

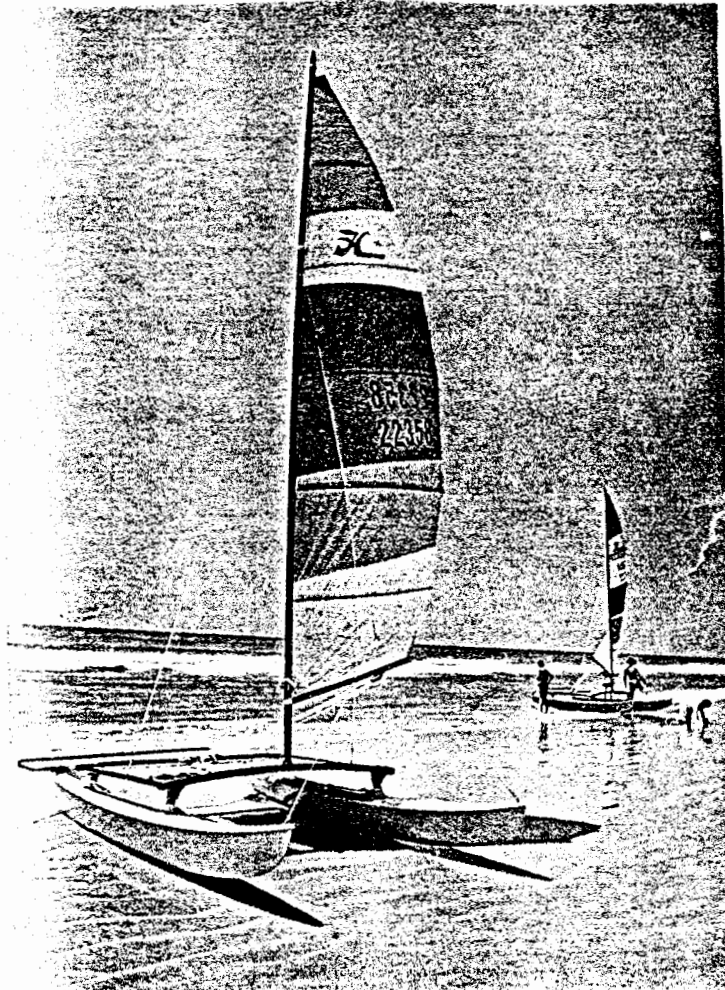


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Summer Breezes

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IF THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF AUGUST
BE FAIR AND CLEAR,
THEN HOPE FOR A PROSPEROUS AUTUMN THAT YEAR.

John Ray, English Proverbs



Gordon Frank
Member of the Board

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The Chairman opened the July 20 meeting with a statement that, notwithstanding rumors being circulated to the contrary, there is on-going activity intended to have the developer correct deficiencies. We are seeking County support. A meeting to be attended by Mr. Frank, representing the Board, Mr. Marr, the Association's attorney, and Mr. Leonard Abel, Executive Vice President of Richmarr Construction, has been scheduled for July 22. The result of that meeting will determine future actions.

The Board approved construction, by the low bidder, of garage ramps for easier use of shopping carts. Construction will be closely monitored by management.

The proposed lattice-type ceiling, replacing the drywall ceiling that has twice been damaged by heavy winds, was conditionally approved. The Architectural Control Committee is to assure an aesthetically pleasing result and the Physical Plant Operations Committee, in conjunction with Alphatec, our consulting engineer, is to assure design adequacy.

A letter from a resident, offering the name of a professional, paid carpeting consultant, provides another opportunity to approach the developer once again about replacing the "wet look" gallery carpet. The Architectural Control Committee is to take appropriate action to include ascertaining whether the "expert" would be recognized by the Virginia courts, should it become necessary to litigate the matter.

A motion was introduced on behalf of the Covenants Committee banning all barbecues on balconies. The Board chose instead to permit electric barbecues as stipulated by Fairfax County authorities. A motion to table the review of new rules for the operation of the party rooms was approved, to provide time for Board review. The new rules will be an agenda item for the August meeting.

The mail lobby tables proposed by the Charles E. Smith design group at a cost of approximately \$600 each will be reviewed by the Architectural Control Committee, who will recommend appropriate action for the Board at the August meeting. The Management Agent also reported that the Developer has not yet answered our letter requesting the latter to pay \$750 for first time sound insulation of the East Building trash chute.

The Treasurer announced that the Auditor's Report for 1981 has been completed. Copies will be distributed to all owners and offered to legal entities, such as mortgage companies who have a right to them, if they wish.

