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April 2000



Spring is ^{finally} here!

Come to the next meeting; kids welcome!

**Pimmit Hills Citizens Association meetings:
Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at 7:30 pm**

Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church





Pimmit Hills
Your Community

Treasurer Needed

Progress! One person for each office except Treasurer has come forward to volunteer to serve a one-year term (September 2000-August 2001) on the board of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. PLEASE call Linda Rose, 703-442-8375, if you can serve as the Treasurer. *We need you!*

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Membership Dues Due

If you haven't paid this year's (Sept 1999-August 2000) PHCA membership dues, please use the form on page 26. It's only \$3 per person and your dues help support your the association.

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PHCA Sunshine Fund

Do you know someone in Pimmit Hills who is ill or in the hospital and would like to cheer them up? Call Joan Naleppa at 703-893-7866. She runs the PHCA Sunshine Fund and will send well wishes from the citizens of Pimmit Hills.

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Special Notice:

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is planning to change the PHCA meeting day to the **SECOND Tuesday of each month**. This notice must be placed in *The Dispatch* making residents aware of this action. Please attend the meeting in April to vote on the change.

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Next PHCA Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School. Can't find a babysitter? Bring your kids!

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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association, Inc. (PHCA)

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

September 1999 - August 2000

It only takes \$3 per person to join the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. If you haven't paid for this year, please do so to 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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BY JENNIFER BAKER, PHCA SECRETARY

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

Were you among the many residents who turned out for the March Citizen's Association meeting? If not, then you missed out on a great opportunity to find out what is happening in your community.

So what's happening?

Bill Harper and Assistant Principal Paula Castri were on hand to share the latest on the renovation project at the Pimmit Hills School. The County is still deliberating about how much space will be approved for parking. Mr. Harper urged residents to lend support to getting additional parking spaces approved by contacting Jane Strauss, our local school board representative, by phone at 703-246-4780 or by e-mail at board@burkholder.fcps.k12.va.us and letting her know how much additional parking is needed.

President Keith Allison shared an announcement he received from the Clean Fairfax Council. The

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There are many areas in Pimmit Hills, such as the streambed that runs through Tyson's Pimmit Park, which could benefit from a clean up effort. Interested? You can arrange to do some cleaning up on your own or with a group. To obtain an order form for supplies, please contact Jennifer Baker, Association Secretary. She can be reached at 703-448-1394.

We know you've heard it before, but this time it's true. The Directories are coming! The Directories are coming! Come to the April meeting to get your very own copy.

Once again the question of what we are going to do about officers for next year was raised. The Nominating Committee is still

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looking for a few good men and women to serve as PHCA officers. If you have any interest at all in running for office, please contact Linda Rose, the Committee Chair, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 703-442-8375.

So what is on the plate for next time? You don't want to miss the April meeting. There are some very interesting issues that have come up recently that will be on the agenda, including:

The final vote on whether or not to **changing the regular meeting time** of the Association from the first Tuesday of every month to the second Tuesday.

A discussion of the need to **preserve old growth trees** in our neighborhood. One of the special features of Pimmit Hills is the number of tall stately trees that grace our landscape. These trees not only add beauty to our homes; they also help block unwanted traffic noise and keep the air clean. It has come to the Association's attention that some residents are cutting down healthy trees without regard to how it will effect their neighbors or the environment. Homeowner's rights are important, but it seems

as if we will all lose if we don't take steps now to find a way to protect these precious community assets.

The Village of Pimmit Hills. Like the sound of that? The idea to give this name to our community surfaced a few meetings back and has been bandied about ever since. What we need now is for someone to research the idea further and find out what would be required to get our community officially recognized as The Village of Pimmit Hills, and then present the findings to the Association. We know that there are many of you out there who have the talent and skills to do this research. If this project piques your interest, please come to the next meeting and let us know.

Remember that 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.

