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April issue deadline: March 5

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates for 2001-02:

March 5, 2002 May 7, 2002
April 2, 2002 June 4, 2002

PHCA meetings are at 7:30 pm the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue. All Pimmit Hills homeowners and renters are welcome. Come to discuss important issues facing our community.

Upcoming PHCA Events:

April 20: Community Yard Sale
June 15: Taste of Pimmit Hills

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March 2002



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PIMMIT HILLS NEWS

This March issue went to the printers on February 18 (sorry for the delay – the editor was gone during the weekend she usually puts together the *Dispatch*). The deadline for articles and ads for the April issue is March 5.

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Pimmit Hills lost a long-time resident, James D. Bailey, on February 6. He lived in Burfoot Street and could often be seen walking in the neighborhood. Our condolences to his family and son, Mark Bailey of Bethune Street.

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Our thanks to the Eagle Scouts who are doing a service project where they paint addresses on curbs at no charge for PH houses. This helps emergency services identify houses better. Are your house numbers clearly seen from the road during the day and at night?

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People have asked us to remind everyone: remove trash and newspapers that accumulate in yards and along the road; trash cans left on the curbs; and Christmas decorations.

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PHCA board members and the *Dispatch* receive emails and letters from Pimmit Hills citizens who are frustrated at what their neighbors are doing. Complaints we've received include commercial and recreational vehicles parked in violation of county code on our streets, junk cars on lawns, too many cars on a prop-

erty, structures built that may or may not be in violation of code but irritates a neighbor, tearing up a lawn but not replacing it with landscaping and the mother of them all – a house on Pimmit Drive whose owner (doesn't live there) has let the backyard completely overgrown to an impenetrable brush that even grows up over the back of the house during the summer (PHCA is working on that one by calling upon the Fairfax County Blighted Property Program where the county can seize a blighted property such as this). What to do? Pimmit Hills is a strong property-rights neighborhood so PHCA and the *Dispatch* can't really do a whole lot. But two things everyone can do: 1) call Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement at 703-324-1300 and 2) be mindful of keeping your property attractive to help this great neighborhood looking nice.

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Upcoming PHCA Meeting Dates:

March 5, 2002

April 2, 2002

In March, a representative from the Virginia State Consumer Office will be talking about Telemarketing Laws. The meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Ave. All **homeowners and renters** are encouraged to attend.☞



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Our Neighborhood
Our Home



Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

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Pimmit Hills Directory

ATTENTION Home Owners and Renters in PH:

We are in the process of finalizing the information for the new Pimmit Hills Directory which, due to demand, will include all homes in PH, not just PHCA members. If you have not yet paid your yearly dues (our year goes from **Sept 2001 to Aug 2002**) along with the below form, information for you or your address may be listed incorrectly. We are using the Fairfax County Property Records, readily available to anyone on the internet, and other internet sources to fill in the blanks of those houses whom we have no information. PHCA membership is only \$5 per person; \$10 per couple or household. **Homeowners and Renters are encouraged to sign up.** As a member, you will receive free the new directory when completed this summer. If you haven't paid your dues, the directory will cost \$20 due to printing/ mailing costs. Your PHCA membership **now** is important because we need accurate information and we need to know how many directories to print.

Deadline for directory input: April 12

Mail Membership/Directory Form with your YEARLY dues to:
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Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary

Hello Neighbors—I love March. Not only is it the birth month of my beloved, it's also one of those neat transition months when you never know what you are going to get weather wise. And, it's the month when one of my favorite holidays occurs – St. Patrick's Day. It's such an equal opportunity day, when luck flows for all.

Speaking of luck, we continue to enjoy it in the PHCA. We're lucky because people like Cindy Kwitchoff, shares her talents with us in the form of this wonderful monthly publication. We're lucky because of the dedication of longtime members such as Joan Nalepa and Jackie Allison. We're lucky because of the increasing interest shown by so many of you in getting involved. The question is, will our luck continue? Will talented, dedicated, interested people continue to step-up to the plate to make sure that this organization remains a vital force for our neighborhood? Per the Bylaws of the Association, each year at the March meeting, a nominating committee needs to be formed to put together and present a slate of officers to serve for the next Association Year. I hope this call will not

fall on deaf ears, but rather will result in some of you – the talented, dedicated and interested of Pimmit Hills – coming forward to serve.