The Board approved the Covenants Committee request to post signs at the swimming pool, to be waterproof and used to remind everyone of the major rules and regulations regarding use of the pool. A request to post signs limiting speed in the garage to 5 MPH was not approved, although 5 MPH continues to be the garage speed limit.

Items to be included on the agenda of the August meeting include clarification of the move-in fee if the tenant moves into an already furnished unit; Architectural Control Committee progress on a plan to landscape our hexagonal rotary; a report on plans to replace dead trees and shrubs; recommendation for installing a sidewalk handrail needed for icy conditions; gallery carpet review; and liaison Board Member/Committee Chairman/Management procedures. Decoration guidelines for doors are scheduled for a September presentation by the Architectural Control Committee.

Discussion of agenda items concluded at 9:35 p.m. For the next forty minutes the Board responded to questions from the audience. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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CORRECTION OF COMMON AREA DEFECTS - PROGRESS REPORT

There was a meeting on July 22, 1982 between Skyline House representatives and Richmarr Construction Company. Representing the condominium were Mr. William Marr, the Association's attorney, and Mr. Gordon Frank, Member of the Board of Directors. Representing Richmarr were Mr. Leonard Abel, Executive Vice President, and Mr. Gary Kirstein, Construction Superintendent. The purpose of the meeting was to air mutual grievances and to expedite correction of defects in the common areas.

Richmarr has attempted to correct "cosmetic" defects identified in a list previously submitted by our Physical Plant Operations Committee. Mr. Frank agreed to provide to Richmarr by August 16 if possible, but in any case no later than August 23, written notification of which cosmetic defects have been corrected to the satisfaction of the Association and which have not.

Mr. Abel agreed to have Richmarr proceed promptly to correct the following:

- garage expansion joint
- brick veneer facade on garage

Richmarr also agreed to the following: (1) inspect the crack which recently appeared in the garage floor and report findings to the Association; (2) continue with effort to reduce the noise level of the air handling equipment on the lobby roof; (3) provide the requested copy of the roof warranties if they are not yet in the possession of the Management Agent; (4) provide a complete set or any portion of the "as-built" drawings for the cost of reproduction; and (5) provide a cost estimate of the hourly fee to open interior walls to check adequacy of "parging" (waterproofing).

Several items still remain unresolved. More meetings are anticipated as the above work proceeds and additional items not yet addressed are brought forth for resolution. We will publish periodic reports to keep everyone advised of progress.

Gordon Frank
Member, Board of Directors

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From Management



GARAGE SPEED LIMIT

IS 5 MPH. Please observe this limit while driving in the garage. Too many residents are driving too fast for the turns and lighting in the garage. Drive slowly with your headlights on at all times.

GARBAGE

Please place your garbage in a plastic bag which is tied securely before disposing it in the trash chute. We would prefer that you use your disposal for garbage, but realize that some garbage may be too bulky for the disposal. Everyone's cooperation will help to keep the disposal rooms odor free.

USE OF ASH URNS

The ash urns located at the passenger elevators are to be used for extinguishing cigarettes and cigars only. Please do not use the ash urns for disposal of such items as banana peels, soft drink cans, newspapers, soiled baby diapers, etc. There are trash cans located on the lobby floor at the mail room, if exiting thru the lobby and trash cans located in the garage, if exiting thru the garage. Please help to keep the building neat by using the proper disposal cans.

DOOR LOCKS

If your apartment door lock has been changed please be sure you have given a key to the management office for emergency use only. This is required by the By-Laws of Skyline House Unit Owners' Association, Inc., Article VIII, Section 4, page 75 of your document book. Your key will be placed in a lock box by coded numbers. We cannot accept keys in sealed envelopes because the key is placed on a coded hook. The keys will be accessible to the manager, assistant manager and engineers only.

If you desire a pick resistant lock, please contact the management office for information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We have been advised by the Skyline Mall management of several women being "grabbed" by a young male in the shopping mall parking lot and underground garages. These "grabbings" have occurred for the past several weeks, the most recent around the first of July.

Fairfax County Police are fully involved and the mall personnel have been advised to maintain high visability.

On Sunday morning July 18, at approximately 7 A.M., a resident of Skyline Plaza was walking along the sidewalk near the Build America site when her purse was stolen. The person ran through our parking lot behind the west building over to the college parking lot.

We advise you of these matters so you will take precautions and be aware while walking or shopping in the area.



