

# The *House Special*

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## T I M E

"I'm sorry, but I don't have the time." How often we find ourselves or hear others making this common everyday statement? I'm sure each of us at one time or another has also heard: "Ask a busy person; somehow they seem to find the time." So what is the meaning behind this little four-letter word spelled

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ever part of that amount you had failed to use during the day.

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What would you do?

Draw out every cent, of course! Well, we do have such a bank, and its name is

"TIME." Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules off as lost whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose.

It carries over no balance and allows no overdrafts. If you fail to use the day's deposit, the loss is yours. There is no going back, no drawing against "tomorrow." So, we must invest our seconds so that they will give us the utmost in health, happiness and success.



-- Unknown.

# From Management



## THANK YOU

to all of you who contributed to the Skyline House Employees' Christmas Fund. The money received by all employees was certainly appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness at this time of year. A special thanks to Mrs. Mimi Frank and Mrs. Elizabeth Grant for their time and efforts spent on this project. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US.

## MEDECO LOCKS

should be lubricated with Medeco lube or WD-40 when the key starts to become a little hard to turn in the cylinder. Do not use 3-IN-1 household oil. By lubricating your lock on a regular basis, the key will turn easily.

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION

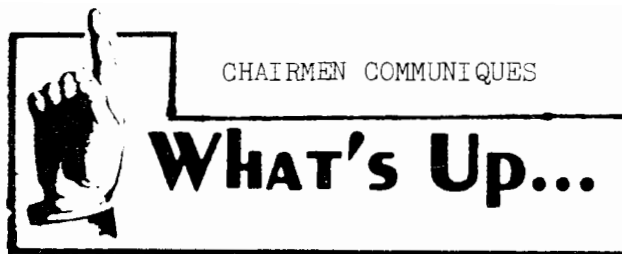
We urge each of you to register your vehicles with the management office. If you have parked by mistake in another resident's space, there is a means of identifying your vehicle. You may save yourself from being towed and the expense and inconvenience of towing. If you purchase a new car, please request a new sticker and registration cards. Remember, if you do not have a Skyline sticker, your vehicles cannot be identified by the front desk.

## FILTER CHANGES

In order for your heating and air conditioning systems to perform efficiently, you must change the filter on a regular basis - at least every two to three months, more often if you like. Filters are available in the management office for \$1.00 each. Sizes are 16X20 and 20X20. The size appears on the cardboard edge of the filter.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

In the December issue of the House Special we requested Christmas decorations and artificial trees. Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson of 511W donated a tree which is now in the East Party Room. It was received in time for the Employee Christmas Party and was very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to donate Christmas items please bring them to the management office. All donations welcomed.



## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Babs James

I said you wouldn't hear from me again, but I'm back. All of my threats, pleas, conjoling and nonsense haven't made anyone get off their duff to give the Recreation Committee any help; in fact, the attendance at our last meetings has been terrible. So, as you can see, I still haven't given up.

At the last Recreation Committee meeting, Elizabeth Grant made a plea for our help in providing the refreshments at a meeting the Community Relations Committee is having with the Voluntary Action Group of Fairfax County in January. It was discussed among the few attendees that we would be more than happy to lend the Community Relations Committee our keys to the supply cabinets for their use of the coffee urns and trays. The same applies to any other House committee with our permission first. The committees though, should supply their own paper goods and coffee, etc. We just felt that we didn't want to get more involved than that. Besides, the date and place they picked is our "normal" bingo date and place. Unfortunately, it is our fault because we didn't block the date on the new calendar.

Everyone must have really enjoyed the Flea Market/Craft Sale/Bake Sale. We used two more gallons of wine than ever before! If our net income was any indication, the concessionaires must be very pleased.

We had a terrific TGIF. One of our "in-house" realtors, J. T. Satterwhite, won the 50/50 raffle; then he challenged everyone present that he would donate his share to Children's Hospital if those present would match his contribution. I can only tell you, we did it PLUS! The food at our holiday TGIF was marvelous, as well as the "bubblee." People came out of the woodwork for this party. I, for one, hope they had a marvelous time and will come again and again.

Back once again to the topic of bingo. On Thursday, February 17, we will start the NEW bingo. We want everyone to come and enjoy -- win money, socialize and win prizes. SO, we decided to charge 25¢/card/game. That's HALF PRICE! Hopefully, the number in attendance will increase so that the pot will be back up to where it was when we first started this venture.

From now until further notice, the Recreation Committee will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the East Card Room. The time and place is the change.

The following schedule is the social events for 1983. The dates will be subject to change if the Redskins or Federals interfere. They could not give me a schedule at this time.