Participation at any level in the PHCA brings many rewards. Here's a sampling of some of them from our February meeting:

Thanks to arrangements made by First Vice President Bill Niland, the Association welcomed guest speaker Dona Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Fairfax County Public Safety Communications Center. She and her colleague Susan Reniere presented a very interesting talk on the County's 911 operation. Ms. Jenkins shared some startling statistics, such as the fact that in Fiscal Year 2000 she and her staff handled 1,335,584 phone calls. That works out to just under 4,000 calls per day – wow! She also noted that staffing levels for the Center are low and they are looking to add new employees. The job is tough, but rewarding. There was more information shared, but the most important item that I want to highlight is the reminder that location is key when calling 911. You must be able

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If you plan to do the work yourself, be careful. These old windows are heavy! Too heavy for me, I'm afraid. If you have the work done, expect to pay about \$60 for a 'replacement' window and about \$100 for 'new construction'. The extra cost covers replacing the old metal self-trim with new wood molding. Enjoy spring breezes and lower heating and air-conditioning costs!

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Regards,

Grace Zultowski, 1949 Fay Place

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to provide as accurate a description of where you are as possible. Of course, the exact street address is the best thing, but street and cross street will do or proximity to a common locator such as a school, library, church or mall. A great tip from Ms. Jenkins was to post your address on or near your phone. Everyone assumes that the computer systems of 911 centers automatically bring up the address of callers for the call takers. This is true, but the addresses that come up are tied to the phone company's records and what is shown is the billing address for whoever is paying the bill, which as we all know is not always the same address as the location of the phone. In addition, in the midst of an emergency when things are stressful it will be helpful to have it right at hand. It also will help visitors to your home who may not be familiar with the area. She also suggested that we all take a moment when we are on the road to get oriented so that we will be prepared in the event of an emergency. Cell phones can't be tracked by the 911 center, so it is especially important that you know where you are when using one to call for help in an emergency.

After thanking our speakers, Joe Baker continued with the regular order of business. The other big topic of the evening was a discussion about the *Journal Sunday Extra*. We all know this little paper that

appears unsolicited in our driveways and on our front lawns each and every week. Many in attendance at the meeting expressed frustration and disgust with the fact that it is difficult to stop the paper from coming and that so many are left to rot in the elements and litter the neighborhood. It was agreed that the Association is going to a letter to the Journal Circulation Office asking that they to stop delivery of the paper to every single home in the Hills and instead only deliver the publication upon request. Everyone was also reminded that it is a simple thing for each of us to take a moment to pick-up the paper each week and add it to our recycling. As with so many things, the acts of individuals can work together to have a powerful impact. If each of us took this simple step each week, what a difference it would make in the appearance of our community!

In closing, I just want to remind everyone that we're planning some great events and more guest speakers in the months to come, so stay tuned, and may the luck of the Irish be with each of you! ☞

Next PHCA Meetings:

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 May 7, 2002 at 7:30 pm
 June 4, 2002 at 7:30 pm
 Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Ave.



Pimmit Hills Senior Center

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.

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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. ☞

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Letter Concerning Redevelopment

Here is another letter to our elected officials concerning the proposed redevelopment of the Commons of McLean area. Use these letters as a guide to write your own thoughts and concerns to Fairfax County officials about this redevelopment, long-term construction and increases in traffic and congestion. Addresses are on page 30. Our thanks to all who have already written letters.

Dear Supervisor Mendelsohn:

I am concerned about the effect of the proposed redevelopment of the Commons of McLean on the environment, on traffic, and on the character of the area. I live in Pimmit Hills and would be directly affected by any such project.

While the developers have said that they would save some of the mature Commons trees, they would still need to remove over three hundred of them. These trees provide a precious resource that would be lost.

Also, the proposed development would replace considerable natural surface with pavement. Since the ground level from Magarity Road to Route 123 drops significantly, the remaining porous natural surface is needed to absorb heavy rainfall or snowmelt before it reaches Route 123. The result of more paving would be a greater chance of flooding and more unfiltered runoff, which would increase erosion.

While the development proposers say that their project would decrease traffic, I find the claim hard to believe. I believe that any decrease in vehicle trips to the Tysons area caused by more people walk-

ing to work would be more than balanced by the worsened traffic flow caused by more cars originating at the Commons. That flow would also directly affect my neighborhood, as more drivers would cut through Pimmit Hills to avoid the congestion on major roads. The likely addition of many more vehicle trips each day through the Tysons Corner area, which is already one of the most congested in the United States, would further degrade our already compromised air quality.

