

The

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

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See Calendar of Events for time and place.

From Management



BOARD MINUTES

The minutes for the Board of Directors' meetings are available for residents to read in the Management Office. We also have the Community Associations Institute monthly newsletters, which may be of interest to you. Please feel free to drop by and read them during office hours.

WRONG MAIL?

If you receive mail in your box which does not belong to you, please take it to the front desk. The desk clerk will try to determine the correct unit number or return it to the mailman if the addressee does not live at Skyline House. Please do not leave mail in the mail room.

GARAGE USE

We have observed that many residents allow their vehicles to continually leak oil on the concrete floor in the garage. The oil is unsightly and eventually gets tracked into the driveway and other parking spaces. Oil also deteriorates concrete. For those of you whose vehicles are leaking oil, we urge you to have the leak repaired and then request through the Management Office that your parking space be cleaned.

Some people are beginning to leave tires and other items in their parking spaces again. This is not a storage room and all items left in parking spaces will periodically be removed. Please use your parking space for motor vehicles only.

We would also like to remind you that boxes are not to be left in the garage trash cans. These cans are provided for vehicle trash only. All boxes must be taken to the loading dock areas via the service elevator. Cſ

We would like to replace the wire hangers in the Penthouse Coat Rooms with wooden ones. If you have any extra wooden hangers or some you were planning to discard, we would be glad to have them.

FIRE LANE ABUSE

Please do not leave your vehicles in the fire lanes. It is against the law to park or stand in a fire lane. Please advise your guests that if their vehicles are left in a fire lane (yellow painted lines and decals on posted signs), they will be towed without notice. Fire lanes are to be observed on private property as well as public property. In front of the west entrance, the curb is painted yellow and the signs are posted "fire lane" - do not park there for one minute or one hour. When one person parks in the fire lane, others follow and before long you cannot drive up to the main entrance. We need everyone's help in this matter - Guests and Residents.

FYI

Chairs and lounges will be left on the pool mezzanine level and roof deck for your use during October, weather permitting.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We wish to advise all residents that on Wednesday, September 22, 1982, four units in the West Building had their locks picked. None of these locks had been changed to the pick proof cylinder. Fortunately, the intruders were unsuccessful, but we feel all residents should consider installing a pick resistant Medico cylinder.

The building engineers can install this type lock for you after their regular working hours at a cost of \$40.00. Most locksmiths charge approximately \$57.00 for installing a Medico lock.

If you wish your lock changed, please leave a message at the front desk for the engineers.

For your own protection, you should always double lock your unit door when you leave.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD



Wynfred Joshua Vice President

At the Board's September session a number of issues involving the Architectural Control Committee were discussed. The Committee had received proposals from 3 land-scaping companies for dressing up the hexagon in the center court in front of the lobby. Since these proposals were all more than \$10,000, the Committee recommended that the project first be submitted to the Budget Committee for discussion. The Board accepted the Architectural Control Committee's request to buy a flower pot for the plant in the East building's lobby. This plant had been donated to the building by a departing resident. The Board further endorsed the recommendation to leave the captain's rope in the front lobby as is and not try to mask it with plants.

The new chairman of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee was announced. Dietwald Gerstner of 313 West had accepted the position. The Committee is preparing a monthly list of deficiencies found in the building that need to be corrected. The Board noted that several of these on the lists of the last two months had been corrected.

The decision was made that the standard service fee of S15 would be waived if the engineer was requested to check a leak in an apartment caused by the apartment above. Neither the complaining resident, nor the resident of the unit causing the problem would be billed.

The Board noted that the Developer had refused to bear any cost of the insulation of the trash chute in the East building. Since the noise is the result of a design change, the Board decided to include the matter in the negotiations with the Developer. Meanwhile, the Board is going ahead with having the insulation installed.

Our relationship with our neighbor PFLUG of Build America has deteriorated. PFLUG has refused to repave the entrance to Skyline House. Furthermore, apparently disturbed by Skyline's request for repaving the entrance, PFLUG has now also refused to pay for half of the trees which are to be planted to form a natural barrier between our property and Build America. The Board instructed our attorney to institute legal proceedings for pressing claims for both the driveway and the tree project.

We are engaged in renewing our insurance cover for the building and for workman's compensation, etc. The Board will soon be intervieweing insurance brokers. Once the broker has been selected we expect some 14 companies to submit bids

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

By Babs James, Co-Chairman

Golly, I hate to brag, but the OMELET BRUNCH was really swell. I must say I had fun putting it together. My extra special thanks to Barbara Atchison, Maria Boykin and Gladys Ponce-Manrique for everything they did. Thanks also to Barbara Bear, Chris Bixler, Vera Church, Min Duda, and Gail Gigeay for their assistance. Team work is what the Recreation Committee consists of.

