

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #6221
Merrifield, VA

The Pimmit Hills Citizen Association
1927 Pimmit Drive
Falls Church, VA 22043
pimmithills.org



PLEASE DELIVER BEFORE MAY 7

S6 P1 41
*****AUTOCR**C019
THE PIMMIT HILLS CITIZEN AT
1925 CHERRI DR
FALLS CHURCH

VA 22043-1059



Advertise in the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* and reach 1,636 Pimmit Hills homes

Display ads: \$25 for ¼ page; \$50 for ½ page; \$75 for entire page, all per month. Ad designed for free. Classified ads: 40 words maximum; \$5 per month.

Write check to: PHCA; Mail check to: Editor, Pimmit Hills Dispatch, 1925 Cherrri Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

Send news items, articles, ad copy, classified ads, etc to the *Dispatch* Editor via:
email – dispatch@pimmithills.org; OR fax – 703-734-0779; OR mail – above address.

June issue deadline: May 10

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates for 2001-02:

May 7, 2002 Jul-Aug: break
June 4, 2002 Sept 3, 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:

June 15: Taste of Pimmit Hills: A Community Picnic

*Our Neighborhood,
Our Home*

May 2002



The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

Published since 1952
Courtesy of the Pimmit Hills
Citizens Association

pimmithills.org



Supervisor
Stu Mendelsohn will
be at the Pimmit Hills
Citizens Association
meeting:

Tuesday, May 7
7:30 pm
Pimmit Hills School
Lisle Avenue

An opportunity to ask our local government official who represents us to Fairfax County about the proposed redevelopment of the Commons as well as other issues affecting our community and your concerns. Let him know you care about Pimmit Hills by attending this meeting!

PIMMIT HILLS, VIRGINIA ■ ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1950

PIMMIT HILLS NEWS

Thank you to our Virginia State Delegate, **Jim Scott**, for coming to our April PHCA meeting. We had a great session with him and lots of issues were discussed (see what happens when you miss a meeting?). Make plans to come to our May 7 PHCA meeting where Dranesville Supervisor **Stu Mendelsohn** will be speaking. This is your chance to talk to him firsthand about the redevelopment of the Commons and the traffic it will produce.

We will NOT be having a Spring Community Clean-Up Day but thanks to Cherri Drive resident Meredith Stewart, we will have a **Fall Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 19**. This is the day you can drop off large pieces of stuff you want to get rid of and Fairfax County will haul it all away.

Many residents are talking about the recent *Washington Post* article about "bumper-to-bumper cars, vans and pickups lined up in residential driveways or spilling over onto lawns." The article says that Fairfax County lawmakers have "had enough" and are looking into the issue. A link to the article can be found on pimmithills.org.

The 2000 Census reports that there are 969,749 people living in Fairfax County, a change of 18.5 since 1990. 7.9% are age 65 and over while 25.4% are age 18 and under. The mi-

nority population of the County is 35.6%. There is an average 2.74 persons per household and the average income in Fairfax County is \$71,057. You didn't know you made that much!

Going through the roof: Recent home sales in Pimmit Hills include \$260,000 for a house on Cherri. More examples, a house on Hileman was listed for \$315,000; on Friden, \$289,900 and on Burfoot, \$250,000. A warm welcome to all those who've recently moved into Pimmit Hills—come and meet us at the next PHCA meeting where you're always welcome!

In June we have our final big PHCA event for the season—*A Taste of Pimmit Hills neighborhood picnic* at Olney Park. Homeowners and renters, new and long-time residents, young and old—EVERYONE is encouraged to come and bring their favorite food to share. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 15 as a great time to meet others in the neighborhood and eat great food.

Upcoming PHCA Meeting Dates:
May 7, 2002 and June 4, 2002

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.



Pimmit Hills
Our Neighborhood
Our Home



Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

EMAIL: phca@pimmithills.org, WEBSITE: PimmitHills.org

OFFICERS for June 2001 to June 2002:

President	Joe Baker	703-448-1394 president@pimmithills.org
First Vice President	Bill Niland	703-356-8240 firstveep@pimmithills.org
Second Vice President	Raymond Bernot	703-893-8433 secondveep@pimmithills.org
Treasurer	Kim Rollen	703-761-7391 treasurer@pimmithills.org
Secretary	Jennifer Baker	703-448-1394 secretary@pimmithills.org
Three Year Director	Martha Duggar	703-356-6508 director@pimmithills.org

WHO TO CALL:

PHCA Sunshine Fund	<i>vacant</i> (please volunteer to help)	
Neighborhood Watch	Bill Niland	703-356-8240
Fairfax County Police (non-emergency)		703-691-2131

The Dispatch Editor Cindy Kwitchoff 703-734-0402

Contact Information for Ads/Articles fax: 703-734-0779

email: dispatch@pimmithills.org

mail: 1925 Cherri Drive



Display Ad Rates:

\$25 for 1/4 page per month
\$50 for 1/2 page per month
\$75 for whole page per month
Ads designed for free

Classified Ad Rates:

\$5 per month; 40 words max

PH Citizen Contact Information

Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn
 McLean Governmental Center
 1437 Balls Hill Road
 McLean, VA 22101
 PHONE: 703-356-0551; FAX: 703-821-4275
 EMAIL: stuart.mendelsohn@co.fairfax.va.us

