



Pimmit Hills Calendar of Events:

- Tuesday, January 2, 2001 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
- Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
- Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
- Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
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The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

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Pimmit Hills

Our Neighborhood, Our Home



Pimmit Hills Citizens Association meeting:
Tuesday, January 2 at 7:30 pm
Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church

Traffic Petition

Petitions for the Fairfax County Department of Transportation to conduct an \$80,000 traffic calming study for Lisle Avenue and Pimmit Drive are making their way around the community thanks to volunteers who want to help make the neighborhood safer for our children. Here the statement that is on the official Fairfax County petition:

"Statement of problem: I request consideration of remedial measures to reduce the speed of traffic on Pimmit Drive and Lisle Avenue, Dranesville District. Such remedial measures could include physical devices, traffic signs, and/or striping. Certain traffic controls may also be considered for other streets in the neighborhood. I further understand that my signature on this petition is NOT an approval of any particular plan but a signature of support to have a community task force developed to recommend a solution to reduce the speed of traffic. I further understand that any plan adopted by the community task force would be put forth for approval at a later date to all residences in the petition area. All residences must be canvassed as defined in the official petition area map."

The map attached to the petition shows the entire PH community of 1600 homes.

The letter to PHCA President Joe Baker from Stu Mendelsohn states

that "a 75% level of support is required from the households in the petition area in order for the

process to be continued and a community task force formed."

There are people in the community who are for or against traffic calming. The officers of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association try to respond to the concerns of the community and we heard at meeting after meeting voices raised in concern about speeding and the safety of the children of this community. To address these concerns, the traffic calming petition is the first step in enabling the County to help our community deal with the speeding. Now a few voices are rising against any such study.

Where do you stand? The PHCA board will know the answer to this by the amount of people willing to help go around their neighborhood and get the petitions signed. Help is still very much needed (contact PHCA). If we as a community are unable to complete this project, the board will know the answer as to where the community stands on the issue of speeding on our roads and it will no longer pursue this issue as the community wishes. ☞



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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

email: phca@pimmithills.org

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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 December:

Hello Neighbors - I hope your holiday season was wonderful and your New Year is off to a good start. The last PHCA meeting of 2000 was a lively one and attendance was up once again. We'd really love to see this positive attendance trend continue in 2001, so please consider adding just one more resolution to your list. Resolve to make it to the monthly meetings of the only group that is organized to represent your neighborhood and your interests as a resident of the Hills.

To inspire you to keep this resolution, following are just a few highlights from the last meeting:

Congratulations are in order for Hills resident **Walter Irvin** whose slogan suggestion (*Pimmit Hills - Our Neighborhood, Our Home*) was selected as the winner of the recent slogan contest. Many thanks go to all of the members of the Slogan Selection Committee who had a tough choice to make, and to all who contributed slogans for consideration.

Officer **Mike Garbarino** spoke to the group and provided an interesting and informative report about crime trends in and around our neighborhood. Burglary, vehicle tampering and graffiti are just some of the crimes that have been committed in recent months. With between four to six officers assigned to the "Core Area" (a police term describing their beats) that includes Pimmit Hills at any one time, he said that the police are doing their best to maintain visibility. However, he noted that with call volumes steadily increasing (2,000-3,000 calls for service per shift) it is becoming a bigger challenge to be in on a consistent basis. In addition to giving a crime report, Officer Garbarino commented that so far in his tenure as school resource officer for the Pimmit School, things have been pretty quiet. He indicated that he was familiar with the problems that some residents have experienced relative to the behavior of some of the students at the school. He reiterated that the best thing that residents can do is come into the school, speak with the principal

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Our names are Eric and Tammy Snyder. We are writing this as a Thank You. You see on Friday, December 8, 2000, our daughter Tiffanie did not come home from school. After placing a couple of phone calls, and going to a couple of people's houses we started to receive phone calls from people who wanted to help. Throughout the evening many of our friends and neighbors were out in force searching not only the neighborhood, but the mall, Club Phoenix, the schools,

The Old Fire House, and anywhere else you could have thought to look. We just wanted to let you know that thank you does not even begin to cover what we feel for all that you did, but THANK YOU!!!!!!!

The Snyder Family

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or himself and provide details about the problem. He promised that the school is willing to deal decisively with problems once they are notified and to work with residents to resolve concerns.