BINGO certainly has my vote, especially with the new equipment. Don Kerlin, Pat and Harry Dews and Carroll Thompson are all doing a super job. At the bingo game in August, I won \$36.00. I left for the World's Fair the next day with "found" monies. Bingo in October is the 28th, in the West Party Room. Cost is $50 \rlap/ec$ /card/game. Winner(s) get 70% of each game's take. Recreation Committee gets 30%.

It sure was beginner's luck for Jill and Jerry Schumaker on Monday, September 13. It was their first time playing BRIDGE with the Skyline Bridge Club and they came in first place. Congratulations! We are trying to get Board approval to put all the large round tables from the West Card Room into the East Card Room. We have found that the small round tables are just too small. Everyone is invited to come play with the Skyline Bridge Club every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. Come singularly or partners.

TGIF for October will be in the West Party Room at 6:30. Betty and Charlie Moore have decided to retire as permanent hosts. We are asking anyone who would be interested in seeing that there are cups and ice and doing the 50/50 raffle, please get in touch with either Gladys Ponce-Manrique or me. This is a fun event and only happens once a month for three hours or so.

The Recreation Committee is trying to find out what activities \underline{YOU} are are interested in, i.e., lectures, classes, hobbies, games, social events, trips, etc. It is requested that you fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it promptly to Chris Bixler. This survey is for your benefit.

Our big event for October is another POT-LUCK COVERED DISH DINNER. The date is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20. BYOB for a cocktail between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Reservations are definitely required. A sign-up sheet will be at the desk. Indicate how many people in your party and what you will bring -- salad, vegetable, main course, or dessert. To figure out the quantity, use the following table: one person bring enough for four people, two in your party, bring enough for eight; three in your party, bring enough for 12. Guests are indeed welcome but please be sure that there is an appropriate increase in your donation of food. 1-4, 2-8, 3-12, 4-16, 5-20, 6-24.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 7, in the West Card Room. Everyone is cordially invited to join our Committee. It is really your committee.

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PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

By Diets Gerstner, 213-W

At its September 9, 1982 monthly meeting, the Physical Plant and Operations Committee selected a chairman. The new chairman is Dietwald A. Gerstner, Unit 213-W. Diets Gerstner is taking over from the previous chairman, Captain Henry Holt, USN, who is to be warmly commended for the dedication and leadership he displayed in directing the activities of the committee during his tenure. Much was accomplished, but much still remains to be done.

Attendance at the September meeting was encouraging, with twelve unit owners participating. However, all unit owners with an interest in maintaining the structural, mechanical, and operational integrity of our buildings are invited to participate in the work of the committee. Such participation is crucial to the success of the committee, especially now as it plans its activities for the upcoming fall and winter months.

For the October meeting, the committee has four items on its agenda. It hopes to:

- 1) Formulate a charter for committee functions;
- Select a co-chairman and a secretary;
- 3) Appoint selected subcommittees;
- 4) Work on equipment replacement schedules for capital fund consideration in the 1983 budget.

The meeting will be held on October 14, 1982, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the East Card Room. Previous members, current members, new members are all cordially invited to attend and participate.

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Community Relations Committee

COMMUNITY NOTES

By Helen Wiener, 1506-W

The Community Relations Committee met Tuesday, September 14, 1982. In addition to status reports relative to ongoing activities, the following items of interest were discussed:

The 1983 Committee budget was proposed to cover printing costs for the Floor Representatives' Manual, survey materials and special events flyers; memberships in civic associations; refreshments for community meetings, speakers, or other events sponsored by the Committee; and other miscellaneous needs.

The request by a Bank of Virginia representative to make a presentation about banking services and special organizational services was discussed but a decision on whether to recommend approval of such a meeting was postponed until the October 1982 meeting of the Committee.

It was decided to look into the possibility of inviting the Voluntary Action Center of Fairfax County Area, Inc. to make a presentation of volunteer opportunities available to residents of Fairfax County. The Center coordinates the needs of 250 county organizations and agencies with volunteers of all ages who have time and talents to offer. We hope to invite residents of Skyline Plaza, Skyline Square and Skyline Towers to a very interesting evening later in the fall, at which various organizations will have the opportunity to describe their programs after the Center's slide show presentation of actual volunteer situations.

The Committee asked Barbara Bear, our liaison to the Board of Directors, to look into the possibility of getting a sidewalk installed from the door at the end of the West building up to the parking area at the back and the side of the West building. The terrain slopes upward and becomes dangerous and difficult to use during wet weather.