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The rest of my yard is mulched with leaves and wood chips; pine-needled paths take visitors from the flagstone patio out into the garden and around to the goldfish pond. Instead of lawn I have planted my collection of small trees and perennials, many of which are native to our area.

Through one planted area, a creek made of roof liner and broken fieldstone flows from under a corner of the patio to the pond. The water then flows into a skimmer box and is pumped back up to the patio. When it's hot it's nice to sit with feet in the creek and count the waterstriders on the pond's surface.

The overflow from the pond feeds into a low area that is home to plants that love wet feet: the Japanese Iris (*Iris ensata*) are spectacular when they bloom in early summer; the fiery red spikes of the Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) flag down every passing hum-

mingbird in late summer; and to continue the evergreen screen through the wettest part, I planted Eastern White Cedars (*Chamaecyparis thyoides*) which typically grow in swamps along the Atlantic coast. (My patio furniture happens to be made of Eastern White Cedar, an inexpensive alternative to teak.)

So, I guess that even though I don't spend time pushing a loud, polluting mower around the yard every weekend, I do spend an equivalent amount of time on garden chores... but I'd rather be weeding a clutch of White Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*) or marveling at the delicate Lady's Tresses Orchids (*Spiranthes*) and the sweet Spring Beauties (*Claytonia virginica*) that managed to hang on through all those years of mowing by previous owners! ☞

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Pimmit Hills Community Day

On Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 am to Noon, the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue will hold a Pimmit Hills Community Day, rain or shine. The day is designed with our community in mind, and stresses safety and health issues for your family.

Fairfax County Police will display a "Seat Belt Convincer" which simulates a crash at only 5 mph. The proper installation of child safety seats will be demonstrated, as well as how and why vehicle identification numbers are placed on car windows.



There will be a fire safety trailer from the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and CPR demonstrations. Learn how to childproof your home. You can also obtain information on new technology courses being held at the school.

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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

Ahh, an early Spring! Gotta love it! The long winter hibernation is over and it's time to get back out in the yard.

The Spring chores are calling. One of the earliest clean-up jobs at my house is to cut back the meadow that is my front yard. I use a good pair of hand pruners and do it in stages -- no sense over-doing it. The big stuff gets bundled off to the compost pile while the smaller debris is left to decay where it falls. One of these Springs I'm going to borrow a weed-eater and see how it works on the dead grasses and wild-flower stalks.



Once that's done, that's pretty much it for the front yard, maintenance-wise. My neighbors, God love 'em, still insist upon pushing that noisy mowing contraption around their yards every weekend! I like to sit and watch the goldfinches flutter about the meadow eating from the purple spikes of *Liatris* and golden masses of *Black-eyed Susans* (*Rudbeckia*) while the swallowtail butterflies

swarm all over the yellow daisies of the 8-foot tall Cup Plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*).

The compost pile gets a dose of nitrogen every once in a while when I bring home a bag of grass clippings from someone's curb. The nitrogen in green yard waste feeds the little microbes that break-

down the dried leaves and garden debris that make up the pile. Since I let the autumn leaves stay where they fall (to act as mulch and later, as soil), I have to rely on my neighbors for leaves to compost. And they are very good about letting me cart off their bags every fall.

I use some of the full bags to enclose the compost until it's time to add more leaves along with the grass clippings to the waning pile in the summer.

By fall it's time to empty the pile and dump the "black gold" onto the vegetable garden and start all over again. By the way, uncollected grass clippings act as an organic fertilizer, feeding the lawn every time you mow, and eliminating the need for chemical fertiliz-

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Easter Sunday, April 23

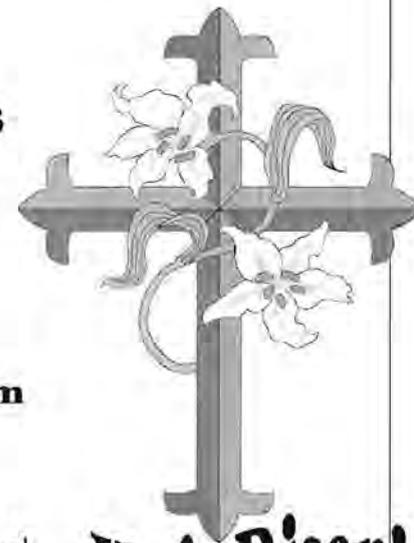
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April 17-21: Spring Break

