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The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association has set April 17th as the clean-up weekend with April 24th as the rain date. For more information or to volunteer please call Keith Allison at 356-9632.

SCHOOL RENOVATION

As you all probably know, the renovation has started on the Pimmit Hills Adult Education and Alternative School. Mr. Bud Mayo, the Vice Principal, is available for any questions you may have at 506-2344. The blueprints are also available for viewing if anyone is interested.

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting
* Will be held Tuesday, April 6, 1999 *
* at 7:30 P.M. *
* Pimmit Hills Adult Education Center *
* 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church *

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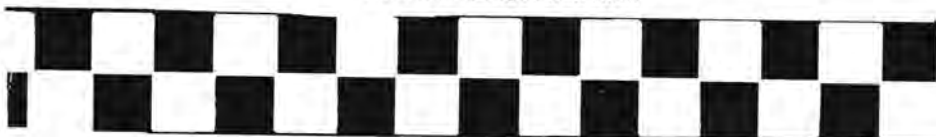
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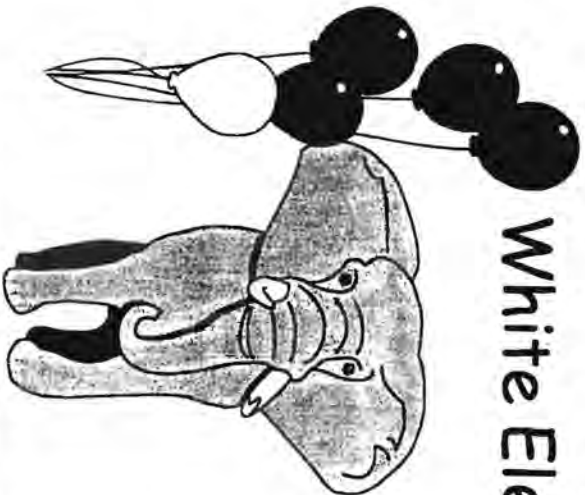
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I read in the paper that our County Executive has suggested establishing a "Neighborhood Snitch Patrol." Persons observing zoning violations could report to their citizen's association and the association would send a letter to the offender. I have mixed feelings about this procedure. On the one hand, it might result in improving our community's appearance. On the other hand, it is rather intrusive and smacks of big brother is watching. Express your views at our next citizen's meeting.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The following information is from the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter published by the Fairfax County Police Department.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH HAS IT ROOTS

The concept of watches for mutual protection has its roots in early England. People policed themselves and pledged to be responsible for each other's actions. This evolved into watches in which townspeople, taking turns acting as constables, patrolled the streets. Eventually paid police took over. In modern times, you have turned back to the concept of neighborhood watches. I have observed your great work from afar. After three months of being in the Crime Prevention Unit, I gladly sing your praises for the wonderful work I have observed. I, Officer D L Stokley, look forward to working with each of you in the future.

WHAT IS A CRIME & WHO ARE THE VICTIMS?

Every society has values. Some of these values are held so strongly that they are turned into law. Crime is the violation of these laws. Not everyone has an equal chance of becoming a crime victim. Nor does everyone have the same response to being a victim. Age is a big factor. For all major crimes, the younger the age, the greater the chance of being a victim. People aged 12 to 19 are the most frequent victims. Those 65 and over, the least. Yet the response to crime is reversed. The older the person, the more likely he is to change his activities because of fear. Those 16 to 19 years of age are least likely to change their activities.

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PIMMIT HILLS SENIOR CENTER

The Pimmit Hills Senior Center is located at 7510 Lisle Avenue in Falls Church and is open to anyone 55 years of age or older. Listed below are some of the activities that will be taking place in April. Stop by and pick up an April calendar with a listing of the daily activities and menu.

- Mondays 10:00am Tai Chi
- Tues. 4/13 11:00am Relaxation Therapy (RR)
- Thur. 4/15 10:30am - Blood Pressure Screening
- Mon. 4/19 11:00am - Craft Project: Learn to make "Rose Kisses". Cost \$2 (RR)
- Fri. 4/23 11:00am - Volunteer Appreciation Day

Pimmit Hills Senior Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services.

TRIVIA

Q. Sherlock Holmes lives at 221B Baker Street in London. What's there now?
A. A savings and loan is at 221, but it's a new number. Baker Street addresses ended at 85 when Conan Doyle wrote about Sherlock.

During that sleep condition called REM - Rapid Eye Movement - you dream, sometimes violent dreams, but your muscles are paralyzed. A remarkable quirk of nature, that. If they weren't paralyzed, you might tear up the bed, and injure who knows how many people!

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WHO TO CALL FOR WHAT

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To place an ad or article in the Dispatch - Anita VanRoekel - 821-6680
To ask or talk about anything not listed above - Keith Allison - 356-9632
If Keith is unavailable, call the next officer on the list, etc.

COMMUNITY NEWS

All questions and comments are given to our President, Keith Allison. He will most likely address them at future meetings. These comments are sent freely by residents and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Board of Directors Thank you.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Donnie Dick

The comments concerning this column expressed by the attendees at the February meeting were appreciated. So I will continue my feeble efforts.

I heard from a usually reliable source that the County Police issued forty parking tickets on a recent weekend to some of our neighbors. Be aware that parking in the wrong direction on a two-way street is illegal. Remember the steering wheel should be away from the curb, unless you are driving a right-hand drive import.

While I'm on the subject, don't park in your driveway with your car blocking the sidewalk. Also, courtesy dictates you shouldn't park opposite your neighbor's driveway. It makes it difficult to enter or leave his/her driveway and can result in your car getting dinged.

Two zoning variances were recently denied. One was for an oversized shed too close to a property line. The other was for a daycare center on Lusby Place. In both cases the requests were opposed by one or more residents. I guess zoning laws are enforced when citizens take action. (more below)

In December a drive-by shooting occurred on Pimmit Drive. A shot did property damage and only by the grace of God no injuries were sustained. If you have any information about the incident, you should call the McLean Police Substation.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive is continuing. We have tried to make the drive convenient for all. Please mail your application and a check for \$3.00 per person to the address below. The more members we have, the stronger our voice is with the government of Fairfax County

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Anyone with access to the Internet may pull up information such as offenders' full names, ages, home addresses, convictions and, in some instances, photographs and telephone numbers. The database at www.vsp.state.va.us includes the name of anyone who has been convicted, on parole or jailed for a violent sex crime since July 1, 1994 when the state began compiling a list of sex offenders. Violent sex crimes include: abduction for immoral purposes, rape, attempted rape, forcible sodomy, object penetration and aggravated sexual battery (victim under age 13). Sex offenders who were convicted out of state but who have moved to Virginia in recent years are also listed.

The commander of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the Virginia State Police stated that the list of sex offenders on the Web is not perfect. The web site itself states that it "cannot guarantee the accuracy of the record" for any individual. There has been a lot of publicity in the local media regarding this web site availability, both pro and con. This web site is not maintained by the Fairfax County Police Department, nor is the information available through them as it is a database maintained by the Virginia State Police. Questions should be directed to the Virginia State Police. It is clearly noted on the web site that anyone who uses the information to intimidate or harass a registered offender will be prosecuted. The crime carries a penalty of up to a year in jail.

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