Delegate Jim Scott, 53rd House Dist.
 P.O. Box 359
 Merrifield, VA 22116-0359
 PHONE: 703-560-8338
 EMAIL: DelJScott@aol.com

State Senator Janet D. Howell
 P.O. Box 2608
 Reston, VA 20195-0608
 PHONE: 703-709-8283
 EMAIL: SenHowell@aol.com

Congressman James P. Moran
 5115 Franconia Road, Suite B
 Alexandria, VA 22310-1903
 PHONE: 703-971-4700
 WEBSITE: www.house.gov/moran

Jane K. Strauss, School Board
 10700 Page Avenue
 Fairfax, VA 22030
 PHONE: 703-246-4780
 EMAIL: jane.strauss@fcps.edu

Pimmit Hills School
 7510 Lisle Avenue
 FRONT OFFICE PHONE: 703-506-2344
 FAX: 703-506-2397
 To report safety, parking or behavioral concerns: 703-506-2318
 Beverly R. Wilson, Principal
 PHONE: 703-506-2315
 EMAIL: beverly.wilson@fcps.edu

Most Requested Numbers
 Area Agency on Aging, 703-324-5411
 Athletic Serice, 703-324-5533
 Animal Control, 703-830-3680
 Audit Hotline, 703-876-0526
 Cox Cable, 703-378-8422
 Clerk-Board of Supr, 703-324-3151
 Consumer Affairs, 703-222-8435
 Dept of Motor Vehicles, 703-761-8435
 Disabilities Svc Board, 703-324-5421
 Dept of Public Works
 Environmental Svcs, 703-324-5033
 Site Inspections, 703-324-1950
 Electoral Board, 703-222-0776
 Fairfax County Human Svc
 Health Line, 703-222-0776
 Fairfax County Public Schools,
 703-246-2502
 Gas Leaks, 888-223-9452
 Office for Children, 703-324-8100
 Office for Women, 703-324-5730
 Park Authority, 703-324-8700
 Pimmit Senior Center, 703-734-3238
 Planning Commission, 703-324-2865
 Police (non-emer) 703-691-2131
 Tax Administration, 703-324-8234
 Trash Collection/Recycling,
 703-324-5040
 VDOT Maintenance, 703-838-VDOT
 Virginia Power, 888-667-3000
 Zoning Enforcement Complaints,
 703-324-1300

Joan Dubois
 Fairfax County Planning Commission
 12000 Govt Center Pkwy, Suite 330
 Fairfax, VA 22035
 PHONE: 703-324-2865
 FAX: 703-324-3948
 E-MAIL: plancom@co.fairfax.va.us



Pimmit Hills Community Events

Sponsored by the
Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

NEXT EVENT!

Taste of Pimmit Hills

Saturday, June 15 at Olney Park. 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.

Please help volunteer! We need your help to make this a success. Great way to meet people and get involved. Fill out the below form or send a note to: president@pimmithills.org.

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

- I'd like to bring a dish to the Taste of Pimmit Hills on June 15
 I'd like to be on the Committee for this event to help out

Name:

Address/Phone:

Name of food; Country/Tradition it is from:



Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary

Hello Neighbors! If you didn't attend the April meeting, you missed a great opportunity to hear from one of your local elected officials. Delegate Jim Scott, one of our representatives in the Virginia General Assembly, joined us to share his thoughts on the recent legislative session and answer residents' questions. Delegate Scott dialogued with those in attendance on a range of issues from school funding to transportation to tax revenue initiatives, and reported that it's an exciting time in state politics.

Now some of you may be reading this and thinking, "Hey, nobody told me that Delegate Scott was coming to the April meeting, cause if I had known, I would have attended." Well, the fact is sometimes scheduling arrangements are such that we can't always have plans finalized in time to announce them in the *Dispatch*, which is what happened in this case. It's a great reminder that missing a meeting can mean missing a chance to connect with information worth hearing and people worth meeting.

In order to make sure that you don't miss out on the great speaker we have planned for May, we've

worked hard to secure his attendance in time to make this issue of the *Dispatch*. We are pleased to announce that our Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, May 7. This is going to be an excellent opportunity for all of us who live here in the Hills to share what's on our minds with the man who has been elected to represent our interests in the county. I encourage everyone to mark your calendars now and make the time to attend this meeting. From rising property taxes and budget shortfalls, to the continued absence of finished sidewalks throughout the Hills despite years of promises, to the impact that current and proposed development is having on our quality of life, there are many important issues facing our County and our neighborhood. Come out and let your voice be heard!

In closing, I just want to thank those who have come forward and agreed to be nominated for the 2002-2003 Association Board of Directors. As I reported in last month's column, three Board positions are coming open at the end of

Continued on page 6

Power washing fences, decks, siding. Call Steve at 703-475-9026 or via his pager, 703-393-3272. Free estimates. 24-hr emergency roof repairs.

8082

HOUSE CLEANING—Over 10 years experience. Houses/apartments. Good references. Please call Maggie, 703-288-0877 or 703-505-8114.

8082

MARY KAY—When was the last time you played with colors? Why not try a new shade and a new look? Call Martha, your Pimmit Hills Mary Kay Beauty Representative, 703-442-8014 or MLR1130@aol.com. Se habla espanol.