An update report was provided on the **Traffic Calming Project**, which included the fact that there had only been seven people volunteer to help circulate the petitions that are required as a first step in the process. Once again, it was pointed out that this initiative was undertaken in an effort to address the concerns that have been raised at almost every PHCA meeting in recent years about the dangers of speeding cars that fly through the neighborhood and the increasing volume of cut through traffic. Residents come to meetings and expect the Association to do something, but what is forgotten is that the Association is not just the Board. The Association is all of us who pay our dues. After a lengthy discussion regarding how we should proceed, it was the general consensus of the group that the problem is serious enough that we should continue to try and explore the Traffic Calming option. Another call for volunteers was made and a few more signed-up at the end of the meeting.

A few final notes about the Traffic Calming Project. This first step is just to get the roads that have been approved studied, with the goal of developing a list of possible traffic

calming measures. No physical changes to the roads can or will be made without input from the entire community and another round of petitions will have to be completed before any measures can be implemented. Also, I encourage all of those people who have come to meetings or written or called the Association to complain about the speeding and traffic issues in the neighborhood to come forward now and help with this effort. Finally, you can contact Linda Rose at 703-442-8375 to find out more about the project and to volunteer.

A newer resident reported about frustrations that he has been experiencing with the police. He hit upon a concern that has been shared before, which is the perception that there is a lack of police presence in our neighborhood. He suggested that the Association consider sponsoring a resident letter writing campaign to lobby the police for better service. The Board noted this idea and will explore it for the future.

The developer that is interested in buying Pimmit Hills has contacted the Association President and may be scheduled to speak at a future meeting. If an opportunity to speak is actually formally requested, we will notify the community via the *Dispatch* and the Association's website. Please note that this is provided as a point of infor-

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The Thornless Honeylocust, *Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis*, translates from back to front as the "unarmed, three-spined Honeylocust". *Digitalis purpurea alba* is the white flowered form of the normally rosy purple Foxglove, the source of the heart drug Digitalis -- please don't eat the foxgloves. Family relations show up in Latin names, too.

Plants or animals that share the same first name are closely related. The supermarket cherry is derived

from the Sweet Cherry, *Prunus avium*, the peach is *Prunus persica*, and the Tidal Basin trees are *Prunus x yedoensis*. The handsome evergreen shrub, Cherry Laurel, is not a Laurel at all, but rather another Cherry, *Prunus laurocerasus*.

The traffic-stopping Scarlet Sage, *Salvia splendens*, in the summer flower bed is closely related to the culinary Sage, *Salvia officinalis*, in the spice rack. Closely related plants can often be crossed to create hybrids: our showy Tulips, fall Mums, and potted Geraniums are the result of years of hybridizing. In fact, many of our favorite garden plants are the product of man's intervention, including the Rose. ☞

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer lives on Leonard Road.

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*PHCA Secretary
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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

A rose is a rose ... unless it's a Lenten Rose, then it's a *Hel-leborus*. Or a Rose Mallow, that's a *Hibiscus*. Or a Rockrose, that's a *Helianthemum*. Or a Prim-rose, which can be either a *Primula* or an *Ono-thera*. So which is it?

To straighten things out a man named Linnaeus decided that every type of living thing should have its own unique, two-word, Latinized

name. And so for the past two hundred or so years we have been slapping labels on every life form from the tiniest germ to the tallest tree. You and me, we're *Homo sapiens*. The huge Tulip Poplar in my backyard is *Liriodendron tulipifera*. And the little white Snowdrops we anxiously wait for in the late winter (some of us more anxiously than others) are *Galanthus nivalis*.

The use of Latin names assures that the little yellow *Tulipa tarda*

that grows on the hillsides of Central Asia is the same variety of tulip propagated in Holland and sold to you in the garden center in the fall. There are a number of blue-

flowered plants known as "Forget-Me-Nots": *Myosotis*, *Brunnera* and *Anchusa*. To get the true Forget-Me-Not look for *Myosotis sylvatica*. You can often tell a lot about a plant by its name. Many recall their native habitats: *canaden-*

sis, *americana*, and *florida* all indicate East Coasters; *japonica*, *chinensis*, and *orientalis* the Far East; and *montana*, *sylvatica*, and *maritima* the specific localities of mountain, forest and sea coast. (This is where that high school Latin comes in handy.)