Finally, instead of the current gradual transition from the single-family homes of Pimmit Hills through the moderate density of the Commons to the office buildings along Route 123, we would have a much more abrupt shift from Pimmit Hills to the new high-rise apartment buildings.

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Virginia State Police Trooper Michael Middleton, Former Pimmit Hills Resident



On a typical Virginia fall Tuesday, Virginia State Police Trooper Michael Middleton had just finished another Northern Virginia rush-hour morning with the normal back-ups, accidents, speeders and HOV violators and everything was looking good. Just before ten o'clock, while patrolling near the Pentagon a frantic message came in over his radio system, "a airplane has hit the Pentagon."

About 9:40 am, Tuesday September 11, 2001 a American Airlines jet carrying 58 passengers crashed into the Pentagon. The aircraft, Flight 77 from Dulles to Los Angeles, was a Boeing 757 that eyewitnesses said flew low and fast in a direct hit on the west side of the five-sided building.

Trooper Middleton was on Interstate 66, near the Pentagon, when he received the call from a fellow State Police Officer. Within minutes, he had parked his cruiser on the grass next to the burning building, with black smoke pouring out of the roof. He instinctively ran toward a

By Irvin Poole,
Pimmit Drive
Tyson's Corner Lions Club

door and went inside, black smoke and the smell of jet fuel filled the air. He crawled up a flight of stairs and gave instructions to victims on the first floor and proceeded up to the second, third and fourth floors. He encountered

firemen on this level and he then exited back down the stairs and as he reached the fresh air he lost consciousness and was dragged to the paramedics and taken to Alexandria Hospital and placed in intensive care and on a ventilator for eight days. His lungs were scorched and the exhaustion had taken its toll. His doctors at Alexandria Hospital thought that Trooper Middleton was losing this battle.

Mike had an Angel on his shoulder in that Hospital and somehow a drug firm in San Diego, California heard about his problem and called his doctors offering a experimental drug that would help him. They flew the drugs to the hospital and with-in four days he had improved enough to get out of bed and walk. Mike's miracle drug saved his life

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Blue Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*), and many others. In May numerous species of Trilliums and Native Azaleas add to the spectacle.



Also in May don't miss the "Azalea Collection," a colorful array scattered across a wooded hillside, not far from the "Herb Garden." Later in the year, when the summer sauna is on full blast, the shady "Asian Valley" offers a cooler respite, as does the entrance to the "Bonsai Museum." Here the graveled path takes you beneath towering Japanese Cedars (*Cryptomeria japonica*), along tightly trimmed Dwarf Azaleas (*Rhododendron*), into the bamboo-walled rooms that house dwarfed trees and shrubs trained into miniature landscapes, some more than 200 years old! Then head out to the "Gotelli Collection" to see some of Mother Nature's own bonsai conifers. And don't miss the Boxwoods, Water Lilies, Flowering Cherries (come here when the Tidal Basin is full of tourists), and Mag-

nolias. When autumn rolls around and you can't face the weekend leaf-watcher traffic on 66, try the Arboretum -- the fall colors are just as good and a whole lot closer!

The Arboretum, along with its supporting organizations, sponsors numerous lectures, tours, plant sales and symposia throughout the year. Stop by on March 23rd for a native plant sale which coincides with the annual Lahr Native Plant Symposium (202-245-2726 for info). Mark your calendars for the really big Garden Fair and Plant Sale on April 27th, sponsored by the Friends of the National Arboretum. (FONA members get first pick on the 26th -- enough reason to join!) Go to www.usna.usda.gov for more National Arboretum information. And put down the shovel once in a while, go to the Arboretum and enjoy one of the most beautiful institutions our city has to offer. ☞

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and he is now back on duty patrolling the highways from his home in Herndon.

While recuperating at home Trooper Middleton and his family was flown to California as guest of the drug company for a week of sightseeing at Disney World, Sea World and other attractions. Mike was the Guest of Honor at a banquet, where he received an award and gifts.

As he told his story to the audience he received three standing ovations, pretty heavy stuff for this humble lawman from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Recently the Governor of Virginia presented a special medal to Trooper Michael Middleton for his unselfish heroic actions in saving countless lives at



the Pentagon on the morning of September 11, 2001. That unforgettable day in September Trooper Mike Middleton, a member of the Tyson's Corner Lions Club, joined the coveted membership of True American Heroes, the Lions of Virginia join his wife and children in saluting this very special person.