8082

MASSAGE—Licensed, Nationally Certified Massage Therapist offers therapeutic massage in convenient Falls Church location. If you can benefit from increased mobility, decreased stress or pain, or simply pure relaxation, please call Leslie Jividen Luxenberg, CMT at 703-827-2747 for more info.

8082

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL SERVICE—New construction and maintenance, install and repair, inside and outside. All around electrical service. 25 years of experience as designer of electrical projects. Call anytime. Free estimate. Jaime Ortiz Lucero, 703-288-0828 or 703-505-8114.

8082

CLASSIFIED ADS—Only \$5 per month with a 40 word maximum. Easy way to get the word out to 1,636 Pimmit Hills homes!

8082

Ads are due May 10

dispatch@pimmithills.org

ADVERTISING in the *Dispatch*

CLASSIFIEDS:

\$5 per month; 40 words max

DISPLAY:

1/4 page = \$25 per month

1/2 page = \$50 per month

1 page = \$75 per month

Ad designed for free

Write checks to:

PHCA

Send checks to:

1925 Cherri Dr.

Send ad copy to:

email: dispatch@pimmithills.org

fax: 703-734-0779

mail: 1925 Cherri Drive



THE PIMMIT HILLS DISPATCH

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ARCHITECT—Quick, affordable computer design. I have already designed 25 additions in Pimmit Hills. Come and see my house with 2000 sq ft addition. I'll give you ideas and client reference list. Call Peter Boric at 703-790-8396.

☪

AVON—Call Maggie, your Pimmit Hills Avon Representative, 703-356-6058. Leave name and number.

☪

AVON—Call Julie, Independent AVON Rep to get your Cosmetics, Fragrances, Haircare, Skincare, Jewelry and Wonderful Gifts delivered to your door. You will receive a FREE gift with every order. Call today to get your FREE brochure. 703-790-5147 or donjuliatiff@earthlink.net.

☪

BABYSITTER—Available evenings and weekends (responsible teen-17). **PETSITTING/HOUSESITTING** services also available. Call Melissa or Linda at 703-734-1683.

☪

CARPET CLEANING—4 rooms only \$48. Pimmit Hills resident. 7 rooms & hallway \$75. Nationally certified. Furniture cleaning experts. Serving Northern Virginia since 1977. Pet problems and carpet protection. Call Bill or Mike at 703-978-2270 or 703-847-9741.

CHILDCARE—In my Pimmit Hills home for infants and toddlers. Close to 495, Rt 7 & 66. Experienced and great references. Reasonable rates which include lunch and snacks. Call Edna at 703-821-8366.

☪

DAYCARE—Loving mom will care for infants and toddlers in my Pimmit Hills home. Experienced, with good references and licensed by the state. Near 495, 7 and 66. Call Malee for more information, 703-848-2371.

FOR RENT (VACATION)—Ocean Isle N.C. private home for rent weekly, monthly. Sleeps eight. Great beach, golfing. 15 min. from Myrtle Beach. Call 703 893-8823.

☪

FREE wood mulch and firewood delivered. Call Mark at 703-790-0651.

☪

HANDYMAN—Kenny's Handyman Service: Painting, tile, drywall repair, decks power washed and repaired, minor plumbing. No job too small. Call Kenny Shrader at 703-506-4532 for free estimate. Long-time Pimmit Hills resident.

☪

HANDYMAN—Roof and gutter repairs, hauling and general home maintenance. Gutter cleaning special \$30 (with gutter screens extra).



SPRING SPECIAL: Oil Change only \$21.95

Includes free tire rotation and
AVR test (tests battery and starter)

BRING IN THIS COUPON TO REDEEM


Commons Shell

**1698 Anderson Road, McLean
703-821-2116**

MAY 2002 Pimmit Hills Dispatch

Continued from page 4

this Association year - President, Second Vice President, and Secretary. It's always good to have renewal within the leadership of any organization and I am so pleased to see that we have a number of new people willing to be involved. It would be great if we could get to the point where people are able to serve a term or two and then move on if they wish because they know someone will step forward to take the leadership torch. I hope all of

you who aren't yet involved in the Association - young or old, owner or renter - will give serious thought to getting involved. Your participation is what will make this neighborhood a true community.

Next PHCA Meetings:

May 7, 2002 at 7:30 pm

June 4, 2002 at 7:30 pm

Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Ave.

Redevelopment of the McLean Commons

Here is the response from Providence District Supervisor Gerry Connolly to Diane Bowen's letter reprinted in the Dispatch regarding redevelopment of the McLean Commons (located in Providence District):

Dear Diane, Thank you for taking the time to contact me with your concerns about the redevelopment of the Commons. I too am concerned about the problems of traffic in Tyson's Corner. With Metro coming to Tyson's Corner, redevelopment will occur. However, development must be balanced so it does not overwhelm our already seriously overburdened transportation network. I have included a letter of mine that was published in the Washington Post that further elaborates my perspective. (Note: this can be found on the PHCA website, pim-

mithills.org; it's too long to fit in this paper).

Additionally, I agree that storm drainage issues will continue to be an issue throughout the county. However, redevelopment in addition to possibly adding to existing stormwater problems could also afford us the chance to improve stormwater management. Redevelopment of older commercial and residential areas will provide the opportunities to retrofit older areas where stormwater management facilities had not been built or built not to sufficient modern standards. **Gerry Connolly**
Providence District Supervisor

It's not too late to speak your mind to our elected officials about redevelopment, construction, traffic, etc and its effect on our community.