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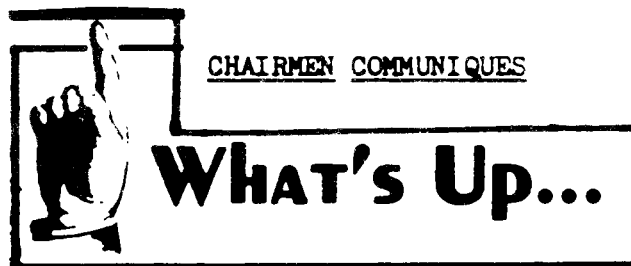
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RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Babs James, 1715-E

If you missed the Mexican Dinner, it's your own fault. The food and organization were fantastic, thanks to Maria Boykin, Elsa Paez and Connie Bredice, and, of course, all their helpers. Any time they want to volunteer to feed us again, I, for one, will be most appreciative.

Our first evening of Bingo on June 24 went smashingly well. Pat Dews and I counted money till we were blue (or should I say green) in the face while Don Kerlin called the numbers. The game started at 8:00 p.m. and ran till 9:30. The smallest "pot" was \$17+ and the largest was \$36+. To keep the record straight, the Recreation Committee keeps 30% of the "take" and the balance of 70% is given to the winner(s). Our youngest participant was 13 days old. I believe we may have bored her, as she slept through the whole thing. Besides money, we also gave away two gift certificates from Skyline Mall's Hallmark Gift Center. This was for two people who tied for the worst card. Muriel McClennan was our big winner of two games. There were 40 people in attendance. The game in August is the 27th. We play the fourth Thursday of each month. Won't you join us?

Bridge has been a little slow this summer with people away, but Dick Atchison is still holding everything together. The game is every Monday evening at 7:30 in the ECR. Don't sit home watching TV; come meet people and play bridge together.

Our special thanks to Pat and Harry Dews, who hosted TGIF in July. There were approximately 90 people there. I believe it was one of the best TGIF's, and the food . . . need I say more! I met five new residents that have just moved in in June. Would you believe that none of them play bridge, but I'm still trying to recruit. Roxie Clements is hosting the August TGIF (first Friday of the month). What better way to unwind than some good conversation and excellent nibbles. If you go away on weekends, wait till after TGIF and traffic will be better.

Well, we're finally having a cook-out. Pat and Harry Dews have volunteered to host this fun event on Saturday, August 21 -- rain date is Sunday, August 22. The Fire Marshal has O.K.'d electric and charcoal grills to be used by the Recreation Committee on the East Pool Promenade. The flyers will be out soon, so watch the bulletin boards.

Keep the date of Sunday, September 12, free. The Recreation Committee is planning another meal function. We are having the Omelette King come to Skyline House to prepare omelettes for a brunch. By the way, the Redskins are out of town on that date, and we will try to have a few televisions in the party room so you won't miss any of the plays.

To recap our upcoming events:

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| August 5 | - Recreation Committee Meeting -- We
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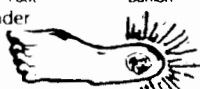
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Community Relations Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES

HELEN WIENER
1506-W



Information Exchange. The Community Relations Committee is now exchanging monthly newsletters with Skyline Plaza and Skyline Towers. This exchange should enable the residents of all three complexes to become apprised of matters of interest and concern to all of us. For example, promoting trips and other activities may result in greater success than we have had in the past, when we have had to cancel certain plans that were entered into with great anticipation by many, but an insufficient number of residents.

Becoming involved is what "community" is all about, and knowing what other elements of Skyline City are doing will help us all in cultivating meaningful interaction.

Noise at NVCC, Continued. Since the Community Relations Committee reported in the June 1982 issue of THE HOUSE SPECIAL on the meeting held with officials of the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) relative to noise from the automotive shops and the parking lot adjacent our community, it is gratifying to be able to report considerable improvement in the noise level. Work done in the shops seems to have moved inside from the courtyard, and it is obvious to those on the south side who have previously complained that an effort has been made by the NVCC administration to reduce the noise level. However, the ventilator fans on the roof (not air-conditioning compressors, as stated in the report) continue to be a major source of distress to some residents. Discussions are continuing on what, if anything, can be done to baffle the noise.

Relative to the registration of complaints to NVCC: A new telephone system is being installed on the campus. Within a month's time it will be possible to call the Security Office and register complaints about noise or other infractions of campus regulations on a taping system. If satisfactory response is not received within a reasonable time, it will be possible to call in the Alexandria police if the seriousness of the situation warrants police intervention. The Security Office of NVCC will explain in writing how the system is to be utilized. As soon as that communication is received, it will be posted on the bulletin boards for the information of all residents.