The lovely Franklin Tree, *Franklinia alata*, was named after Ben Franklin and the Altamaha River in Georgia (somewhere along the way an "a" has been misplaced). Early



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 Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Written by Rita Mayer, Assistant Branch Manager, Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My wife and I would like this time to thank all the wonderful people in Pimmit Hills and area that made the appearance of Santa at our house a huge success this Christmas 2000. A special thanks to the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and the Virginia State Police who escorted Santa into the Hills. We had approximately three hundred children to visit Santa those two

nights (December 15 and 16). Again thanks to everyone and the Tysons Corner Host Lions Club for helping with traffic control. It was a huge success again this year.

Irvin and Betty Poole
Pimmit Drive

See photos of when Santa came to Pimmit Hills on the PHCA website: pimmithills.org



Pimmit Hills Senior Center Activities

Here are some of the upcoming events going on at the Pimmit Hills Senior Center:

Tuesday, January 9
 11:00 am:
 Share Your Hobby Day

Tuesday, January 16
 10:30 am
 Craft Class with Marjorie:
 Winter Centerpiece (RR)
 Cost \$12.50

Tuesday, January 23
 10:30 am
 National Pie Day-Baking Demo

Monday, January 29
 10:30 am
 Blood Pressure Screening

12:30 pm
 Ice Cream Social

Three new dance classes start in January! Call for more information.

Pimmit Hills Senior Center offers a wide variety of activities such as ceramics, craft classes, exercise classes, guest speakers, blood pressure screenings, weekly shopping trips and various other programs. We also offer a daily hot lunch for a donation based on your monthly income.

If you would like to find out more about the Center, please stop by anytime to visit and pick up a copy of the monthly calendar with a complete listing of the daily activities and menu, or call Brenda Riley at 703-734-3338.

The Pimmit Hills Senior Center is open to everyone 55 years of age or older. It is located at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church, and its hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services. ☞



Heard on the Grapevine

By Donnie Dick



It seems like I make the following observation every year. Our neighbors rake their leaves to the street curb and hope nature will clear them away. Once again, Pimmit Hills does not have leaf collection service. You must bag or mulch your leaves.

The Citizens Association is looking into the prospect of having County-provided trash service. This will entail forming a Sanitary District for our area and an additional property tax assessment to pay for the service. Fairfax County would ultimately determine if they will provide the service and the rules for pick-up days and container requirements, etc. Leaf pick-up is a separate issue requiring further County negotiations and tax assessments.

The traffic calming study being proposed by some of our residents is slowly moving forward. The study must have 75% approval by all of the community residents as shown in a signed petition. Said petitions are to be circulated by

community volunteers. If approved, the County will put up \$80,000 for the actual study. I gather from comments I am hearing on the *Grapevine*, there is not overwhelming support for this study. Persons living on streets bordering Lisle and Pimmit Drive fear any stop signs, speed humps or bumps, traffic lights, etc, will merely reroute traffic to other streets within the community.

One wag stated he had lived with the current traffic pattern for a generation and it has never been a problem for him. Nor is a Redd Road cut-through a solution to the traffic in the Hills. In fact, a cut-through may exacerbate the problem according to this person.

All I can say is beware of what you wish for, because you may just get it. ☞

Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road.



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Worship service 10:30 am

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and 12:30 pm. 6:00 pm service is in

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Happy Holidays!

A record setting year for Pimmit Hills! With an over \$20,000 increase in all the home prices in the area, this is the best appreciation we've seen since the late 1980s. A basic Pimmit house with no additions and regular maintenance is now in the \$160-170,000 range. Obviously homes with much improvements are selling substantially higher. Three years ago only one house sold over the \$200K mark, and now this plateau has been shattered. As the holidays draw to a close, it's time to polish up the inside and get ready for the spring market. Based on supply and demand, this spring looks to continue the pace. Please call for a list of the year's past sales and current inventory if you are thinking about a move in 2001.

Don't put your house on the market without talking with us first about our Best Seller Marketing Services Guarantee!

- * **Free Market Analysis**
- * **Free Service Marketing**
- * **Ask about our bonus for Pimmit residents!**