We purchase homes the easy way!

"As Is"
Home Buyers

Proud members in good standing of
The Better Business Bureau

Have you considered selling your home?

We are interested in purchasing it, and we have a unique offer you may be interested in . . .

We offer:

- Fast, easy all-cash settlements, NO Seller financing!
- NO need for disruptive phone calls or open houses
- NO real estate commission fees
- NO need to prepare, fix, clean, or update your home

We will buy your home the easy way, "As Is." We will take on the trouble and expense associated with selling your home. Call today at 703-433-9534 to discuss how "As Is" Home Buyers can help you.



Call 703-433-9534

What they're saying about "As Is" Home Buyers

They did what they promised...that's rare these days.

Pat, Falls Church, VA

It's nice to deal with honest folks you can trust.

Cheryl, Falls Church, VA

They were so nice and patient, I never felt rushed or harassed.

Joe, Falls Church, VA

It was nice to just hand them my keys and walk away from all the headaches.

William, Falls Church, VA

BPM, L.L.C. dba "As Is" Home Buyers/Fixin' to Sell (Principals are licensed real estate professional)
If your property is listed with a Realtor/Firm, this is not an intent to solicit such listing

Visit a Place of Worship

Charity Baptist Church

(Spring Hill at Lewinsville Road)
1328 Spring Hill Road, McLean
Pastor John Mitchell
Pastor Andy Giessman – Youth
703-893-2177

Worship 10:45 am; Adult and children's Sunday School 9:30 am; Home Bible Studies-weekday eves.

☪

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

☪

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

☪

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.

☪

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish

8601 Wolfrap 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

☪

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

☪

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

7628 Leesburg Pike (Pimmit Hills)
Rev. Gretchen A. Miller
703-893-9220

Sunday school 9:30 am
Worship service 11:00 am

☪

The Baha'i Faith

703-556-3400
Embraces the Oneness of God, Religion and Humanity as the foundation of the truth of all religions. The Bahai'is of McLean and Falls Church hold gatherings, called "firesides," open to all at 8 pm every Friday.

Residents Can Find Relief From "Unsightly and Unwanted" Motor Vehicles and Trailers

This is an article from the Fairfax County Police Department webpage, www.co.fairfax.va.us/police/police21.htm



What the Law Says About Inoperative Vehicles

The Fairfax County Code, Chapter 110, regulates the keeping of inoperative motor vehicles and trailers. The ordinance states:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to keep any inoperative motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer on any property zoned for residential, commercial, or agricultural purposes unless such vehicle is kept within a fully enclosed building or structure or is kept completely screened or shielded from view.

This Chapter defines "Inoperative Motor Vehicle" as: Any motor vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer which:

1. Is not capable of starting and moving under its own power; OR
2. Does not display valid license plates; OR
3. Does not display an inspection decal that is valid or displays an inspection decal that has been expired for more than sixty days.

Hundreds of unsightly and violating vehicles are impounded by the Fairfax County Police Traffic Division Impoundment Section each year.

The ordinance permits the Impoundment Officer of the Fairfax County Police Department to order the towing of inoperative vehicles from private property if the owner(s) does not remove them within ten days after receiving a violation notice from the Impoundment Officer. Property owners are subject to prosecution for violation of this ordinance.

How to Report Inoperative Vehicles

To report an inoperative vehicle, call the Fairfax County Police Traffic Division Impound Section, at 703-280-0587. A voicemail message will provide you with all the information necessary to file a complaint. Complainants' names are never divulged, the release of names are protected even from a Freedom of Information Act request.

What Happens When an Inoperative Vehicle Complain is Received

The Impoundment Officer will follow up complaints with inspections in the field and enforcement action as appropriate. The officer will conduct an on-site inspection

continued on page 9

PIMMIT HILLS Homes

By Grace Zultowski,
Fay Place

Remodeling your Pimmit Hills home is exciting and can be stressful. There are so many decisions to make and it's sometimes difficult to know what to do first. In this column I'll be sharing some of my experiences and hope that they'll be helpful to you. I'm not a contractor or



skilled in any of the trades, so I'm sure that whatever I've done, you can do too!

Probably the greatest esthetic change you can make in your home's external appearance is replacing old or damaged siding with new. As you plan your color and style, you'll also want to plan the location of any future exterior lights or electrical outlets. There are special mounting blocks for these and also for your exterior faucets and dryer vent. Using these mounting blocks makes a nice seal in the siding and allows the siding to expand and contract with the weather. If you're planning to upgrade your electrical system, you might want to

consider doing this first, as I did. The wiring can then be pigtailed in place, ready for the mounting blocks, fixtures and outlets to be installed. Mounting blocks run about \$4 to \$10 each.