The American Red Cross Blood Service Continues to Need You. When our new, larger bulletin boards are received and installed, the Community Relations Committee will post the Bloodmobile Schedule which it receives each month. Until then, please call the Fairfax County chapter on 591-8091 to learn locations and times which may be convenient to wherever you are during the week. The emergency situation relative to the supply of blood still exists, so please consider giving this gift to your community today.

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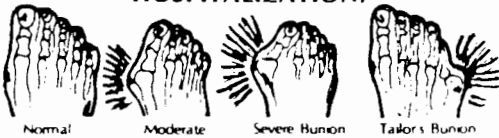
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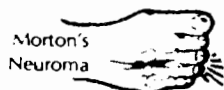


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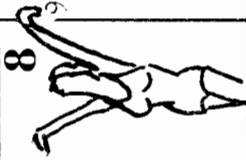

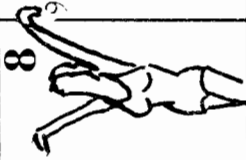





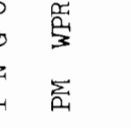

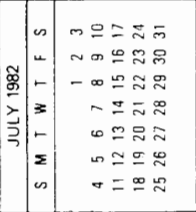
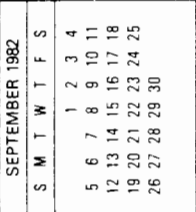


SKYLINE HOUSE
UNIT OWNERS
ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR

AUGUST

1982

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**** THIS MONTH'S EVENTS ****

P.C.I.F. Cocktail Party - Thank Goodness Its Friday! Friday, August 6, 1982, 5:30 PM West Party Room. Everyone's invited: singles, couples, and guests of both. No charge. No reservations required. Bring your own drinks, mixes and if you wish, snacks to share. Casual dress. Come on up and join us!

COOK OUT - Saturday, August 21, 6:00 PM East-side Pool Promenade. In case of rain cook out will be held Sunday, August 22, same time and place. Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, etc. Bring your own drinks in nonbreakable containers. We furnish cups and ice. If you have a favorite dessert please bring it to share! Some tables will be available, but for the agile - bring a blanket or something suitable to sit on. Advance reservations required. Look for flyers at lobby desk.

BINGO - Thursday, August 26, 8:00 PM West Party Room. CASH PRIZES. Bring your friends - the more that play the larger the prizes. 50¢ a card per game.

Tuesday Night Happy Hours - Every Tuesday at the pool promenade west-side. 6:30 PM. Bring your own drinks, ice and nonbreakable cups.

Slimnastics - Last of Wednesday night classes in East Party Room, August 4. New classes begin August 11, Wednesdays at 7 PM in the West Party Room. Advance reservations required. Look for flyers.

Swimnastics - Continuation of Monday morning classes (9 - 10 AM) and Wednesday evening classes (7:30 - 8:30 PM). New five week Monday evening classes begin August 2, 7:00 PM. Look for sign up sheets at lobby desk. Classes held at pool.

Bridge - No partner needed for duplicate bridge. Every Monday, 7:30 PM East Card Room. For more information contact Dick Atchison, 1101E.

Committee Meetings - All meetings held at 8:00 PM:

Architectural Planning & Control - Monday, August 2, West Card Room
Community Relations - To be announced.
Covenants - Thursday, August 19, West Card Room

Physical Plant Operations - Thursday, August 12, West Card Room
Recreation - Thursday, August 5, West Card Room
Security & Fire Safety - Tuesday, August 24, West Card Room

Board of Directors' Meeting - Tuesday, August 17, 7:30 PM East Card Room

**** COMING EVENTS ****

Sept 3 - regular monthly TGIF
Sept 23 - BINGO

COMMITTEES - Please reserve card and/or party rooms in advance for your activities so that they'll be listed in the Skyline House Calendar.

Contact Pat Dews, 1712E, with information for August calendar by August 20.

COMMUNITY NOTES

An Entertaining Suggestion. Do you need ideas for entertaining out-of-town guests with children this summer? Here is one that a committee member found eminently enjoyable. It is the Rose Hill Manor Children's Museum, located on a 43-acre historical park in Frederick, Maryland. It is a "touch and see" museum located in a manor house built in the 1790's by Maryland's first governor, Thomas Johnson, where tours are conducted by guides dressed in period costumes. In addition to the manor house, there is a blacksmith's shop where tools of an earlier time are exhibited and, during special events, are demonstrated by a blacksmith. A carriage museum displays more than 20 restored carriages, including a buggy with a fringe on top and a Russian sleigh. There is also a log cabin built 150 years ago and the Frederick County farm museum, displaying hundreds of farm implements. In addition to these, there are the manor gardens, including formal gardens, a vegetable patch and a medicinal and culinary herb garden -- a touch, smell and taste experience.

Admission and parking are free. Rose Hill Manor is located at 1611 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701, (301)694-1646. Walk-in tours are conducted from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays, from April 1 to October 31. Directions: North on Maryland 270 to Exit 53 (also Exit 4). Follow U.S. 15 north to Exit 8. Turn left onto Motter Avenue; turn left onto 14th Street; turn left onto North Market Street; turn left at Rose Hill Park.

Take a picnic lunch and enjoy a trip back into the 19th century!

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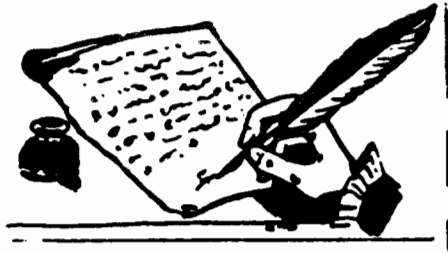
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LETTERS

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If the residents of Skyline House have been following the real estate market, they have undoubtedly noticed that condominium owners have been receiving a lot of unpleasant news recently about special assessments and fee increases. For many of those affected, that news came as a complete surprise because they had failed to ask the right questions or to get involved in the business affairs of their Associations. While it is true that we at Skyline House do not have to worry about many of the types of disaster that are befalling our fellow condominium owners, the message is clear: If we fail to inform ourselves and act appropriately, we will leave ourselves open for nasty surprises that will come upon us when it is too late to do anything but pay up.

Take one area, for example: The condition, operation and maintenance of the Skyline House common elements. There are known deficiencies in the structures, grounds, plant and equipment that, unless corrected by the developer, we will have to pay for sooner or later. There are shortcomings in operation and maintenance that not only create present inconvenience but can lead to deterioration of the facilities and costly repairs. There are potentially adverse conditions arising out of activities on, and for, neighboring properties and which could lead to added expense for us unless dealt with properly now. It takes people to gather the information, do the paperwork, handle the communications, work out practical solutions for old and new problems, follow up to ensure that the actions decided on are properly executed and to identify problems before they become crises. We cannot reasonably expect the members of the Board to do all these things by themselves.

But when the Physical Plant and Operations Committee advertised for members in the July issue of The House Special, only one potential new recruit, five regulars and this observer turned up for the meeting. When owners receive a special assessment of hundreds of dollars or a sizeable increase in their monthly fees, it will be too late to become concerned. They, along with the renters who will have those costs passed on to them, will have no choice but to pay up.

An ounce of prevention is a lot cheaper than a pound of cure, so I urge all residents to inform themselves and to get involved!

Sincerely yours,

Brian Le Bert-Francis
102-W

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Dear Editor:

Regarding the new rules for admitting guests to the building -- as a security factor, we heartily approve. However, several folks who came to visit have been turned away because there was no answer when the desk clerk rang the apartment, although I was there at the time and my hearing is very acute.

There is really no excuse for the telephone company to contend that no louder bell can be had, because we have had them in other places.

I understand others have had this same problem, so perhaps if it could be brought to the attention of the proper person, something could be done about it. Otherwise, this new policy simply isn't going to be acceptable. Not everyone can telephone to let you know just when they're going to arrive.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. B. Doyle
1605-W

A representative of the telephone company told us that the bells are not of uniform installation. The type of bell depends on the original phone selection. Ask the company to send someone to check your secretarial bell for a solution to this problem.

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Dear Letter Editor:

I have read the July '82 issue of the "House Special" and applaud our monthly newsletter. It gets better every month.

About cigarette tossing, resulting in FOUR burns on my balcony carpet - I am one of the victims of someone above or near my balcony who smokes Marlboro's. Management has been most responsive to my complaints by posting notices in the garage and on bulletin boards. It stopped for about two weeks. The very day our newsletter appeared, another burn mark was found. What can victims do?

HELEN BROWN

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Letter from the Editor:

"Home" is the place where you were born. "Home" is where the heart is.
"Home" is Skyline House. During my stay in the hospital, I appreciated
so very much the Get Well Soon card from -

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Ed Betty *Hurry back we miss you, Virginia* *Moses P. Owens* *Dugg*
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