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Election Alert: The last day to register to vote in the General Election on November 2, 1982 is October 2. If you are not yet registered to vote in Fairfax County, please call the offices of the General Registrar and Electoral Board at 385-8100 for information. Each voter in Fairfax County may vote for one U.S. Senate candidate, one candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, and one candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates.

Meet the Candidates Night: The Community Relations Committee of Skyline Plaza is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Night at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 1982, in the North Party Room of Skyline Plaza. Appearing will be candidates who are running in the General Election on November 2, 1982: Ira Lechner, Democrat, and Congressman Frank Wolf, Republican incumbent, who are running for the seat in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 10th Congressional District of Virginia; and Nora Squyres, Democrat, and Delegate Gwendolyn Cody, Republican, who oppose each other for the seat in the Virginia House of Delegates from the new single-member 38th Legislative District (which includes the Skyline Precinct). A representative from Mason District Supervisor Tom Davis' office will discuss the Fairfax County bond issues, which will also appear on the ballot.

Skyline House residents are invited to attend. Watch the bulletin boards for more detailed announcements.

Music, Music, Music: The Arlington Unitarian Choir and Orchestra will appear in concert on Sunday evening, November 7, 1982, at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Arlington, George Mason Drive and Arlington Boulevard (Route 50). Vera Tilson, one of our Skyline House unit onwers, is Director and will conduct the Haydn Mass No. 10 in B Flat, the Theresien-Messe, and the Poulenc Concerto for organ, strings and timpani. Watch for the announcement on the bulletin board later this month.

Community Newsletters: The newsletters which the Committee receives from Skyline Plaza and Skyline Towers in exchange with The House Special are being kept in a binder in the office of the Resident Manager, where they will be available for perusal by all residents who have an interest in them.

New Publications: Copies of the new supplement to the 1981 edition of the Fairfax County Senior Citizens ID Discount Directory are available at all branches of the Fairfax County Library.

The April 1982 edition of A Human Services Guide for Senior Adults in the Fairfax Area, compiled by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging, is available from the Agency, located at 4100 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax. For more information, call the Agency on 691-2185 or 691-2474.

If you wish to receive the Agency's monthly newsletter, the <u>Golden Gazette</u>, call 691-2474 to be placed on the mailing list.

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SECURITY AND FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

By Les Boykin, Chairman

A Justice Department study released in September reflects that 30% of America's households were "touched" by crimes involving theft or violence in 1981. The good news is that this figure was 32% in 1975 and has decreased slightly over the past seven years. To keep these percentages in perspective, it should be added that the most common type of crime involved was larceny -- pockets picked, purses snatched, sports or lawn equipment stolen, all with no forced entry. Homicides were not included.

Here at Skyline House since we reported to you a year ago, we have experienced one burglary of a unit in June (well publicized at the time) and a variety of other incidents mostly in the garage. The frequency of incidents appears to be dropping a bit, but no complacency is justified. Following the burglary, a huge number of you upgraded your locking device(s), and we want to commend the approximately 200 who did, since you not only increased your own security and peace of mind, but you also helped your neighbors by making both buildings less of an inviting target.

We continue to be fortunate in the number and cost of incidents. Following is a sampling of incidents occurring:

Garage

- * Cars broken into and items stolen, <u>e.g.</u>, radios, speakers, tapes, tools, gas and key cards (Could you hide key cards without forgetting where they are?).
- * Tires stolen (1).
- * Larceny on 20 unlocked cars. Property recovered.
- * Slashed tires (2); air let out of tires (6).
- * Male exposure (police identified as same person they already sought).
- * Rear glass smashed; CB antenna broken off; hood emblem bent.
- * Stolen license plate (1).
- * Unsuccessful attempts to open trunks (2).

Within Building

- * Plexiglass panel on West Building elevator cracked and split.
- * Bicycles stolen (3).
- * Fire extinguishers stolen (1).
- * Sanitary napkin machine in Ladies Room East Penthouse ripped off wall.
- * Deck chairs thrown off roof.
- * Sheet of paper burned in hallway and notice on Bicycle Room burned.

Outside Building

* Rock throwing and damaging cars thereby in rear parking area. Two juveniles caught by police.

SAFETY TIPS FOR RESIDENTS:

The following recommendations will help to increase the security of our building; they are by no means all encompassing. We welcome any additional comments concerning ways to increase our security.