If you've never added doorbells to your home, this is another installation that would be timely. We

hid the wire under the new siding and ran it up through the attic vent and down into the utility closet. A kit with the doorbells, transformer and chime can be purchased for as little as \$10 or as much as a couple of hundred depending mainly on the quality and beauty of the chimes. You'll also need bell wire. One hundred feet of CAT3 (phone) wire which costs about \$8 will be sufficient. If you'd like a door bell and don't plan to replace siding, there are several wireless models available. They cost about \$30 to \$60 at Home Depot. ☞

Grace Zultowski is a licensed realtor

PimmitHills.org

Your Community Website

☞ PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC. ☞

Continued from page 24

large funnel shaped flowers dangling from 6, 7 and even 8 foot tall stems. The Orientals are the most fragrant, their sweet perfume emanating from rose-red, pink and white open-faced flowers. Although these Lilies will perform in a bit of shade, they do best in full sun.

You also might try some of the Flowering Onions (Alliums) this year. With spherical flower heads ranging from walnut-size to softball-size, and colors from white and pink and purple to yellow and blue, there's a Flowering Onion to suit any garden.

Also pick up a few Crocosmia and Montbretia bulbs. These Glad cousins produce a delicate gooseneck stem of trumpet flowers in the hot yellow-orange-red shades and go great with Daylilies and Black-eyed Susans. Toss in a wave of Liatris bulbs (the purple-pink spikes that look like giant Q-Tips) and Wow! Hang on to your socks!

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer
lives on Leonard Road.*

Pimmit Hills Scout Troop 978 is selling bulbs. See page 20 for more information.



www.longandfoster.com

**Grace
Zultowski**
Fay Place
Pimmit Hills

grace@mris.com
EMAIL

703-582-8022
CELL

703-534-9660
OFFICE



If you are planning to SELL your home I'd be pleased to assist you. Be ready to move. The average days on market for Pimmit Hills homes is just fifteen! There are many buyers available who are interested in our wonderful neighborhood, our large treed lots and our closeness to the Beltway and the Metro.

Or, do you just want to know the Competitive Market Value of your home to determine whether you have the equity for a construction loan for some planned remodeling? Please give me a call or send an email. There is no cost or obligation.

PS, I can also help you LEASE your home.

☞ PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC. ☞

continued from page 22

potato) to produce a new plant. Plant your tubers in a sunny garden after the last frost and be ready to stake the plants, especially the large-flowered types. Digging the tubers after the first frost and keeping them in cool storage for the winter ensures Dahlias for next year.



Gladiolus are one of the easiest plants to grow. Just drop them in a 4 to 6 inch deep hole in a sunny spot and stand back. Divide up your bulbs into three or four plantings a week or two apart and you'll extend the flower show.

The color range of Glads is beautiful -- reds, pinks, yellows, orange, white and even one called 'Violet Eyes' that's to die for! Also keep an eye out for the "winter hardy" Glads. These are indeed hardier than their cousins, come in shades of red, pink and white and top-out at only 18 to 24 inches.

For the shadier garden try Caladiums -- their brightly colored foliage rivals any floral display. Large, arrowhead leaves, atop 12 to 24 inch stems, come splashed, spotted, veined, edged and zoned in various shades of white, pink, red and green. Hold off planting these out until the weather is good and warm, and be sure to keep them well watered.

And if you really want to wow the neighbors try an Elephant Ear. From a tuber the size of a large potato, giant arrowhead leaves of mid-green rise to five feet, dominating the garden and filling all who gaze upon it with an overwhelming urge for one of those frozen

cocktails with the little umbrellas.

Another candidate for the shade garden, the Calla Lily, has undergone some beautiful changes in recent years. In addition to the traditional funeral white, the gardener now finds pinks, yellows, orange and even a black-maroon flowered varieties. Even if you don't want to dig and store these marginally hardy bulbs through the winter, they are still worth a minor investment each Spring, that is, if they don't survive the cold.

For a sure thing, try some of the Lily bulbs that are offered for sale now. The Asiatic, Trumpet and Oriental Lilies all grow from bulbs and return each Spring to color the summer garden. The Asiatics are the easiest and most prolific, each year producing more and more flowers in shades of red, pink, orange, yellow and white. The Trumpets are the tallest and most dramatic, with

Continued on page 25

Continued from page 7

to determine if a violation exists. If so, a warning letter is posted at the location with another warning mailed to the property owner explaining the County ordinance and asking for compliance.

After an appropriate time for compliance, approximately 30 days, the officer will return to the violation location. If the violation still exists, a reminder warning is posted at the location.

After a third inspection, if the violation still exists, a notice of violation will be served which compels the property owner and/or responsible party to reach compliance within ten calendar days. Compliance is achieved by either:

1. Demonstrating that the vehicle is operative and properly licensed and inspected; OR
2. Placing the vehicle in a fully enclosed structure or completely shielding it from view



by fencing; OR
3. Removing the vehicle from the property.

Failure to comply will result in the violator being charged with a Class 2 misdemeanor (up to six months in jail and up to \$1000 fine), and the vehicle being towed at the violator's expense.

Usually a violation comes into compliance soon after the first notice of violation. Nevertheless, the ordinance does provide for an administrative appeal by the violator AFTER the notice of violation is served. Enforcement is stayed pending a ruling by the hearing official in these cases.