The Tyson's Corner Lions Club and Omniplex World Services Corporation, a high-end provider of Security, Investigative, Inventory and other assorted support services, will present Trooper Middleton with the Lions of Virginia Humanitarian Award at The District 24 A Lions Winter Symposium to be held at the Holiday Inn. ☞

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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer,
Horticulturalist

So, we've all been to the Air and Space Museum and the National Gallery of Art and the Natural History Museum, right? But how many of you out there have been to the National Arboretum? It's our city's largest museum, situ-



ated on over 400 acres, between Bladensburg Road and New York Avenue in Northeast D.C., and home to a wonderful collection of plants from all over the world. For the plant-nut it's as close to the Garden of Eden as one gets in these parts, and for the not-so-nutty, it's a great place to unwind and enjoy Mother Nature's best works of art.

The National Arboretum was created by an act of Congress 75 years ago in 1927. Despite often limited funding, the Arboretum has grown from its original 196 acres to today's 446, attracting 500,000 visitors a year. Its plant breeding and introduction programs have brought us many wonderful landscape additions, such as the Glenn Dale Azaleas, Dr. Donald Egolf's

hybrid Viburnums and Cape Myrtles, the Ackerman Hardy Camellias and the 'Red Rocket' and 'Brandywine' Red Maples.

My favorite part of the arboretum is a small wooded dale called "Fern Valley." Just beyond the left-

over Capitol columns (removed during construction years ago), just below the Lilac research field (the Garden of Eden when in bloom), a winding trail takes the visitor through forest generously underplanted with native shrubs and wildflowers. Beginning in March, with the rare and delicate white blossoms of the rare Oconee Bells (*Shortia galacifolia*), the forest floor becomes populated with some of our most beautiful native flora. A little later, towards early April, the Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) makes an all too brief appearance, like tiny white peonies only three or four inches tall. These are quickly followed by Virginia Blue Bells (*Mertensia virginica*), Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), Wild

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Garfield Memorial Church

(Disciples of Christ)
1731 Great Falls St, McLean
Pastor Kenneth W. Collins
703-356-7878

Church school 9:30 am
Worship service 10:30 am
Evening service 6:30 pm

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McLean Presbyterian Church

1020 Balls Hill Rd, McLean
Pastor John Hutchinson
703-821-0800

Worship at 9:15 and 11:00 am;
Sunday school for children and Adult Education classes at 9:15 and 11:00 am

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Idylwood Presbyterian Church

7617 Idylwood Rd, Falls Church
Pastor Leonard B. Sirbaugh, Jr.
703-573-3027

Sunday School for children and adult education class at 10:00 am; worship 11:00 am; coffee hour at noon.

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish

8601 Wolftrap Rd, Vienna
703-938-2828; www.olgcva.org
Mass Monday-Friday 6:30 am, 8:00 am and 12:00 noon;
Saturday 8:00 am, Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. 6:00 pm service is in Spanish

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
703-356-3346

Pastor George Evans
Sunday school 9:45 am
Sunday services 8:30 am, 11:00 am
Praise Service 6:30 pm

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St. Luke's United Methodist Church "The Church on the Hill"

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Tysons Pimmit Regional Library News

For many of us, April 15 comes too soon, and too often. The library can help make tax day less traumatic in several ways.

Tysons-Pimmit, like most library branches, is a distribution point for common federal and Virginia state tax forms. They are available for free pickup and are kept in boxes near the front door. Since there are hundreds of forms, not all are available as hand-outs. Other reproducible originals can be found in the large binders maintained near the copying machines, and at the information desk, and can be copied for fifteen cents a page. Library staff can often locate and download unusual forms or publications from internet web sites, if you know the correct form name or number. Fairfax County libraries don't collect and distribute out-of-state forms, but staff can frequently find them on various web sites.

Tysons-Pimmit library also hosts volunteers who offer free tax assistance on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and two Saturdays: March 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and March 30, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. People with basic tax returns, particularly those with low and limited income, and who may



be disabled, elderly, or non-English speaking, are eligible for this service. Bring this year's tax package and/or label, all forms, W-2 and 1099's, information about other income, information for all deductions/credits, and a copy of last year's tax

return. Come early! Help is on a first-come, first served basis.

Don't forget to check out Fairfax County Public Library's web site at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/library/> and click on its "tax" link for information on tax assistance at other branches. Hope to see you, and good luck! ☞

*By Chris LaMarca
Associate Branch Manager
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library*

Tysons Pimmit Regional Library
7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

HOURS:

Sunday, Noon to 6:00 pm
Mon-Thurs, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
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Come, celebrate our Lord's Resurrection!



St. Luke's United Methodist Church,
"The Church on the Hill," invites you to join us for . . .

Palm Sunday, March 24

11 am: Reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, complete with palms and a donkey. This is a wonderful way to introduce children to the Easter story!

Holy Thursday Service, March 28

At 7:30 pm, remember Christ's last supper with a "Passover seder" meal and the ceremony of foot-washing.

Good Friday, March 29

Noon until 3 pm: Sanctuary open to all for private prayer.
7:30 pm: Service of drama and music

Holy Saturday, March 30

9 am until noon: Prayer vigil in the sanctuary. All are welcome to drop in.

Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Sunrise Service followed by breakfast

Easter Worship at 11:00 am

Come, celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

Following the 11:00 am service, Easter egg hunt for children

For more information, call the church at 703-893-9220.
7628 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church (across from Marshall HS)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We would like once again to say thank you to all the judges that chose our home for the neighborhood jewel category in the holiday decorating contest, and also for the wonderful honey baked ham prize! we did enjoy it.

The Chambers Family
Billy, Susie and Amanda
Anderson Road

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Dear Editor,

I just wanted to pass on that I use the information on the Pimmit Hills web page often. I particularly like the links to Fairfax County. Keep up the good work.

*Sue Boucher*  
Works for Fairfax County Government

Dear Editor,

Please remind the area residents that the motorized scooters that have been the rage the last 2-3 years (stand-up type) are not permitted on Virginia roadways/highways per Virginia State Code 46.2-1084. The Fairfax County Police are very much aware that there are several operators in the area and will continue to respond to calls from citizens until these noisy devices are off our PH streets.

*Mike McGuire*  
Cherri Drive

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The Pimmit Hills Dispatch welcomes letters; all must be signed and include the road you live on.

Lemon Road Fun Fair

Saturday, March 16

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lemon Road Elementary School



Tickets cost will be 5 for \$1.00 earlybird; 4 for \$1.00 day of fair.

Come and have fun!

We'll have games in each classroom, face painting, spin art, cake walk, bake sale, t-shirt and shorts/sweatshirt sale, bids by kids, raffle, zoo dip, moonbounce and other things in the gym, hot dogs, pizza, international food, etc. etc.

Pimmit Hills Community Events

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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

NEXT EVENT!

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, April 20 or raindate Saturday, April 27. Clean out your house and make some money at a yard sale for the whole community. PHCA will be selling spaces (the size of a card table) for \$5 each as a PHCA fundraiser for you to set up your table and sell your stuff. Or, you can donate your stuff to the PHCA table.

Taste of Pimmit Hills: Saturday, June 15 at one of our local parks. Our community is rich in diversity with people from different countries! We will celebrate this by having a community picnic where everyone is invited to bring their favorite food to share from their native country or tradition. Local restaurants will be invited too.

ENTRY FORM (mail to: PHCA, 1927 Pimmit Drive)

- I'd like to buy _____ number of spaces at the Community Yard Sale
- I'm going to donate items to the PHCA table at the Yard Sale
- I'd like to bring a dish to the Taste of Pimmit Hills

Name:

Address/Phone:

Name of food; County/Tradition it is from:

Amount enclosed for Yard
Sale space(s):

I'd like to volunteer to help out with:

- Community Yard Sale
- Taste of Pimmit Hills



Donnie Dick's Heard Through the Grapevine



I was going to write about home safety and in particular about gas forced air furnaces and the danger of CO². I will save that for another issue.

One of our Pimmit Hills sages suggested I write about the proper display of the American flag which came back to prominence since 9-11. So, I went to Sears and copied the following from the packaging on their flag display.

Displaying the US Flag

It is customary to display the US flag from sunrise to sunset. If properly illuminated at night, it may be displayed 24 hours. Do not display the flag in inclement weather unless it is an all-weather flag.

When displaying the flag horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union (blue with 50 stars) should be at the top and to the flags own right (to the observers left).

The flag should never be displayed with the union down except as a signal of distress. It should not touch anything beneath it: ground, water or merchandise. Do not carry it horizontally, but always aloft.

(Remember the Olympic Games where our flag bearer did not dip the flag when passing the reviewing stand). The flag should not be fastened or displayed in a way that will allow it to be soiled or damaged. You should not place anything on

the flag, including letters, insignia or designs of any kind. Do not use the flag to hold any thing or use it as apparel, bedding or drapery.

Flags that become tattered, frayed, torn, faded or badly soiled should be properly disposed of by burning and never placed in your trash. ☞

Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road



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