House Unit Owners Association.

### Newsletter

Comments and letters have been provided to the Editor and members of the Board regarding the Newsletter in general and the "Letters to the Editor" section of the House Special.

It would be nice if the editor (me) of the newsletter had nothing to do but obtain ads, and articles for the newsletter, edit the information provided for content, prepare the information for printing, and then distribute the newsletter to the Association. However this editor does not have that kind of time and will not have that kind of time any time in the near future.

Letters, articles and ads submitted to the House Special usually have to be edited and then hand typed into the newsletter because they are not submitted by electronic media.

That is understandable but causes a lot of work to be done by the editor. In some instances letters sent in were worthy of printing but were so lengthy they were edited and the important information printed. Some residents are not happy with the editing of their input, and that is understandable.

I can now understand why Mr. Henderson, the former editor, decided to take a break from this job. We can not please all of the people in the Association all of the time.

I have enjoyed the last eight months of being your newsletter editor but feel it is time to allow those members of the Association who have a better idea to step forward and take over being the editor. The Association can always use new ideas and ways of doing things.

The Association is now looking for an individual or individuals to take over the position as editor of the House Special. Please contact the management office if you are interested in the position of editor.

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The House Special welcomes information from its readers. Please limit your information to 250 words and include your name and Unit Number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements.

If you submit your information to the editor on a disk using Microsoft Word with a camera-ready paper copy attached, it makes it so much easier to get the information in the newsletter the way you want it.

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