Hundreds of unsightly and violating vehicles are impounded by the Impoundment Section each year. Fairfax County has an effective program for removing inoperative vehicles from our neighborhoods. ☞

DRYHOME

ROOFING

CALL FOR A
FREE, NO
OBLIGATION
ESTIMATE

RE-ROOFS, TEAR OFFS, REPAIRS
SHINGLES, STORM REPAIRS, SKYLIGHTS,
RIDGE-VENT, INSURANCE CLAIMS

Over 80 Pimmit Hills
residences completed

703-734-0414

LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED

"WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED"



Curb Appeal

We all know that a well maintained home is worth more than a neglected home, but often, home maintenance is low on our priority list. We've got daily needs to attend to, bills to pay, errands to run, and those corners and crevices of our homes that need our attention only come to

the top of the list when they become a BIG problem. Unfortunately, repairing those big problems is almost always expensive. Preventive maintenance, on the other hand, is often inexpensive AND it protects what is probably your biggest asset — your home.

It may seem like a lot of work, though. After all, there's a lot on a home that needs periodic attention to stay in top condition, but if you set up a schedule of regular maintenance to perform throughout the year, it's not so overwhelming. Spring is a perfect time to create a "laundry list" of maintenance items to take care of throughout the rest of the year — consider it part of your spring cleaning routine!



SPRING CLEANING

By Cynthia Bernat,
Anderson Road

Where to start? Pick a nice sunny day and head outside with a pen and notepad. Pretend you're a professional home inspector and look at your house with a critical eye. Check the roof. Any loose, missing, worn or curling shingles? Check the gutters and downspouts. Every-

thing clear? Does the rainwater drain AWAY from the house? Check the siding and trim, especially around windows and doors. Any visible damage? Are there any gaps that need to be recaulked? Any peeling paint? Write everything down! Are the screens in good shape? Are there any cracked panes that need to be replaced?

Check your air conditioning unit too — make sure there's no leaves or other debris stuck to it or in it. Spring is also a good time to have the A/C and furnace serviced too — sort of a tune-up, which makes them run more efficiently, and keeps your energy bill down! Take a look around your yard — look for areas where insects are likely to col-

continued on page 12



DREAM LAWN'S LAWN SERVICES

- Weekly grass mowing & bagging
- Edge all sidewalks and driveways
- Trim all necessary areas
- Clear all debris from sidewalks & driveways
- Monthly and yearly contracts are available!

Ask about any of these additional services we provide throughout the year:

Mowing, Edging, Trimming, Seeding, Sodding, Aeration, Dethatching, Overseeding, Fertilizing, Hedging, Transplanting, Mulching, Planting, Gutter Cleaning, Leaf Removal, Snow Removal, Landscape Design and Installation, Pond Design and Installation, Hardscaping.

Dream Lawns and its employees are fully insured. We are a local company and have been in business in Northern Virginia for four years. Our mission is to provide you with the highest quality of service and professional experience.

DreamLawnsInc.com

MyLawn@DreamLawnsInc.com

703-506-8319

The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer,
Horticulturalist



Ahhh, Spring! Lovely, lovely Spring! The sunny Narcissus braving the chill of early Spring, then the short, fat spikes of Hyacinth and the bright, shiny Tulips following shortly after. All that effort last fall paid off this Spring, didn't it?

Your Spring blooms were the envy of the neighborhood...right? Well, if you didn't make the effort last fall, let's get with it this month and plant some summer flowering bulbs. There are plenty of bulbs out there to choose from. And with our mild winters of late, the same bulbs Grandma used to store in the root cellar for the winter often survive from year to year left in the ground.

One of Grandma's favorites, the Canna, is making a comeback. These leafy towers topped with delicate blossoms make great backdrops for the flower border -- use taller varieties (3 to 7 feet) at the rear of wider beds and the dwarf ones (less than 3 feet) for smaller

beds. In addition to a wider range of flower colors, including some lovely salmons, corals and pinks, the foliage of some varieties is reason enough to invest in a few roots. Canna 'Pretoria' and 'Striped Beauty' both have lovely green and yellow striped leaves. And 'Tropicana' (aka 'Phaison') is the showiest of all with

purple, red, yellow and green striping. Canna roots will sometimes survive the winter in the ground. To be safe, always dig a few to store in a cool basement or garage.

The Dahlia, another old favorite, is now available in a rainbow of colors, and blossom sizes range from tiny inch-and-a-half pompons to some the size of dinner plates. You can find full-petal decoratives, twisted-petal cactus types and delicate singles. Dahlias actually grow from enlarged roots called tubers. These must have an "eye" (like a

continued on page 24

Take the High Cost Out of Selling Your Home: The 6% bite vs the 4.5% nibble



When it comes time to sell your home, you'll want to get as much as you can for it in the shortest amount of time. Now there's **Fox Hunt Realty**. We offer professional services at a reasonable fee.

Our sales commission is just a nibble: An easy-to-swallow 4.5%! That's a savings of \$3,000 on a \$200,000 home. We have an extensive network of potential buyers through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

There you have it. The 6% bite or the 4.5% nibble. Remember the **Fox Hunt Realty** name. You'll be seeing a lot more of us.

Call Doug Morris, Pimmit Hills resident since 1985,
at 703-573-4300; residence 703-847-4658



Fox Hunt Realty

2136-C Gallows Road
Dunn Loring, VA 22076

703-573-4300

continued from page 10

lect, such as piles of leaves, dead branches, and overgrown vines and shrubs. Protect your home from the insect invasion by eliminating problem areas and keeping the yard clean. Consider buying an annual pest warranty against wood-boring insects. For about \$100 (or less), it's well worth the cost for your peace of mind! Make sure your home is protected against other pests too — like rodents and birds.