- * Do not hold doors leading into the building for anyone that you do not know.
- * Never prop open a security door.
- * Report all breaches of security and all suspicious persons and activity to the front desk and/or resident manager.
- * Do not give out your security key indiscriminately; in fact, only residents should have one.
- * Report any malfunctioning exterior lighting to the front desk or resident manager.
- * Be on the lookout for anyone walking down a hallway or area of the building trying to open or test doors. If you observe this type of activity, report it.
- * In addition to your regular front door lock, install an auxiliary lock, preferably a pick-resistent type.
- * If you have lost your keys or had them stolen along with your identification and address, change your door lock immediately and notify management.
- * Separate your house keys from your car keys and never label your house keys with your name and address.
- * If you have domestic employees, check their references carefully and do not give them a security key.
- * Get to know your neighbors. (One good way is to volunteer for committees.)
- * Be wary of too-inquisitive casual acquaintances. Do not let them know when you are not likely to be home.
- * Never invite burglars by leaving evidence that you are not home, <u>e.g.</u>, newspapers in your doorway.
- * Lock your car doors at all times and never leave any valuables in sight.
- * Whenever you leave your apartment unattended, no matter for what length of time, lock the door.
- * Never let anyone into your apartment who is not personally known to you or who cannot properly identify themselves. It is particularly important that this be stressed to children in your household.
- * Keep the phone number of your local police department handy and use it. Put a red emergency sticker on each phone.

This committee requests the support and cooperation of each and every resident in Skyline House. We want to make our complex as secure as possible with a minimum of inconvenience so that we may continue to enjoy our stay here. In order to accomplish our goal, we urge you all to become more security conscious. Increase your AWARENESS.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK -- October 3 through 9.

Slogan: "Learn not to burn, wherever you are."

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The following notice from Fairfax County police was received after this committee report was submitted for publication. As set forth under "From Management", the 4 units burglarized did not have pick-resistant cylinder installation. Hopefully, this incident will stimulate those who have not upgraded their locking devices to do so at once.

The resident who provided the description of the robbery suspects is to be commended. If you are the victim or witness to any crime - <u>Do Not Hesitate to Call 911 immediately</u>, and don't hang up! BE ALERT, BE OBSERVANT. Features which you can remember regarding the physical characteristics of suspicious persons can greatly assist the police in their apprehension.



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ATTENTION: SKYLINE RESIDENTS

The Fairfax County Police Department is currently investigating several burglaries which occurred in the Skyline House on September 22, 1982. The below described subjects were seen in 3713 S. George Mason Drive leaving the sixteenth floor at approximately 1:30 p. m. (on that date) using the stairs:

- Suspect #1 white/male, 5'll, 175 lbs., approximately 40 years old hair is basically black, however, turning gray, hair was combed back above his ears, as if blow-dryed. His face appeared to have acne scars on his cheeks, has a pointed nose. He was wearing a gray sports coat, unknown color shirt and light color slacks (well dressed).
- Suspect #2 white/male, 5'9, 185 lbs., approximately 40 years old hair was brown, neatly trimmed above ears. Appeared to be overweight, his stomach hung over his belt. He was wearing a brown, light weight cotton turtle neck shirt, with gray slacks, also appeared to be neatly dressed.

The above subjects are also possibly involved in the numerous burglaries which occurred in both Skyline Plaza and Skyline House in mid June, 1982.

Subjects are picking locks, then entering the home. They will then remove jewelry without ransacking the home.

If you have seen the above described subjects or have any information about the burglaries, please contact:

Investigator Michael Spradlin Fairfax County Police Department Mason District Station phone 691-3101

LETTERS



The HOUSE SPECIAL welcomes brief comments from readers. Correspondents should limit their letters to no more than 250 words—shorter letters will receive preferential treatment. Letters may be edited for clarity and length and may not be published if they are considered to contain incorrect or improper statements.

Letter to the Editor:

This note is to alert fellow co-owners about the practices of a nearby Dry Cleaner on King Street.

On February 20, I took a pair of suit pants to this Cleaner to be let out three inches. Instead, they took them in three inches and cut off the extra material. When I pointed out to the manager that she had ruined my pants, she attempted to slough this off by saying that the suit was used.

Because she would not compensate me, I was forced to go the Virginia General District Court. This cost \$15., plus parking, plus three days off from work. I had to appear in court three times because on each of the first two times, the defendant's lawyer asked for a postponement.

Finally, on September 15, the case was heard and I was awarded damages by the court. Although the suit they ruined will cost me \$493. to replace, the court awarded me only \$70. The Cleaners could afford a lawyer. I could not.

I hope other co-owners can benefit from hearing of my experience.*

Steve Charnovitz 709-E

* You may contact Steve for additional information regarding this incident.