Wednesday, February 23	WPR	Chili Dinner
Sunday, March 20	EPR	Omelet Brunch
Wednesday, April 27	WPR	Coverd Dish
Wednesday, May 25	EPR	Wine and Cheese
Friday, June 24	WRP	Flea/Craft/Bake Sale
Saturday, July 20/30	Poolside	Cookout
August		Atlantic City

Sunday, September 25  
Wednesday, October 26  
Friday, November 25  
Friday, December 2

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Omelet Brunch  
Covered Dish  
Flea/Craft/Bake Sale  
Holiday TGIF

We will still have our TGIF's the first Friday of each month.  
Bridge is still every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the ECR.

I forgot to mention how pretty the Christmas tree, the Chanukah candles and the lobby in general looks this year. Unfortunately, I don't know who to thank, so, whoever you are, THANKS! MAZEL TOV!

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## SECURITY & FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

By Les Boykin

### Rape Awareness and Crime Tips Especially for Women

A rape awareness program mentioned in the December House Special is scheduled for Monday night, January 17, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Party Room. Also, Crime Tips Especially for Women will be discussed. A film will be shown and a Fairfax County crime specialist will field any questions you may have. In this regard, any resident also may submit in advance any question(s) informally on scratch paper in longhand and unsigned. Please drop them off at the front desk for the attention of Margaret Gassler, 1107-E. Please attempt to attend this meeting, and you might just learn something valuable about a subject which, unfortunately, does not lend itself to easy answers.

Gentlemen are welcome to attend this program.

### Headlights in Garage

All residents are requested to try to keep their headlights on when driving inside the garage -- either direction, day or night. This rule is not primarily based on helping you see as a driver, but rather to enable other drivers and pedestrians to see your vehicle approaching! Some of you have experienced the suddenness of a dark car coming upon you unexpectedly, especially during the daytime. Harlan Foote and I did a one hour survey on a recent afternoon and found 22 of 30 entering cars and 10 of 15 exiting cars had their lights on. That means, of course, that 1 out of 3 of our drivers are driving dark, giving inadequate warning to others and making themselves vulnerable to liability if something should happen. Surely this is an easy safety measure to improve upon!

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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

By Bill Miller

At the Committee meeting on December 7, 1982, the members elected Willard (Bill) Miller as Chairman of the committee in place of Ken Voigt, who was unable to continue as chairman, and Ken Grant as Vice Chairman in place of Bill Miller. The membership also voted to hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month; meeting to commence at 7:30 p.m.

Additional members are needed to help carry out the responsibilities of the committee and insure that we have and maintain the necessary financial management and administration required by the Association. Unit owners who have an interest in assisting in determining the fiscal policies and procedures of the Association are encouraged to attend future meetings of the committee.

At our next meeting on January 4, 1983, the committee functions, as assigned by the Board of Directors, will be reviewed. This review will be a forerunner to the restructuring of the standing sub-committees and assignment of committee members to sub-committees of their choice.

A special working group was established at the last meeting to formulate guidelines for the performance of special analyses of the accounting and reporting procedures to be conducted by the auditors during the annual audit.

Seven recommendations were voted by the committee for submission to the Treasurer for requested action. These recommendations included requests for information from the Management Agent that will assist the committee in carrying out its responsibilities; recommendation to the Board of Directors in regard to preparation of the Association Budget; and a request to the Treasurer for information in regard to the auditor contract.

Interest income will be one of the items for discussion at the January 4 meeting. There will also be a review of the financial statements for the month of November 1982.

Remember, the next meeting of the Committee is January 4, 1983. Your participation is encouraged and needed.



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## PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

By Diets Gerstner,  
Chairman

On December 9, 1982, at 8:00 p.m. in the East Card Room, the Physical Plant and Operations Committee held its monthly meeting, which was attended by ten members. Also present at the meeting were two board members, Bob Lowry, who is the board liaison to the committee, and Gordon Frank, who is conducting the negotiations with the developer to correct Skyline House structural and mechanical deficiencies.

In last month's edition of the House Special, we reported on five items that had been satisfactorily corrected by the developer and accepted as such by the Skyline House Board of Directors. Since that report, some additional minor work has been done by the developer, although not as yet accepted by the board as having been satisfactorily completed. A report on this additional work will be provided after it has been accepted on behalf of the Skyline House Unit Owners' Association.

All unit owners should realize that some serious hurdles lie ahead as attempts are made to have the major defects caused by the improper construction of our complex corrected by the developer. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee will be working very closely with the board through its board liaison, Bob Lowry, on this matter. Furthermore, it has been made known to Gordon Frank that he has the full backing and cooperation of the committee in his negotiations with the developer, and that the committee will provide every assistance it can.

With regard to known problems still to be corrected by the developer, we reported last month on the expansion joints for the garage floor slabs. The report from ALPHATEC, an engineering consulting firm, estimated that it would cost \$59,500 to repair these joints. Another item requiring corrective action, and also mentioned by the report, is the aluminum railing around the pool and the penthouse sundeck areas of the east and west buildings. This railing is misaligned, improperly anchored, and incorrectly joined. In addition, certain gates in the railing are crooked and will not close without jamming. The aluminum railing itself is assembled with plain steel screws. Such an assembly will deteriorate because of the galvanic incompatibility of steel and aluminum. The total cost to correct the railing is put at \$12,800 by the ALPHATEC report.

The major portion of the December 1982 meeting of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee was devoted to the evaluation of a proposal from Washington Cable Systems, Inc. to bring satellite television reception to Skyline House. Washington Cable Systems, Inc. proposes to use the existing satellite receiving antenna it operates atop the Skyline Plaza South Building and feed the signals from this antenna to our buildings by means of coaxial cables. These cables would in turn be connected to the existing master television receiving and distribution systems in the Skyline House East and West Buildings. Those residents desiring satellite reception would enter into individual agreements with Washington Cable Systems, Inc., and pay according to the type of programming they select to receive. Residents not desiring satellite reception would continue to receive their current channels at no cost. Also, the Association of Unit Owners would not incur any expense in connection with the installation and operation of the satellite receiving system.

The Board of Directors asked the Physical Plant and Operations Committee to evaluate the proposal, and determine whether or not an electronics engineering firm should be hired to investigate possible degradation of regular television reception. Degradation of regular television reception could occur if the signals from the existing master antenna system and those from the satellite antenna system are not properly mixed and balanced. However, the communications engineering techniques used are standard and well established, and if correctly implemented should not cause any degradation of regular television reception. The Physical Plant and Operations Committee contacted a number of outside experts on this question, and inspected the Skyline Plaza satellite communications receiving and distribution facility. At its December 9, 1982 meeting, the committee voted 9 to 1 against hiring an electronics engineering firm to investigate possible degradation of regular television reception that might be caused by the installation of a satellite receiving system.

Maintenance actions by the Resident Manager on items submitted by the Physical Plant and Operations Committee continue to show good progress. Over the past five months, 105 items requiring repair have been submitted. As of December 10, 1982, 77 had been completed.

The next meeting of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee will be held January 13, 1983, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in the West Card Room. At this meeting, the committee will begin detailed work on Skyline House warranty items to be corrected by the developer.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

By Helen Weiner

What can you do for your community? The Community Relations Committee has invited the Voluntary Action Center of the Fairfax Area to meet with us at Skyline House on Thursday evening, January 20, 1983, at 8:00 p.m. in the West Party Room. Judith Helein, its Executive Director, will make a presentation covering a wide range of volunteer activities throughout Fairfax County. Volunteer coordinators from several county agencies will describe their needs and the opportunities open to all of us to volunteer our time and talents. We are inviting residents from Skyline Plaza, Skyline Square and Skyline Towers to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please note this date on your January 1983 calendar and plan to join in making this an interesting and challenging occasion.

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The National Hospital for Orthopedics and Rehabilitation is introducing in January 1983 a series of community education programs. They are designed as self-help tools, not as replacements for the advice of a physician. These programs are free to the public and will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Following are some topics for January:

Hypothermia: Thursday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. Physicians from the Emergency Department will present information on hypothermia (when a person's body temperature falls below 98.6 degrees), emphasizing how to treat it and how not to treat it and what kind of clothing to wear to prevent it during the winter months.

Be a Friend to Your Back. Monday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. Personnel of the Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments will discuss proper body mechanics and ways to incorporate them in daily living activities. Simple back exercises will be demonstrated.

Stress and Relaxation. Monday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. This program, offered by the Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation, will analyze the areas of life which bring on stressful reactions and will describe how to recognize the body's warning signs of stress. There will be instruction in the practice of three relaxation techniques applicable to daily activities.

National Hospital is located at 2455 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22206. For additional information on these programs or future ones, please call the hospital's Public Affairs Office at 553-2461.

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SKYLINE HOUSE HOLIDAY FUND REPORT



One hundred and ninety-nine residents (somewhat fewer than last year) responded to the 1982 Holiday Fund appeal. The total amount collected was Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$4,518), with checks received ranging from Five (\$5.00) to One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. This made it possible to present each of the twenty-three members of our staff with an expression of appreciation for his/her efforts on behalf of Skyline House. Any contributor who so desires may inquire as to the breakdown of funds by contacting either of the co-chairwomen.

We wish to thank those who made the effort to participate in this endeavor. It was a heartening demonstration of good will in the spirit of the season.

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# ANNOUNCING

The December "ASK A BUSY PERSON" award goes to Kathleen Jeck. Kathleen, in addition to her normal busy schedule - frantically shopped for Xmas, made preparations to make a holiday visit to her Mother in Kansas, battled the flu - and still managed to find the time to type this Newsletter. The Editor and Committee contributors are most appreciative.

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