

PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 1954    8:00 PM    Dunn Loring Firehouse

NOTICE

NO MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

At the November 2 Association meeting it was announced that a special meeting would be held on November 22 for the sole purpose of considering the corporation to be formed for the Community Center. After several meetings, the Executive Committee and the committee of nine persons heading up the solicitation campaign have agreed that the problems incident to the Community Center are too complex to settle in the time planned. For that reason, discussion of the corporation will be put off to a regular meeting.

NOTICE

Several inquiries have been made as to whether garbage disposal units may be installed in Pimmit Hills. Pimmet Service Corporation advises us to the following effect:

It is contrary to the policy of the Pimmet Service Corporation to allow the installation and use of garbage disposal units on its sewer lines. If such units are installed, and if the flow of sewage through the sewage plant is, at any time and for any reason, more than the plant can handle, the residents having garbage disposal units may be required to remove them.

The permits now being issued by the County for the installation of these units are issued under the new plumbing code. The permits are solely a means of controlling and inspecting the installation and of collecting the cost of the inspection. Fairfax County has no interest in the facilities of the Pimmet Service Corporation except to see that those facilities are properly laid out and installed. The Pimmet Service Corporation establishes its own policies with the consent of the State Corporation Commission. Therefore, the County has no power to permit facilities contrary to those policies.

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Ed Lane, Social Chairman, is planning a dance for January 21 or 22, 1955. More details will be available at the meeting. In the meantime, anyone knowing of any events taking place on either of these nights, please call Ed at JR 4-3416. From that information he can pick the better night.

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The County Health Department needs people trained in physical therapy, either part or full time. Anyone having training in this field may call Mrs. Arthur Gardiner, CR 3-2050, for an appointment.

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The Citizens' Association is the sponsor of Girl Scout Troop 123 of Pimmit Hills, and there is nothing of which we are more proud. No activity can do more than Scouting to properly mold the character of our youngsters.

Girl Scout Troop 123 has been operating under the distinct handicap of not having a meeting place large enough to accommodate the whole troop at one time. For that reason the girls have been broken up into three small packs of about seven each. Each of these packs has a leader, and they meet at that leader's home.

One of the present leaders is moving out of Pimmit Hills. Someone is needed to take her place, and experience in this field of activities is not a requirement. Training classes will be held in the near future for the benefit of the inexperienced. The only requirement is a sincere interest in helping these girls to find good fun and good citizenship in joint effort. Please call me at JE 2-0293 if you would like to lead one of these packs.

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Our recent experience with the burning of the large barn on Great Falls Road reminds me that "it can happen here". Fire protection for the Hills comes from the two nearby volunteer fire companies, one at McLean and one at Dunn Loring. These companies buy and help maintain their buildings and equipment with funds that they, themselves, raise. The County provides and pays one professional, full time fireman for each, the remainder being volunteers.

These companies have been timed at less than five minutes in answering calls to various parts of the Hills. Fortunately, we have had no major fires here, but many people have availed themselves of the ambulance and emergency service provided. If these fire companies should fail for lack of funds, the nearest service would be fifteen minutes or more away. That extra ten minutes can make the difference between a small fire and the loss of the home, or, in emergency service, between life and death.

A small contribution of the part of each resident in the area served by each company might mean existence where the possibility of financial failure is being faced. Is your insurance coverage so complete that you will suffer no loss or inconvenience from a fire? Or are your rates so low that a dollar contribution to the fire company would give better and cheaper protection? Think about it a bit; then send that extra buck to the proper volunteer fire company. They need it and deserve it.

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Freedom Park, Incorporated, has asked me to announce that it has only sixty shares in its swimming pool remaining to be sold. Construction is under way and the pool will be completed for next summer. Those wishing more information may call Mrs. Ross Wetherton, JE 4-2067, or Mrs. LeVerne Johnson, JE 3-8680.

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The closing day for listings for the Pimmit Hills Directory will be December 1, 1954. Anyone wishing to be listed by name and address who did not so indicate on their questionnaire should call Mrs. Wetherton at JE 4-2067 before that date. Commercial listings will be available at a small charge, and will be similar to those in the telephone directory. An office or business address may be included, if desired.

We have had some discussion as to why a Community Center is needed in the Hills and how it may be gotten. I would like now to mention some of the facilities that are planned for that Community Center.

Nine people have been chosen to serve on a planning and solicitation committee. Mr. Thomas Chittenden and Mr. Farnham Pope co-chairing this committee, and the other members of the group are Mrs. Hugh Cresham, Mrs. Leonard Krenning, Mrs. "Flash" Flasher, Mr. J. W. McCormick, Mr. Patrick Getchell, and Mr. John Shacochis. Mrs. William Daum is handling the publicity for this particular project.

This committee has met several times with the Executive Committee to determine the needs that must be met by our Community Center and to find the best way to meet them. It has been unanimously recognized that a "tot lot", a ball diamond, a general playground and a picnic area are necessities. Parking must be provided for and tennis courts are considered highly desirable.

The area of the property being considered is 4.7014 acres. This is a very small area on which to put all the needed facilities. Nevertheless, a portion of it must be set aside for sand boxes, slides and other small equipment for the pleasure of our pre-school children. It was unfortunate last summer that our playground was so limited in area and facilities, and so far away, that these children could not be practically accommodated. In the tot area this group would be able to play together, undisturbed by the rougher and more active sports of the older children. It will, in addition, provide an accessible place where mothers can meet and become acquainted while their children enjoy themselves.

To my knowledge, Vienna Park is the closest place in this part of the County where family or organization picnics can be held. It is very pleasant on a hot summer evening to pack a lunch and take it to a cool, shady place for an outdoor supper. This will be a picnic area near enough to be convenient to everybody.

It isn't only the kids who need sports activities. Adults, too, like to lose their daily cares in friendly competition. For this reason, the committee is planning tennis and such other adult, or semi-adult activities as there may be room for. Horseshoe pits will be provided and possibly we can have shuffleboard and handball courts.

A gathering place is not all that Pimmit Hills needs by way of recreational facilities. We have plenty of street corners and vacant lots for that. A park or Community Center without adequate supervision and direction is little better than one of these. Our young people will need guidance in their athletic and social activities. Trained or experienced supervision must be present at all times. A full time director as well as part time volunteer help will probably be necessary. All of this is being included in the planning of the committee.

The many problems which are constantly arising in connection with the acquisition of a Community Center are being given competent consideration by our Committee of Nine, and we are most grateful for their efforts.

James M. Whytock  
President