Check to make sure your crawl-space is ventilated, but doesn't allow animals in. And make sure the animal barrier screen on the top of your chimney is tightly in place, or you could end up with a bird in the furnace like we did! Finally, take a good look at your driveway and front walk. Any cracks that need to be sealed? Got potholes to patch? Taking care of them now will contribute to your home's overall appearance and protect its value.

Ok, so that's the outside, now let's take a look inside. Remember, be critical. Write down everything that needs attention. When was the last time you replaced your furnace filter? Did you know it's supposed to be replaced EVERY MONTH? That may seem like a lot, but a fresh filter keeps the air in your home clean, and it keeps the blower running at maximum efficiency, saving you money on your utility bills!

And when was the last time you replaced the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detec-

tors? Definitely put that on your monthly to-do list!

In each room in your home, take a look at the walls and ceiling. Any cracks to be repaired? Does it need a fresh coat of paint? If painting the whole house seems too overwhelming, plan on painting just one or two rooms per year. Check the floors for creaks and loose spots in the carpets. If you have hardwood floors that need refinishing, find a flooring contractor that will give you a free estimate so you can budget for it. Have the carpets cleaned or rent a steam cleaner and do it yourself. Do you have a fireplace? Now's a great time to have the chimney cleaned and inspected — it's less expensive now and you'll be ready to build a fire that first chilly evening this fall.

Next, take a good hard look at your kitchen. Check the countertops. Need to recaulk the place where the counter meets the backsplash? Got a dripping faucet? Do all the appliances work properly? Take the time to do a thorough spring cleaning, inside and out to keep appliances in good working order. When was the last time you cleaned the coils under the fridge? What? You've NEVER cleaned them? Clean coils mean a more efficient appliance and lower energy bills! Home Depot sells a special coil-cleaning brush for around \$8 — it looks like a huge bottle brush and

continued on page 14

MY CLIENTS WANT TO BUY YOUR HOME!

*Hello Neighbor! My name is Cynthia Bernat,
and I'm a realtor with Long & Foster Realtors.
I'm also a Pimmit Hills resident!*

Do you realize how HOT the real estate market is in our neighborhood? There are more qualified buyers than there are houses available for them to buy! What does that mean for you as a seller? Well, when supply is low and demand is high, prices go UP. You just might be amazed to know how much your little rambler is worth. Even the smallest Pimmit Hills homes are selling for *over* \$200K, and at a breathtaking pace-usually in just a few days!

Our neighbor's homes are not only selling fast, they're selling *above* list price. There are so many buyers that there are often multiple offers on the same home-and often, the buyers will offer more than list price in the hopes of "winning" the contract and having a home to call their own. But of course, only one buyer will "win"—the others are still looking for a home to buy! Have you considered selling your home?

*Please give me a call,
I would love the opportunity to answer your questions.*

THE BUYERS ARE WAITING!



Cynthia Bernat

OFFICE: 703-437-3800 ext.3065

CELL: 703-598-0399

EMAIL: cynthia@longandfoster.com

WEB: www.2hdb.com/cynthiabernat



Community Bulletin Board

Spring Sale

Idylwood Presbyterian Church at 7617 Idylwood Road in Falls Church is having their annual Spring Sale on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. There will be clothing, books, plants and flowers, odds and ends, baked goods and a light brunch. Everyone is welcome. For questions, please call the church at 703-573-3027.

☎

Flower Bulb Sales

Scout Troop 978 is once again selling flower bulbs from Dutch Mill Bulbs. These bulbs are guaranteed to grow, if for any reason they do not they are replaced free of charge. Anyone interested in purchasing bulbs can contact Committee Chairman Terri Perry at 703-356-8027.

☎



Plant Sale

The Dan Dalgard Memorial Plant Sale will be held Saturday May 4, 2002 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Halquist Memorial Hospice Center, 4715 N 15th Street, Arlington, Virginia. Rain date is May 5.

Perennial divisions, small shrubs, and garden items will be sold and refreshments will be available.

This sale benefits the Landscape Fund of Hospice of Northern Virginia. 100% of the sales go directly to the maintenance of the landscape at the acute care facility. Pimmit Hills POC is Joe Pimenta, 703-847-8587.

☎

Send your community event to Dispatch@pimmithills.org

REMOVAL ♦ FEEDING ♦ TOPPING
TRIMMING ♦ PRUNING ♦ STUMP GRINDING

Free Estimates

703-790-0651

BAILEY'S TREE SERVICE, Inc.

A Full Service Tree Company

LICENSED AND INSURED ♦ EXPERIENCED AND RELIABLE



Craig's Lawn Care, Inc.

Providing mowing, trimming and lawn cleanup services to many Pimmit Hills homes since 1985.

703-385-1641

25% off first lawn mowing

(Cannot be combined with other offers; one per customer; expires 5/31/02)



Your home improvement is just a phone call away!

Citizens Contracting Company, Inc. is your community contractor. We offer complete remodeling services. CCC serves Pimmit Hills and Northern Virginia. Free estimates. Financing is available. Check any bureau or bank about our reliability. We want your business!