April 27-29: Spring Drama Production, 7:30 pm

April 30: Spring Drama Production, 2:00 pm

May 16: Marshall PTSA meeting, 7:00 pm

May 23: Orchestral Concert, 7:30 pm

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April 7: Women's Softball, playing WTWoodson

April 7: Tennis, playing Madison

April 7: Women's Soccer, playing Edison

April 11: Men's Soccer, playing Madison

April 12: Baseball, playing Langley

April 12: Women's Softball, playing Langley

April 14: Men's Lacrosse, playing Madison

April 15-19: Baseball, Tournament

April 16: Women's Lacross, playing Madison

April 24: Women's Soccer, playing McLean

April 25: Men's Lacrosse, playing McLean

April 27: Tennis, playing Langley

April 28: Men's Soccer, playing Lee

May 1: Baseball, playing McLean

May 1: Women's Softball, playing McLean

May 2: Fairfax, playing Fairfax



Lemon Road Elementary School

April 11: PTA meeting, 7:00 pm

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Monday, April 10 at 11:00 am

Simply Jazzercise with Maryann

Tuesday, April 11 at 10:30 am

Craft Project: Easter Centerpieces (RR), cost \$12

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

AARP 55-Alive Driving Course (RR), cost \$10

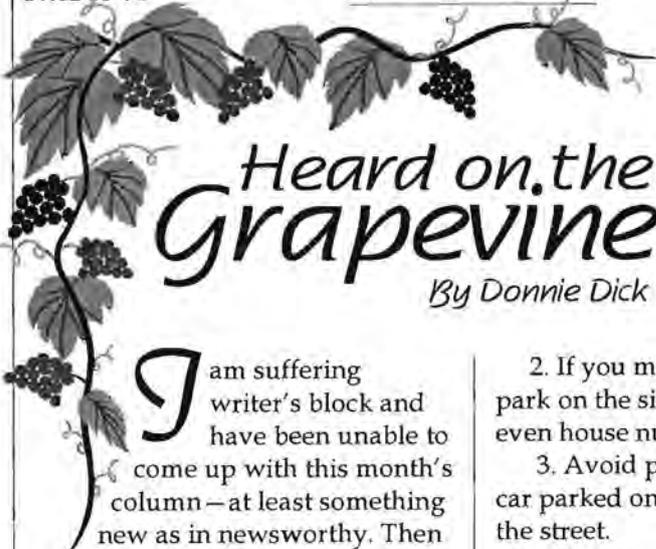
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Heard on the Grapevine

By Donnie Dick



I am suffering writer's block and have been unable to come up with this month's column – at least something new as in newsworthy. Then it dawned on me that most of what I have written in the past is a rehash of some past topic. *Deja vu* all over again

For example, at the February association meeting, the topic of snow removal came up and I did some research. I found a copy of the December 1993 *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* which contained an article on that subject. I am excerpting the following from the article:

Snow – a plan worth consideration. There is always concern about adequate snow removal from our streets after a heavy snowstorm. Every resident should be willing to help improve the snow removal process by using the following procedures, which the Lemon Road Civic Association has used for three years.

1. Remove vehicles from roads until they are plowed, including arranging to park in a neighbor's driveway.

2. If you must park on the street, park on the side of the street with even house numbers.

3. Avoid parking opposite any car parked on the "wrong" side of the street.

4. Avoid parking within 40 feet of intersections.

5. Clear your sidewalk and dig out all fire hydrants.

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association urges all residents to give the above plan consideration. Talk with your neighbors and spark interest to give this a try in Pimmit Hills. Sound familiar?

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