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Board of Directors President David Tilson

At the May 24, 2001 meeting of the Board of Directors, the following important decisions were made:

Use of Skyline House Swimming Pool by Residents of Skyline Square

Our neighbors at Skyline Square are in the process of having their swimming pool repaired. Their pool probably will not be ready for use until perhaps the second week in July. They have requested that we allow some of their residents to use our pool for the next five weeks. An agreement was negotiated with their management that will permit up to 10 Skyline Square residents per day to use our pool during this period. They will pay \$7.00 per person per day, will not be permitted to use our guest parking, and will be required to abide by our rules. This matter had been discussed in the PPOC, which, by a split vote, recommended that the Board approve the agreement. In the discussion, it was noted that this is a neighborly thing to do. We may very well be in the same position at some future time and might well seek a similar arrangement with either Skyline Square or Skyline Plaza. The Board voted to authorize our General Manager to sign this agreement.

Contract with Clarke Design Associates to Design the Redecoration of the Main Lobby

In early April, the Board approved the terms of reference of an *ad hoc* decorating committee as follows:

Mission

The Committee's mission is to recommend to the Board an interior design firm with which management should contract to redecorate the main lobby of Skyline House. The goal is to have a very handsome lobby that both residents and prospective buyers will find very attractive.

Modus Operandi

To accomplish this mission, the Committee will be expected to identify several qualified interior design firms, invite proposals from them to redecorate the main lobby of Skyline House, and evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and costs of the proposals as well as the competence and reliability of the firms and the quality of their interactions and relationships with their clients. The Committee will then recommend to the Board one of these firms for the job. The Committee's recommendation should be supported by a written report that explains what the Committee did and why it selected the firm. The substance of the report will be shared with the unit owners in an article in the newsletter.

If the Board then approves the Committee's recommendation, management will be responsible for contracting with the firm and overseeing the work. The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to management to, for example,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE HOUSE SPECIAL welcomes brief comments from its readers. Limit your letters to 250 words or less and include your name and unit number. The Association Board reserves the right to refuse incorrect or improper statements.

Information for **THE HOUSE SPECIAL** may be sent by e-mail to the Editor or dropped off at the management office or the reception desk.

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recommend choices that the designers may wish client opinion on.

Budget

A total of \$61,000 is available for this project.

Schedule

The Committee should try to complete its work and submit its report by mid-May or as soon thereafter as possible.

The Committee, consisting of Jean Orben Chair, Louise Albin, and Carroll Thompson commenced its work on April 2. They followed their terms of reference and submitted a report on May 5, recommending the interior design firm of Clarke Design Associates located in Bethesda, MD. Five of the six Board members present at the May 24 meeting voted to endorse the Committee's recommendations with some slight modifications of the scope of work. The sixth member voted against the proposal. He did not feel that Clarke Design Associates was sufficiently qualified and also felt that the scope of work was too limited and that a different Decorating Committee should be appointed. The Board voted endorsing the Committee's recommendation and authorizing management to contract with Clarke Design Associates to develop a design proposal for the main lobby and for new lighting for the entire first floor of both buildings. (An additional \$20,000 has been budgeted for the lighting.)

Swimming Pool Rule Change

The Board voted to modify Rule 24, #K as follows:

Appropriate swimming attire shall be worn in the pool. Appropriate swimming attire is defined as clothing expressly designed for swimming that is freshly laundered, sanitized, and snug fitting.

This wording is in accordance with that approved by the Fairfax County Government.

Procurement Policy and Procedures

Amended procurement policies and procedures also were approved. The changes from the prior rules were as follows:

1. The Board will now approve all capital purchases and all other contracts over \$5,000. Previously, the amount was \$3,000.

2. Sealed bids will be required when a project is estimated to cost \$30,000 or more or when a consultant will handle the project.
3. Sealed bids are to be submitted and received in a sealed envelope and are to be opened at the designated date, time and place by the General Manager and/or his/her designee in the presence of two (2) members of the Physical Plant and Operations Committee (PPOC) and/or the Financial Management Committee (FMC).

Accounting Software

Management, the Treasurer, and the FMC all are in agreement that the accounting software we have been using for the past year is unsatisfactory and poorly supported by the manufacturer. Another software package has been identified that appears to meet our needs and seems to be satisfactory to its users. Management was authorized to explore this further and, with the approval of FMC and the Treasurer, to purchase and install it without further Board approval. The estimated cost is about \$3,000, or less.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Memorial Day holiday. The Next Board meeting is June 21.



Editor
Louise Albin

Community Relations Committee (CRC)

For some time, your Board has had hopes and expectations (now turned into a need) for a Community Relations Committee. You may have noticed that the masthead for this newsletter has implied the existence of a committee but without a Chair and without any members. Recent events led us to create such a committee; to man such a committee; and to find and appoint a chairperson.

We can see at least three communities of involvement/interest:

1. The residential community – not only our 559 units and their occupants but also the other Skyline complexes: the Plaza, Square, and Towers

2. The business community – we need to know what is going on in the Build America, Skyline Mall, and in the Skyline Place office complex.
3. The civic/civil community – we need to know about the traffic controls, snow removal, zoning regulations, planning criteria, a wide variety of legal standards, and restrictions emanating from Fairfax County, the Virginia Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction.

Accordingly, The Skyline House Unit Owners Association solicits from among the residents of Skyline House your expressions of interest in serving on such a committee. I have placed a sign-up sheet at the front desk. Hopefully, with a list of volunteer members in hand, your Board can, at its next meeting on June 21st, announce the creation of a Community Relations Committee; its beginning membership; and appoint a chairperson for the Committee.

Submitted by James Loome, Board Director

Holding your Mail

If you are planning to be away from your residence for any length of time, you may ask the postman to hold your mail in the back mailroom. You must put your request in writing, addressed to Mike or Danny, indicating the day you will leave and return. Leave the request in your mailbox at the back so they don't miss it.

Alexandria Singers Performance

Skyline House residents can once again enjoy American popular music at its best when the talented Alexandria Singers holds its 25th anniversary song and dance pops spectacular this month. The Singers, under the direction of Roger Oliver, is a distinctive blend of 70 male and female voices that move, dance and know how to make the audience happy. It will include numbers from "Guys & Dolls," "Les Miserables," songs recorded by the Manhattan Transfer, the Dixie Chicks and many others.

"Sing, Sing, Swing!" will be held Saturday, June 30th at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 1st at 3 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School's comfortable, air-conditioned theater, located at 3330 King Street, Alexandria, only two miles from Skyline House.

House residents may purchase tickets from Art Brill (#1614-W), at 703-931-1946, a member of the Singers. He will take your order and slip the tickets under your door. Art has a full range of tickets,

including special \$10 tickets for seniors. Tickets may also be purchased at the door or by calling the Alexandria Singers at 703-941-7464. Tickets are: adults \$15.00; senior citizens, students, groups (10+), and active duty military \$10.00; children 6 & under \$5.00. Special reserved seating ranges from \$20-\$25. If you need a ride, Art will try to help arrange that too.

Look for some reports of interest further in this issue.



General Manager Gusbey Silva

Seal Coating of the Balconies

Commercial Roofing and Sheet Metal Company was selected to Seal Coat all balconies and patios. The job started on Monday, May 14, 2001, on Tier 14 of the West Building. Work on the North side of the West Building will start during the first week of June. We will try to notify you at least five to seven days in advance before work starts on your tier. If there is a delay in the schedule, we will try to notify you two days in advance. Please take into consideration that if it rains work cannot be performed. All items, including furniture, plants, etc., must be removed from the balcony prior to work starting. Work in the East Building will probably start at the end of June or beginning of July. If you have plans to be out of town or away from your unit during the time your tier will be worked on, please make arrangements to remove all items from your balcony or patio prior to your departure. Any items not removed by the residents will be removed by the contractor at a minimum charged to the unit owner of \$250.00. All balconies and patios in the same tier will be seal coated on the same day.

Outside Parking

We encourage our residents to be extra careful when parking outside. Please make sure that all doors are locked and do not leave desirable items in plain view. If you park your car for long periods of time, please take the time to check it frequently. Although we have security, there is only one officer

patrolling the buildings, garage and outside parking areas. Thieves work very fast. During the open house of the Skyline Mall Police Satellite Station, we were advised by the police officers that a car radio could be stolen within three minutes.

Arabic TV Channels

The Board of Directors approved the installation of an additional Satellite Dish to be installed at Skyline House for the reception of two Arabic TV Channels offered by Washington Cable. If you wish to receive these channels, please visit the front desk to pick up the programming agreement information. Washington Cable requires a minimum of 100 subscribers prior to dish installation. A free preview of the Arabic channels is currently being transmitted on channel 8 and, without further notice from Washington Cable, may be canceled at any time.

Front Entrance School Bus Stop

Management has received several complaints of noise disturbances and the children's misbehavior in the Lobby while waiting for the school bus in the morning and when returning home in the afternoon. We want to remind parents of the children picked up at the front entrance that the Skyline House Rules and Regulations must be followed at all the times and that parents are responsible for their children's behavior. The Lobby will be closely monitored and violators will be reported to the Covenants Committee.

Storage Bins

Last year a total of 16 additional storage bins were built. All were rented immediately. If you are interested in renting a storage bin, please call Tania at the Management Office. We have enough room to build an additional 16 to 20 storage bins.



Financial Management Committee Betty Weber, Chair

The Finance Committee met on May 15, 2001. Topics addressed included:

Monthly Subcommittee Reviews: Reviews by the subcommittees raised no issues.

Review of Financial Statements:

- Year to date operating costs are approximately \$27,000 under budget.

- A bill for the elevator repairs has not been received since there are fixes and a subsequent inspection to be completed. Part of the consultant's bill has been received.
- A couple of units whose accounts were in arrears have been sold. As a result, approximately \$4,000 in legal fees, as well as overdue condo fees and interest, were received this past month.
- We learned that the Association was to have received interest income from the NCB stock we purchased in 1999 as a condition of our Special Assessment loan from NCB. These funds were never received. Our treasurer has plans to discuss these issues with NCB.
- In view of the unresolved problem with the east parking lot drain, management is withholding payment of \$3,000 pending resolution of the drainage problem. Because the company has remained unresponsive to our requests, we recommended to Management that the Association file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau.

Accounting Software: Ms. Silva reported that we are still experiencing problems with our accounting software, and the vendor is unable to correct the defects. Management proposes that the Association replace this software and is looking at the Windows version of the software we were previously using. Our consultant is evaluating the software. Pending the results, FMC has concurred with Management's opinion that we purchase new software if needed. We also plan to seek a refund from the vendor for the current software.

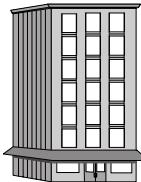
Storage Bins: Management proposes to build eight additional storage bins at a cost of \$4,760. The bins would generate rent in the amount of \$510 a month, recouping investment costs in approximately 10 months. The FMC concurred with this proposal.

Recommendations brought before the FMC by the PPOC: The PPOC has evaluated three proposals for Switch Gear Maintenance and recommends approval of a contract in the amount of \$10,800. The Association has \$15,450 budgeted for the work. The FMC concurs with the recommendation of the PPOC.

New 401K Administrator: Management informed us that the transition in 401K administration has been completed. We hope this results in an improvement in management of contributions.

Account	2001 YTD	2001 YTD
	Actual	Budget*
Total Income	1,032,169	1,001,013
Total Expense	973,262	1,001,013
Net Income (Loss)	58,937	0
Account	2001 YTD	2001 YTD
	Actual	Budget
Total Reserves		
Beginning Balance	831,760	831,760
Contributions	386,250	360,423
Expenditures	65,478	39,651
Total End Bal	1,152,532	1,152,532

Next FMC meeting will be held on June 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Card Room.



**Physical Plant
And Operations Committee
George Beams
And Kurt Bedenbaugh**

The Committee met on May 10, 2001. The following subjects were discussed:

- a) Elevator Door Rehabilitation: The Door Rehabilitation of all twelve elevators is completed. The elevator consultant, Lerch Bates & Associates, has generated an inspector's report and punch list. All items on the list should be corrected within 30 days.
- b) East Driveway French Drain Performance: On April 19, 2001, Paul Batista, President of Brothers Paving, inspected the area where water infiltration was detected during the first week of April. At the time of the inspection, the area was dry. On May 9th, water infiltration was detected again and a

- few phone calls were made to Brothers Paving. Management will follow up on this matter.
- c) *Seal Coating of Balconies and Patios:* The color to the seal coating was selected and the starting date for the project was confirmed for Monday, May 14, 2001. Work will begin on the West building, Tier 14, with the power washing of the balconies and patios. Work in the East building is not expected to begin until the end of June or beginning of July.
- It is mandatory that all items be removed from the balcony. Items not removed by the residents will be removed by the contractor at a minimum charge to the owner of \$250.00.** The seal coating will take 2 to 3 days per tier to accomplish.
- d) *Waterproofing of the Garage Deck Planters:* Commercial Roofing inspected the planter area on top of the garage and determined that it is necessary that the waterproofing of the planters located at the pool plaza be completed this year in order to avoid more water damage to the structure of the garage exterior walls. This work is scheduled for completion in 2002 at a cost of \$50,000. There is \$37,500 already funded to perform this work.
- e) *Arabic TV Channels:* Cox TV discontinued the transmission of the Arabic Channel effective on March 1, 2001. Washington Cable will offer the transmission of two Arabic Channels. Subscriptions will be offered at \$15.00 per month with a minimum of 100 subscribers. Announcement letters are at the front desk for those interested in receiving the service. Management is looking for someone from the Arabic community to help translate information to alert residence.
- f) *Storage Bins:* PPOC approved the request to have Chesapeake Iron Works construct the additional 40 feet of storage bins for \$4,760.00. The anticipated monthly income from renting the storage bins will be recouped for construction of the bins in less than ten months.
- g) *Switch Gear Preventative Maintenance Program:* PPOC approved the recommendation from Management to have Interface Electric perform the preventative maintenance program and infrared survey for \$10,800.00.
- h) *Skyline House Pool Rental Service:* Skyline Square Association approached our Association requesting to use the Skyline House pool until July 4, 2001 while repairs to their pool are being completed. Management proposed to rent 10 passes for the Square's use. Management recommended the charge for a single pass to be \$7.00. The issuance for the temporary passes for the Square's use is 5 weeks or July 4, 2001. Pending further details discussed by PPOC and acceptance by the Board, Management will coordinate with Skyline Square to enforce the mandated rules and regulations expressed by the Association.
- i) *Property Inspection:* The next building inspection is scheduled for May 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to inspect the swimming pool and the rear of the garage.



Security, Fire And Safety Committee Robert Busby

The Security Fire & Safety Committee (SF&SC) met on May 9, 2001 in the West Card room and discussed the following:

- a) *Parking Problems:* Management will be looking at enforcement of the parking rules in guest parking and in the loading dock areas daily on a 24-hour basis. Towing is and will be enforced without warning.
- b) *Use of Headlights in the Garage:* Many residents have been observed entering the garage and not turning on their headlights. Residents and authorized guests must turn on their headlights when entering the garage and keep them on while driving in the garage. Let's all be safe and make sure our headlights are on and stay on while driving in the garage.
- c) *Speed Limits:* Many residents have reported vehicles speeding in the garage and parking lot areas. Some guests and residents are

- exceeding the posted speed limit of 5 mph. Residents are reminded that it is our responsibility to report incidents of speeding to the front desk in the form of an incident report. The slow signs painted on the floor of the garage have almost disappeared and are being repainted.
- d) *Pedestrians/Drivers in the Parking Lots and Garage:* Several residents have reported speeding vehicles, vehicles backing up in the parking lots and garage, not giving the pedestrians the right of way and have almost run over them.
 - e) Residents who are walking from their vehicles in the parking lots and in the garage must be observant. Residents who are driving through and backing up in the parking lots and in the garage must also watch out for our pedestrians. We should all take driving safety in the parking lots and garage seriously.
 - f) *Report unsafe acts to Management:* Any unsafe act observed in the parking lots and garage should be reported to the front desk by way of an incident report. Provide as much information as possible about the violation.
 - g) *Garage Door Entrance – Tail Gating:* Numerous residents have reported vehicles entering the garage by following another vehicle in and not using their assigned key card or garage door opener to gain entrance. All residents are reminded that tailgating is a safety issue and no resident or authorized guest should ever tail gate into the garage. We have had several instances where vehicles have had the garage door close on them while entering the garage. We all want to avoid any injury to our residents and authorized guest.
 - h) *Keeping the Entrance Garage Door open during peak entrance times:* A security officer or management member (when management is available) will be at the garage entrance from 4 to 6 p.m. week days to avoid the back up of vehicles during these peak traffic times, and to ensure that only residents and authorized guests gain entrance to the garage.

- i) *Registration of Vehicles:* All residents must ensure that their vehicles are registered with the management office. Some residents have purchased new vehicles since they moved in and have not registered them with the management office. We also have residents who have other vehicles they use at Skyline House and, for whatever reason, have not registered them. These unregistered vehicles are being parked in guest parking areas and the loading dock. Since these vehicles are not registered, they are being towed, and are subject to being towed.
- j) *Unsupervised Children:* Several residents have expressed concern about unsupervised children in the lobby and elevators while waiting for the school bus and when returning from school. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for their children at all times.



Ad Hoc Lobby Decorating Committee
Jean Orben, Chairman
Carroll Thompson & Louise Albin

On May 5th, we sent a recommendation to the Board naming a designer that it should hire to create a design for the lobby. The Board approved our recommendation at its May 24th meeting. The firm will need about a month to develop a design.

The *Ad Hoc Lobby Decorating Committee* will act as advisors to the designer and will hope to have a design to present to the Board for approval at its July meeting. The implementation of the design will take a few months. The lobby decorating project should be completed by early fall.



Recreation Committee

Tony DiSalvo Chairman

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be June 13, 7:00 p.m., West Card Room.

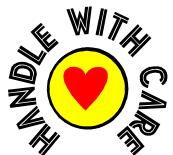
The Flea market is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, East Party Room. There is no charge to reserve a table; selling is RESTRICTED to Skyline House residents. No restrictions on buying – invite your friends. This is a good time for you to sell those heirlooms that are taking up space. Tables will be reserved for Skyline House residents only. Call Tony at (703) 824-1958 to reserve a table or if you have any questions. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for those who have reserved a table for set-up. You are, of course, welcome to bring your own table as the number of tables are limited. Just let Tony know. See the flyer for additional details.

If you are a resident and have not attended the monthly TGIF, make this your first and meet your neighbors, and to make it easier, you are requested NOT to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, just your own liquid refreshment.

The next TGIF is scheduled for Friday, June 1, 6:30 p.m., West Party Room.

COMING EVENTS:

TGIF, Friday, June 1, 6:30 p.m., West Party Room;
Recreation Committee Meeting, June 13, 7:00 p.m.,
West Card Room; Flea Market, June 20, 7:00 p.m.,
East Party Room



Good Neighbors Committee

Co-Chairs

Toska Prather 703-379-7849
Virginia Wallace 703-671-7648

Good Neighbors for June 2001 are:

Nadine Tyhonoff	703-379-3955
Gwen Petitjean	703-820-4260

The Good Neighbors are available to assist all residents who are in need of temporary help due to

illness or an emergency. Please call on them if a need arises. If any one wishes to join the Good Neighbors, please call one of the Co-Chairs.



Covenants Committee

David Kafka

The Covenants Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Card Room. Six Committee members were present plus our Board liaison Gary Akin.

The incident report showed 14 infractions of the rules and regulations during the past two-month period. These include eight garage violations, one noise complaint, one trash room incident, one unauthorized door decoration, one master TV antenna infraction, and one pet violation. All were handled by Management and closed except the pet violation. Management referred this violation to the Covenant Committee for action. The Committee, citing the by-laws and rules referring to no pets allowed, refused to make any exception to the rule. Also, 12 automobiles were towed during this period.

The new proposed regulations covering the swimming pool and the preservation of the integrity of the garage deck were sent to the Board for final approval.

The Committee voted to ask the Financial Management Committee, as it tackled the task of providing a budget for the year 2002, that it give some thought to providing additional funds for more personnel to ensure that the rules and regulations of the Association are better enforced.



The Chief Engineer

Greg Grimm

Washing machine hoses are one of the most neglected but potentially damaging maintenance items in homes and condominiums. Because they are out of sight, they are forgotten and give little warning of impending disaster.

Not checking your washing machine hoses is like not checking your oil. Nothing seems to be wrong until that moment when water is everywhere... and you find out furniture really can float... and think of the units below you... all battling an unstoppable flood!! If you can't remember the age of your washer (or hoses), or if you just don't know, its time to replace those hoses!!

Before we go further, let's briefly talk about the type of replacement hose to use. The only ones worth putting on is a braided stainless steel hose. These hoses never rust and can't burst, therefore making this the last time you have to change hoses... until you buy a new washing machine, that is!

They are a bit more expensive than standard rubber hoses, and a lot cheaper than the red and blue hoses we have used in the past. The cost of changing the hoses should not deter you because of the peace of mind knowing that at least one thing in your house will never need replacement or repair again.

If you want to have In-Unit maintenance change your hoses, contact the management office for an appointment. Also, you can use any contractor you choose, or mechanically inclined persons may choose to do-it-yourself.



Letters To The Editor

On page 8 of the May House Special, I quoted an article from the "The Washington Post" entitled "Falls Church Raises Real Estate Tax." *Terry Sakellos, unit 204E*, submitted the following comment: "The article has no relevance to the tax base of the unit owners of Skyline House. It clearly states "Falls Church City..." Skyline House tax structure is under Fairfax County.

Please Have Patience With Our Balcony Repairs

Our Skyline House management tries to be as accurate as possible in notifying residents when a particular tier is scheduled for balcony repairs and sealing. Based on the assessment of our contractor, Commercial Roofing, and our Consulting Engineer, management sends residents a one-week notice, so

they have time to remove furniture and plants from their balconies. The estimated time for the work on each tier to be completed is one week.

No matter how hard the contractor's crew tries to meet the schedule, there can be delays. First of all, bad weather and rain is a major obstacle. It is dangerous for the crew to be on a scaffold if there is heavy rain, let alone thunderstorms, and the workmen have to stop working. Furthermore, no caulking can be done if balconies are wet. The balcony decks also have to be dry before the sealing can be applied. The sealing takes 72 hours to dry before the balconies can be used again. Unhappily, our weather forecasting is as good or as bad as the weatherman, and rain is an obstacle we cannot predict. Secondly, the crew must meet unforeseen problems that have to be fixed. For example, when the workmen started on tier 14 of the West Building, they encountered two balconies that had paint and deteriorated sealing on the decks; this had to be removed to ready the decks for new sealing. The old cover turned out to be difficult and very time-consuming to remove. Other unexpected problems can cause delays.

We have to allow the contractor to follow professional procedures as he deems appropriate and necessary; otherwise, the work will not be guaranteed. We are paying a great deal to have the balconies fixed and do not want to get shoddy workmanship. The temporary lack of use of the balconies is a hardship, but please have patience. If you have any questions, ask our management. Management is closest to the situation and can give you the most accurate information.

Submitted by Wynfred Joshua, Member, PPOC

What Color Will the Seal Coating Be?

The color of the seal coating on those balconies that have not been tiled will be "taupe," similar to the outside color of our building. On balconies that have been tiled, the seal coating will be "clear." *Louise Albin*

Here are those articles I promised you:

Not everyone at Skyline House has access to a computer, so here is some information I have taken from the Mason District Government web site. I hope you will find it of interest.

Art at Mason District Government Center:

The Art in the Mason District Governmental Center program is brought to you under the auspices of the Fairfax County Council of the Arts. You can view wonderful watercolors of Carolyn Witschonke, an Annandale artist whose work is inspired by the interrelationship of philosophy, culture, myth, and tradition at the Mason District Governmental Center. Please stop by during office hours, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., to enjoy the art.

Spotlight By Starlight Summer Concert Series:

The free summer concert series, Spotlight by Starlight at Mason District Park, will begin on June 1st. The following schedule is sponsored by the Friends of Mason District Park. You'll find no better way to spend a summer evening!

Spotlight by Starlight is a free summer concert series. All performances at the amphitheatre located at 6621 Columbia Pike will be performed on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays and begin at 7:30 p.m. Performances for children on Saturday (not listed below) begin at 10 a.m. Shows are cancelled in the event of rain. The park telephone number is 703-941-1730.

JUNE

- 1 - Jubilant
- 3 - Navy Band "The Cruisers"
- 6 - Paul Wingo Trio
- 8 - Vic Tynes
- 10 - City of Fairfax Concert Band
- 13 - Gerry Kunkle Trio
- 15 - Bruce Ewan and Mugel Botafogo
- 17 - Falls Church Concert Band
- 20 - Tim Eyermann Quartet
- 22 - Kim and Jimbo Cary
- 24 - Alban Chorale
- 27 - Chris Vadala Quartet
- 29 - Blues Society

Look for the July schedule in the July Newsletter.

"2001 Celebrate Fairfax"

Virginia's only music, entertainment and tech festival! "**Celebrate Fairfax**," will be held June 8, 9 and 10 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Hours are Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6:p.m. Admission prices: Adults: at gate - \$10.00; in advance - \$7.00 at Multiplex Theatres and online at: www.washingtonpost.com; Children ages 3-12 - \$3.00; 2 and under - free. Enjoy concerts on six stages, a Frisbee dog show, a laser show, fireworks, and more. Free parking and shuttle buses are available for easy access. For information call 703-324-3247.

Renters' Insurance:

If you are a renter at Skyline House, you may be interested in the following information:

Renters' insurance is insurance that pays you if your personal property is damaged or stolen. Renters' insurance can cover fire and smoke damage, theft, vandalism, water damage from plumbing problems and many other hazards. It also protects from liability if an accident happens in your home and may pay your temporary living expenses if an emergency forces you to leave your home.

Your landlord's insurance does not protect your personal property. Renters' insurance is available at low cost for your personal property. Shop around for the policy that meets your needs at the best price. If you have a car, the company that insures it is a good place to start. Discounts may be available if you have more than one policy with the same company. Ask your insurance company about: contents coverage, replacement value coverage, living expense coverage, liability and theft, what is not covered, deductibles, and discounts. It will reduce the financial hardship of a fire, theft, or other disaster.

For additional insurance information, call your insurance company or local agent, your state insurance company, or the National Insurance Consumer Helpline, 1-800-942-4242.

For general information contact the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at 703-246-3801 or visit our Web site at: www.co.fairfax.va.us/fire.

***SPECIAL EVENTS AT
SKYLINE HOUSE
JUNE 2001***

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 TGIF 6:30 P.M. WPR	2
3	4 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 FCR	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 FCR	12	13 REC COM 7:00 P.M. WCR	14  Flag Day PPPOC 7:00 P.M. WCR	15	16
	18 LIBRARY OPEN 7:00-8:00 FCR	19	20 FIN MGT 7:00 P.M. WCR	21 FLEA MARKET 7:00 -9:40 P.M. E PR	22 BOARD 7:00 P.M. WCR	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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