Call 703-536-6400 today



5072 North 27th Street, Arlington, VA 22207
703-536-6400
VA REG# 36527

continued from page 12

works great! You wouldn't believe the gunk that gets under there. Is the kitchen floor in good shape? Solid, firm, no squeaky spots? Or maybe the linoleum (vinyl) has seen better days, and it's time to replace it. Don't worry — as small as our kitchens are, replacing vinyl flooring is usually NOT very expensive.

On to the bathroom. Recaulk the tub and shower. How do I know it needs to be recaulked? Because recaulking the tub is not a cosmetic issue — it's something that needs to be done on a regular basis to prevent water damage, and chances are, you haven't done it recently!

By the time the caulk shows signs of cracking or splitting, it's too late! Water damage is just bad news. Expensive bad news, at that. So prevent it by regularly checking the caulking and replacing it every few years. Inspect the grout and tiles too for chips or cracks or any places that aren't completely water-tight. Replacing a damaged tile might seem like a big pain, but believe me, it's A LOT better than gut-

ting the entire bathroom because of severe water damage. Check plumbing connections for leaks. Again, it's a lot easier to put a new band of Teflon tape (just 99 cents a roll) on that connection now than to repair water damage later.

Now, take a moment to sit down and relax. Look over your list. Plan on putting it where you'll see it often, like on the refrigerator door, and plan on taking care of one item per week (or maybe two — depends on how motivated you are!). Keep track of your efforts in a calendar or notebook, and hang onto receipts for larger items like the furnace tune-up or your new kitchen floor.

A well maintained home is worth more — and if you've been thinking about building that deck you've always wanted or replacing your windows with more efficient ones, your clean, well maintained home is going to have a lot more equity — Happy Spring!☞

Cynthia Bernat is a licensed realtor

It pays
to advertise
in the Dispatch!



INCOME TAX PREPARATION PLANNING AND ADVICE



ACCREDITED TAX ADVISOR

- IRS ENROLLED AGENT
ENROLLED TO PRACTICE BEFORE
THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
- 26 YEARS EXPERIENCE

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT

HOURS:
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

SATURDAY
9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

MARY ZEMBRUSKI ASSOCIATES
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

703-218-3176



Donnie Dick's Heard Through the Grapevine



Here we are and it's May already. One more issue of the *Dispatch* and the Association goes into recess until September. I will have to come up with a blockbluster column for the last issue. I hope I don't set off a brouhaha like the motorized scooter letter created. My personal peeve are the loud mufflers and halogen headlights on the small imports using our streets. They seem to have replaced motorcycles and hot rods as irritants to the peace and quiet of the Hills. Maybe the weather has temporarily chased away the motorcycles.

Speaking of peevs, I have notice that some of our neighbors have taken to borrowing grocery carts from the local grocers. I don't mind their using the carts, but why can't they return them to the store? This has been particularly noticeable on Paxton Road down from Trader

Joe's. Please don't rely on your neighbors to cleanup your clutter.

On another topic I raised in an earlier *Grapevine* column, I will repeat myself and hope someone is listening. What ever happens to the funds raised through the

State Lottery? Who decides who receives how much and where are the profits spent? I would also be interested in where in the state is the most money raised. I have been told that this data is available on the Internet. My computer access is blocked from this data because I use the public school terminal. Maybe one of you computer whizzes could access this data and share it with the rest of us at the next Citizens Association meeting. I know there are others who would like to know about how these funds are used. See you at the next meeting.

Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road



The Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services

Pimmit Hills Senior Center

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. 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 703-734-3338.

KWIK-KOPY PRINTING® in your neighborhood of Pimmit Hills:

*Your printing job ready when you need it!
Quality work at low prices • Courteous service
Kwik-Kopy is proud to print The Pimmit Hills Dispatch newspaper*

SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Printing, Copying, Fax Service and Desktop Publishing

Letterheads, business cards, envelopes, NCR forms, brochures, books, invoices, resumes, tickets, flyers, menus, GBC binding, folding, laminating, raised printing, computer forms, business forms, labels, self-ink and rubberstamps, wall signs, deskplates, name badges, wedding invitations and Christmas cards

COLOR!

Canon Color Laser Copies
75¢ (letter size, 1-100 copies)
65¢ (letter size, 101-500 copies)

For Free Estimate, Pick-Up and Delivery, Call

703-442-8777
(Fax) 703-442-9469

2190-L Pimmit Drive
Falls Church, VA 22043
(Tyson's Corner Area)
Mon-Fri 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sat-Sun: Closed




pimmithills.org
Your Community Website



**Pimmit Hills
resident for over
30 years**

M.R. STRIDE, Inc.

Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning
Repairs and Installations, Disposals,
Water Heaters, Drains

703-893-5161

Your Pimmit Hills Real Estate Experts



**A Mother and Son Team Successfully Serving
Pimmit Hills Residents Since 1974**



Kitty Bolinger

Bill Bolinger
703-229-1300



**Updated and Upgraded
Pimmit Rambler Sold in
4 Days for \$229,000!**

Did you know that the average price of Pimmit Hills homes has now reached OVER \$200,000? Please contact us if you're interested in a free market analysis of your home.

PHONE: 703-229-1300

EMAIL: bill@billbolinger.com

WEBSITE: WWW.billbolinger.com

Call Bill Bolinger at 703-229-1300 for more information or to arrange a showing of properties for sale.

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!**



SOLD!

**COLDWELL
BANKER-**

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE®