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Do you think cars are driving too fast through our neighborhood? Petitions are circulating in Pimmit Hills to add stop signs at intersections to slow down traffic so that the neighborhood is safer for children.

Voice your opinion!



Pimmit Hills Citizens Association meetings:
Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 1999; Jan. 4, 2000 at 7:30 pm
Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church

Stops signs were the big topic at the November meeting of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association that was held at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue. Citizens were concerned about cars going over 60 mph on our streets which puts children at risk when they



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are out playing. PHCA First Vice President Linda Rose had petitions that citizens could sign to get Fairfax County to put up four-way stop signs. Five intersections were targeted and then the suggestion was made to put stop signs at every single intersection in Pimmit Hills. This, some said, would force all cars driving in Pimmit Hills to go slower to make the community safer for children and prevent a tragic accident, it would also prevent having dreaded speed bumps installed, and it would make those non-residents who use Pimmit Hills as a "cut-through" think of another, faster route to where they

want to go. Others said having so many stop signs would significantly increase their commute time to work.

Staying on the topic of intersections, some citizens at the meeting raised their concerns about intersections in Pimmit Hills that not only did not have a four-way stop, but had parked cars or large trees or bushes blocking the view to safely cross the road. Four-way stop signs should make these intersections better, but if you live at an intersection in Pimmit Hills, take a look at your corner and see if anything significantly blocks the view of traffic, and possibly consider ways to make things safer for you and your fellow residents.

What do you think? Come to the next PHCA meeting on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue and voice your opinion on these initiatives or raise a concern of your own at the meeting. ☞



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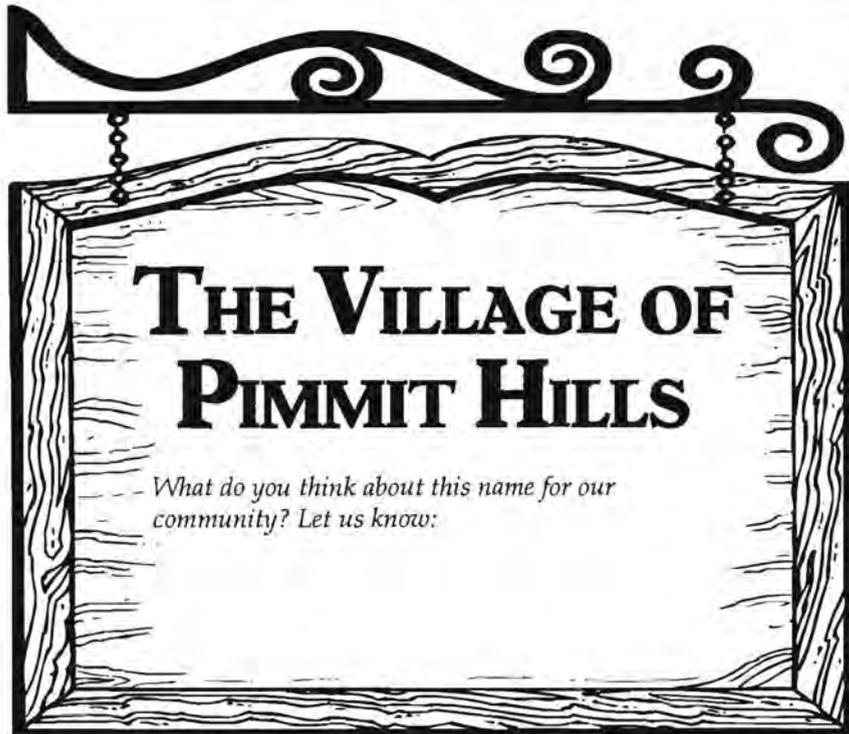
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Are you new to Pimmit Hills? Would you like to become more involved in the community? Do you like to help make things better? Now you can by volunteering a small fraction of your time as an officer of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association: the voice of our community in Fairfax County. The terms of the current officers are up and they need *you* to take their place! Attend a PHCA meeting or call one of the officers for more information.

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Did You Know?

By JENNIFER BAKER, PHCA SECRETARY

Here's what happened at the last Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) meeting in November:

The "Trash Day," held earlier this fall, was a success. Thanks to all who helped to organize this event. The Association will most likely hold at least one trash collection event in 2000.

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The Election Day Bake Sale and Membership Drive was a huge success. The Bake Sale brought in \$120 and approximately 200 people joined or renewed their membership in the Association. Thanks to all who baked and staffed the tables for the day — what a terrific effort!

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The Association has heard the community's concerns about the speeding, disregard for stop signs, and other challenges faced when driving through the Hills. In response, Linda Rose, the PHCA First Vice President, contacted the Traffic Calming Division and obtained the necessary petitions for four-way stop signs. Attendees at the meeting decided to work to get

four-way stop signs installed at the intersections of Griffith and Lisle, Anderson and Lisle, Griffith and Leonard, and Lisle and Fisher. If you live near these intersections and would like to get involved in this effort, please contact Linda at 703-442-8375.

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The Association will be inviting the principal of the Pimmit School to be guest speaker at the December PHCA meeting. Topics to be addressed include the behavior of students when on the fringes of school property, parking concerns, and the status of the renovations.

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For many years the Association has been meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, but perhaps it is time for a change. The Board will be proposing a change in the regular meeting day at the December meeting in an effort to give residents more time after receiving their *Dispatch* to plan on attending the meeting.

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A gentle reminder to all of us who have dogs was raised at the

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PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

It only takes \$3 per person to join the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. Support and get involved with your community! The more members we have, the stronger our voice is with the government of Fairfax County. ☪

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What are you thankful about living in Pimmit Hills? Here's what PH citizens are saying:

- "I am thankful for neighbors who graciously keep an eye on our home when we are away!" (3 years)
- "I grew up in Pimmit Hills and now I am raising my children here. I am thankful about living in Pimmit Hills because of the location. We are so close to everything! Tysons Corner, McLean, Falls Church and Vienna with Routes 7, 495 and 66 right around the corner. I have known many people who have moved out of Pimmit Hills to places like Front Royal, Marshall, Leesburg, etc, only to move back to Pimmit Hills because they missed being so close to everything. We truly have a terrific location! Another reason is our sidewalks and street lights. My kids went trick-or-treating with friends in their McLean neighborhood. The streets in their neighborhood had neither sidewalks or street lights. We take it for granted. So many neighborhoods do not have them."

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meeting, and it is worth repeating. We need to be mindful that not everyone loves furry creatures as much as we do. When walking your pet in the neighborhood, please keep him/her on a leash and, even more importantly, please do the right thing and clean up after your little (or large) darling. Nobody should have to routinely watch where they step in their own yard because of a dog owners negligence, or have to do our dirty work for us. So, as they say, just do it!

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So far this year, we have welcomed a number of new faces to the PHCA meeting. Was yours one

of them? Wouldn't it be great if every street in the Hills had at least one representative at every meeting? How hard would that really be to achieve? Think about being that person for your street. We are stronger and more effective with you than without you.

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If you didn't attend the November Citizens Association meeting, you're probably not aware of the above items. The PHCA is the official voice of the Pimmit Hills Community, which means that the PHCA is speaking and acting for you in a variety of ways. Be sure your views and opinions are heard by becoming a PHCA member and making time to attend each monthly meeting. With just a small investment of time — you can be in the know!

Don't miss the

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**Tues Dec 7
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Pimmit Hills School



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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

It's that time of year again. The Redskins are tearing our hearts out, the lawn is no longer demanding quantity time and the trees are bare of leaves. Well, a lot of trees are bare, but not all of them. The evergreens hang on to their foliage through the bleakness of winter, and, as a winter-phobic, I wouldn't be without them. With the holidays heading our way, this is a great time to prune them.



the outside, allowing snow to accumulate like a heavy blanket. Thinning out weak, twiggy growth and opening up windows into the bush will create a stronger infrastructure (a great '90s word). When you finish pruning, the

shrubs ought to look like they haven't been touched. I like to prune Azaleas and other flowering shrubs when they are in bloom and enjoy them in a vase.

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Next time we'll talk about pruning trees and deciduous shrubs, a perfect post-season activity. ☺

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer lives on Leonard Road. If you have a question, or a gardening/landscaping topic pertaining to our yards in Pimmit Hills that you would like her to write about in future issues, contact the Dispatch editor.

The trick to pruning is to use pruners, not shears or hedge trimmers. Let's save these shaping tools for the boxwood topiary of your favorite presidential candidate. Get yourself a pair of good bypass (as opposed to anvil) pruners, a set of loppers (for larger branches), and a sharpening stone. Reach into dense shrubs, such as Hollies, Junipers, Cherry Laurels and Boxwoods, and cut branches that are long enough to use for holiday decorations (even if you're not going to use them this way) — no nipping little bits of bush, please. This will open up the canopy and promote growth inside the shrub. Years of shearing can leave all of the foliage in a shell on



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NEXT PHCA MEETINGS:

Dates:	Tuesdays - December 7, January 4
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Pimmit Hills School
Address:	7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church

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MOMS Club Open House

The Falls Church Chapter of MOMS Club will be holding a Holiday Open House for prospective members on Thursday, December 2 at 9:45 am in the Fairlington Presbyterian Church. At-home mothers and their infant-to-school age children are encouraged to learn more about the local MOMS Club at this fun, free event.

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As chapter president Stephanie Gillespie of Storm Drive says, "With so many mothers working outside the home today, it can be extremely hard for stay-at-home mothers to meet each other. The MOMS Club allows at-home mothers to get together in a supportive atmosphere."

For more information or directions to the Open House, or if you can't attend the open house but still would like to be involved with the club, please call Stephanie at 703-827-8846. There's no easier way to meet other at-home moms and their children!



MOMS Club

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Heard on the Grapevine

By Donnie Dick



As your astute community scribe, I don't want to always be reporting negative news and comments. I will look for some good stuff to report in future columns.

Recently, I observed one of our neighbors doing driveway maintenance on his pick-up. He was flushing his radiator out down the front curb into the storm drains which feed into the Chesapeake Bay. This is a serious attack on our environment and is a no-no. Also, wildlife and other creatures ingest waste water in the area and an-

tifreeze will kill. Remember that we don't dump or drain oil, gasoline and other toxic waste into our storm drains. It is against the law.

Sooner than I expected and before my next column, a bit of good news. The County Park Authority is in the process of replacing the playground equipment in the Tysons Pimmit Park. It is nice to see some of our tax money returned to our community. Maybe the Citizens Association could have a Park Authority representative speak at a future meeting on other plans affecting our area.



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