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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates for 2001-02:

November 6, 2001	March 5, 2002
December 4, 2001	April 2, 2002
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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.

*Our Neighborhood,
Our Home*

November
2001



The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

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"Seeing these gestures gave us a feeling of comfort and peace. You have to give the credit to the people who are keeping a positive, friendly attitude. That's what makes America great. It's not its military or its advances in science. It's the kindness, affection, helpfulness and tolerance which is found in the large majority of people here. That's really what makes America great."

— A Pakistani-born Muslim doctor living in Richmond
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PIMMIT HILLS

The previous issue of the *Dispatch* was sent to the printers on what now seems like "pre-history" — on September 10. Who would of ever imagined on that day that the next would show us the incredible hate in this world but also the strong bonds of being Americans and the worldwide sympathy and support for the US. Now, as this *Dispatch* is being sent to the printers on October 8, military action against Afghanistan has just been initiated along with food and medical supplies.

When you consider our neighborhood, don't you wish everyone in our world could at least have what we have here in Pimmit Hills: A simple house to provide shelter, a plot of land to garden with flowers or vegetables, tall beautiful green trees everywhere, a peaceful neighborhood where people from different countries, religions and backgrounds live together, a quiet place to go for a walk. Contentment lies with the simple things, and would the whole world enjoy what we enjoy here in our PH homes.

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The attendance at the October PHCA meeting was probably a record-breaker — well over 100 people. No time was available to discuss what we as a community want to do regarding the proposed destruction of The Commons of McLean, so come to the November meeting to say your thoughts. The majority of



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Our Neighborhood
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those in attendance appeared to be against the redevelopment and the representatives of the developer didn't do much to persuade us otherwise. They had no answers to the issues of traffic, environment (10 years of construction noise), number of people and units, cars, congestion, building height, affect on elementary schools, etc. The best question of the meeting was how the redevelopment would benefit the Pimmit Hills community. No answer there either, except for maybe some shopping (!?). They also seem to think we wanted to live in an urban, city-like area with a high-density of people.

"Everything done in this area will change the entire area," said one of the representatives. Chilling words indeed to the quality of life in our community. **Now** is the time to write or call our elected officials and tell them how you, as a taxpayer and voter, feel about these plans. Contact information can be found on page 27. This is a democracy and you have a voice. Please take the time to write a letter to them.

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Upcoming PHCA Meeting Dates:

November 6, 2001

December 4, 2001

The meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Ave. ☪



Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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September 2001 – August 2002



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Membership is only \$5 per person per year
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Non-members must pay \$15 for the Directory.

**Important: the information you provide below will be incorporated
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Mail form with your yearly dues to:

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1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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Falls Church, VA 22043

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I'd like to volunteer for PHCA activities

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Pimmit Hills Community Events

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NEXT EVENT!

Election Day Membership Drive and Bake Sale: Tuesday, November 6 during election hours at the Pimmit Hills School. Please consider donating baked goods for this PHCA fundraiser or stop by and buy something. Be sure to also sign up for PHCA membership while you're there.

Holiday Social and Decorating Contest:

The December 4th PHCA meeting will be short so we can have a social hour with holiday food and drink. PHCA will be collecting canned goods and/or toys to donate to local programs. Please bring your favorite holiday treat (candy, cookies, cake) to share. PHCA will provide the coffee and the festive holiday atmosphere.

PHCA Holiday Decorating Contest for areas homes: Entry deadline is December 15 to win a Honey-Baked ham, Santa bucks from Safeway or gift certificates from Trader Joe's. Contact phca@pimmithills.org or call one of the officers.

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, April 20 or raindate Saturday, April 27. PHCA will be selling spaces (place TBD) for \$10 as a fundraiser for you to set up shop and sell your stuff.

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

Mark Your Calendars!



Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary

Wow, the turnout on October 2 was amazing! Over 100 residents from Pimmit Hills, McLean and the Commons came out to find out more about the development plans for the Commons.

After joining together in the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence in memory of the events of September 11, our attention was given over to the speakers who joined us to talk about the planned redevelopment of the Commons. The speakers for the evening included: Elizabeth Baker from Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubeley, P.C., Brenda Krieger from Dweck Properties, LTD and Pat Blackburn from Gates Hudson Associates. Ms. Baker (no relation to PHCA President Joe Baker) is an urban planner whose firm represents the owner of the Commons property - Commons Investors, LLC. Brenda Krieger's company is one of the key partners in Commons Investors, LLC, and Pat Blackburn's company currently manages the rental units in the Commons and will continue to manage the rental units that result from the redevelopment.

Ms. Baker kicked things off by providing some general statistics about the site, including the fact that all together it encompasses 40 acres. She said that the owner purchased the site about a year ago. She also noted that the site is currently zoned for 20 to 30 residential units per acre, and is currently built at 20 units per acre.

Last spring the owner submitted a nomination (a.k.a. petition) to Fairfax County asking for an increase in the zoning rating on the property. After submitting the petition, they held an intensive ten-day planning process known as a charette. During this period, the owner, with the help of an outside firm that specializes in this type of work, invited a number of community groups and civic leaders, including representatives from the PHCA, to hear presentations and, in some cases, participate in focus groups. The outcome of this charette is their preliminary "vision" for the development of the property.

The preliminary site plan calls for, among other things, moving the Safeway out to face Magerity Road and building a number of high-rise

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AUTHORIZED BY JIM SCOTT

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rental apartment buildings. The plan is predicated on the assumption that a Metro station is going to be placed on the 123 side of the property. All of the speakers made a point of saying that the plans were still in early stages and that they were still soliciting community input. Further, if for some reason the Metro station is not built, then an alternative plan for the site will be developed. Another note of particular interest was the fact that Safeway has agreed to put their plans for expansion on hold until the County renders a decision on the developer's nomination.

At this time, this nomination is on hold because Metro is still considering the question of where new Metro stops will be located in the Tyson's Area. Once this decision is made however, we can anticipate that County Officials will once again turn their attention to the plans for the Commons site.

Many more details were shared during the meeting and many excellent questions and concerns were raised. Citizens asked pointed questions about traffic increases, noise and air pollution from the construction that is expected to be done in phases over a ten year period, safety and overcrowding issues relative to Westgate Elementary, environmental impact and the impact such a project will have on property values. The speakers provided some answers and some food

for thought regarding the inevitability of change.

The question now is how our community is going to respond to this latest change that is coming our way. This question will be on the agenda at the November meeting and we invite everyone to come out so that we can have a productive dialog on this subject amongst ourselves. In the meantime, you should check out the PHCA Web site at www.pimmithills.org and the excellent article in this issue of the Dispatch provided by our friends at the McLean Commons Citizens Association. As they say, knowledge is power, so let's get educated and start working together to make our voice heard on this matter.

In closing, I'd like to share a favorite quote of mine with you. Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." This comment from one of the great men of the 20th century takes on new shades of meaning in light of the recent events in this century. So often we lament things - the erosion of community, the increase in violence and the passing away of values and civility in public life - but do nothing. This quote reminds us that we can do something. We can expand our community one smile at a time by choosing to step out and extend the hand of friendship to our neighbors. I hope that everyone who came out for this past meeting

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took notice of what an unparalleled opportunity it was to do just that. The room was humming as those who came out interacted with neighbors, reconnected with old friends and met new people. I heard conversations about gardening techniques and grandchildren and comments like, "Gee it's good to see you." But, most heartwarming of all, was the number of hugs I saw exchanged. It seems to me that wouldn't be so bad to enjoy an experience like this once a month. Wouldn't you agree? Besides,

where else can you go on a Tuesday night to enjoy free cake, coffee and other goodies? Our thanks go to Joan Nalepa and all of her hospitality helpers, for ensuring that PHCA meetings feature tasty treats each and every month. I look forward to seeing everyone again on November 6!

Next PHCA Meetings:
November 6 at 7:30 pm
December 4 at 7:30 pm
Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Ave.

Pimmit News

Pasta-N-Prizes Night

The Lemon Road PTA is having a "Pasta-N-Prizes Night" on Friday, November 16 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Lemon Road Elementary School gym. The cost of \$5 per adult and \$3.50 per child includes all you can eat spaghetti, fettuccine alfredo, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, iced tea, lemonade and a full dessert table. The PTA will be raffling off items throughout the evening as well as having karaoke for the kids. Please contact Kim Sayer-Marsh at 703-356-8455 for more information.

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Boy Scouts

Local Boy Scout Troop 978 welcomes any boy ages 11 to 18 to join their troop. They meet at Garfield

Memorial Church every Thursday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Their activities include camping, hiking and lots of other fun stuff. Please call Scoutmaster Steve Perry, Sr. at 703-356-8027 for more info.

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Thank You

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association along with the community want to thank the Pimmit Hills School for posting our PHCA meeting times and dates on their sign. We appreciate their help in getting the word out about our meetings.

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VOTE

Remember to vote on November 6 and stop by to sign up for PHCA membership and buy a treat at our fundraising bake sale!

Good Neighbor

Yep, it's that time again. Time to rake. As we well know, this is the season when the Hills become awash in leaves that have fallen from our beloved trees. It is also the time when we have to fight off the temptation to let these colorful little buggers just stay where they fall. The reason we have to fight this particular temptation off is that not addressing our growing leaf piles can lead to clogged gutters and sewers, fire hazards and other problems that have the potential to impact everyone else in the neighborhood. So, what can you do? Well, you can tackle this seasonal chore by redistributing your leaves to a compost pile or garden bed, paying someone to come in and do the raking for you, or attacking the accumulation in your yard one bag at a time on your own. Whatever you decide, you are encouraged to do something. Thanks!

Do you have any good neighbor tips to share? Tell us about them. You can email your ideas for this column to phca@pimmithills.org.

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Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library News

Looking for ways to brighten up the often dreary days of November? Here's what's going on at the Tyson-Pimmit Regional Library in November:

If you always think "books" when you think library, start your weekend off with a stop at the special used book sale at the library on Nov. 3. You'll find recent bestsellers, paperbacks, and cookbooks and lots more. Make a note to read *"The Pilot's Wife"* by Anita Shreve and join the book discussion on Nov. 27th to share your thoughts and impressions with other book lovers. These discussions are listed in the calendar as Book Talks for Book Lovers.

For the computer novice the library offers individual tutorials on Sundays and Wednesdays. You can start at the very beginning and learn about a mouse, and surfing the web or sharpen skills you already have. A trained volunteer will work with you for an half hour and tailor the tutorial to your needs.

For those of you who already know your way around a keyboard, library staff present a different program each month focusing on a specific use of the internet. Recent topics include *"Travel Sites on the Web,"* Investment Sites, and an introduction to navigating the web. November's program *"Consumer Sites on the Web"*

on Nov. 14th features tips on becoming a smarter consumer and more. For kids, the truly computer literate among us - there is Internet for Kids on Nov. 17th - a demonstration of special databases and specific sites for homework help. Computer programs are very popular so sign up early!

The library also sponsors various community services in cooperation with other agencies. On November 8th from 12 until 3 staff from the Inova health system will be giving flu shots for adults 18 and older. Please call Inova toll free at 877-895-5284 for details. Did you know that glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness? Take advantage of free glaucoma screening on Nov. 16th from 10:00 until 1:30 provided by the Prevention of Blindness Society.

We haven't forgotten the little ones! Tyson's preschool story hours are some of the more popular programs in any month. Have a 2 or 3 year old? How about an story hour with the delicious title of Yum Yum on Nov. 14th. For the slightly older child, ages 3-5, there is A-B-C, 1-2-3. on Nov. 25th.

Something for everyone? Definitely!☞

By Beth DeVito
Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

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

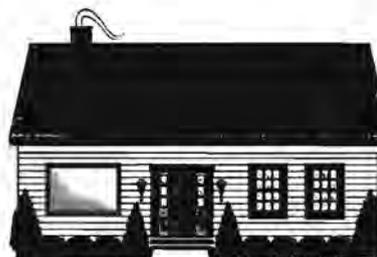


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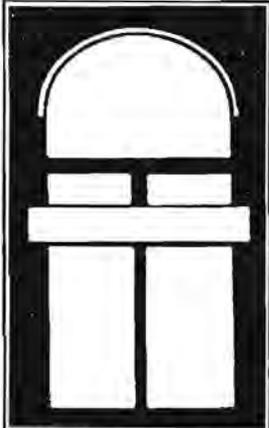
New Safeway Store

By Mira Awad, Secretary,
McLean Commons Citizens Association

Construction on the eagerly anticipated new Safeway store in The Commons Shopping Village on Colshire Drive was slated to begin this past summer, but has been postponed indefinitely pending an agreement with the developers who now own The Commons of McLean apartment community. Safeway had intended to tear down their existing building and construct a new, 58,000 square foot Safeway which would face Anderson Road, instead of the store's current orientation toward Colshire Drive.

In addition to the bigger, better Safeway, the new shopping center would have included such amenities as a Starbucks, a dry cleaners, a deli, and a fast food restaurant. Safeway has suspended those plans, and most of the shopping center sits empty, while they consider proposals made by Mr. Ralph Dweck, who is the Manager of the investment companies that now own The Commons and wish to redevelop the property.

Instead of building a new store



**The Commons
of McLean Proposed
Redevelopment**

on the same site, the developers want to include Safeway in a shopping plaza on Magarity Road that would be adjacent to the high-rise apartment complex that they want to build where The Commons now stand. Safeway would be part of a one-story shopping center, built around a square plaza with stores along the sides. The plaza itself would serve as a parking lot but, in theory, would not have lines for parking

spaces on it, so it would not look like a parking lot and could be used as an open walking space as well.

In order to make room for this proposed shopping plaza, nearly half of The Commons apartment community would have to be demolished. That demolition could not begin until Spring of 2004. So Safeway could not have a new store until late 2005 at the earliest.

To keep Safeway from building on their current site in the meantime, the developers would have to compensate Safeway for lost revenue. Mr. Ralph Dweck and his associates are currently negotiating with Safeway to postpone building and

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Letter to the Editor

First let me say what a shocker of a turnout at the Oct 2 meeting and I hope that we can continue to see that kind of response each month. I have to say that I am surprised to see the kind of negative response to the representatives for the Commons owners they are not the enemy. Our County Supervisors are to blame for the way our roads have become so congested. What I would like to see for the future is instead of constructing roads like the Fairfax County Parkway that instead of having congestion due to lights instead of off ramps every 1/4 mile that we start getting a rail system that could relieve the traffic problem. That will not happen as long as we continue to have a limited density zoning in relation to the metro system. I personally do not wish to spend Billions of our tax dollars to have just a few amount of people to benefit from having a metro station located next to there home when we can have mini cities located next to them that will allow more people to benefit its proximity to there homes and place of business. There was a big concern this will diminish the value of our homes and I have to say that this will in fact be a benefit for we who own our homes. Yes, the value of the land will continue going up which I am all for. This will in fact bring more people in who will want to make more of what these homes can be. Making home improvements to there homes and installing nice landscaping will only benefit us not diminish. I want to see our neighborhood blossom which in my mind has not happened in that last couple of years. More people are buy-

ing our neighborhood up and renting these homes which is exactly what the Commons owner hope to do, except they choose to make a nice neighborhood for its tenants while our landlords put exactly nothing into making there homes attractive. You can spot most rental homes because nothing is ever done to improve the home its about the dollar they receive at the first of the month. So before we jump on our neighbors both inside Pimmit Hills and outside who are looking to hopefully improve our area lets look at what's happening here. I have to say that after living in or within 2 minutes of Pimmit Hills for the last 38 years instead of objecting to something that more then likely will happen I say that we embrace what is about to happen and have this development plan constructed so that we can all live and work together. If we are going to chose to live inside the beltway in one of the highest land priced area's of these United States then we are going to have live with the changes that our coming our way. Because no matter what we say things are continuing to grow all around us so why not grow and prosper with it. So I hope those who oppose the development plans for the Commons think clearly about what your opposing because it will either benefit us or break us. I'm for the benefit part just so you'll know. Thanks for listening.

*Tim Kramer
Anderson Road*

What do you think of the proposed McLean Commons redevelopment? Send your thoughts to the Editor.

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does help. Be sure to break up the soil as you cover the new bulb. Watering is usually not an issue here in the fall, but might be necessary if we get into a dry period.

When siting your new shrubs and trees, think about mature height and spread, light and moisture requirements (never plant a Weeping Willow on a hill!), and even flower color (purple Azaleas against a red brick house ...!). All of this information should be found on the plant's tag. If not, ask to see the nurseryman's Bible, Manual of Woody Landscape Plants by Dirr. There's not much sense in bringing home a shrub in a one-gallon pot and planting it by the front door if you have no idea of its ultimate size. Sure it's kinda cute now, but just like the darling little pound puppy, it may grow up to be something much too big for your house. And besides, with all the specific varieties being offered at the garden centers now, you should be able to find a tree or shrub that fits your space without the annual hack and slash sessions.

Dig the hole the same depth as the rootball and at least twice as wide. Roots grow out from the base and loosening the surrounding soil around will facilitate the establishment of your new shrub or tree. Don't bother amending the soil; our 50-year-old houses are sitting on pretty decent soil ... clay, but decent clay. The exception is if

construction has dredged up nasty, sticky clay subsoil recently. Then add as much organic matter (rotted leaves, mulch, etc.) as you can, tilling it in over a wide area. All new plants should be set in at the same level as before they were dug and balled. Setting the rootballs half out of the ground, as you see in most parking lot islands, is done because the "soil" that they are put into is a mix of subsoil and construction debris. Setting them high keeps them from drowning in this poorly draining mess.

With potted plants I like to brush off the top layer of material to make room for a cap of our native clay. The potting medium of choice these days is composted mulch which drains readily and also wicks moisture away from the rootball when it is left exposed to the air -- the clay topper helps to keep the rootball moist. Lastly, a good layer of mulch (wood chips, compost or leaves) will keep the roots moist and moderate the soil temperature. You won't see any signs of life above ground until spring, but your green friends will be sending out new roots all winter, getting ready to sail through next summer's drought. And, hopefully, our Red-skin's will show some signs of life soon - their drought has gone on too long!☞

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer
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to determine how long Safeway will wait for a new store.

At this time, Safeway, Inc. has expressed a willingness to cooperate with the development plans. If you, as Safeway customers and neighbors of The Commons, would

like to let the decision-makers at Safeway know what you think of their plans, please write to
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Mike Middleton: Hometown Hero

By Irv Poole, Pimmit Drive



Virginia State Trooper and former Pimmit Hills resident Mike Middleton visits Pimmit Drive resident Irv Poole during Santa's visit to Pimmit Hills last Christmas.

Virginia State Trooper Mike Middleton was a resident of Pimmit Hills living on Leonard Drive. He and his family now live in Herndon. Trooper Middleton was one of the first people to arrive on the disaster scene at the Pentagon. He immediately rushed in the burning building and rescued three victims. When he returned outside on his third trip, he passed out and was rushed to Alexandria Hospital with burned lungs. He was in an intensive care unit for eight days and is now at home recovering. Trooper Middleton is the only Virginia State Trooper hurt in the disaster and a lot of credit has to go to him for his actions on the 11th of September. Trooper Middleton, the residents of Pimmit Hills are very proud of you for your action that day. God Bless America and you. ☞

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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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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

Looks like another lousy season for the Redskins. So what's a born-'n-bred 'Skins fan to do? How about turning the T.V. off and heading outside to spend some quality time with the yard? Winter is closing in, but there's still plenty of time to plant bulbs, shrubs and trees.

The pickings may be a little thin at the garden center, but sometimes great bargains can be found this late in the season. When buying tulip and narcissus bulbs (and their numerous cousins), look for firm, not mushy bulbs. A few spots of mold on the outer surface are no big deal, as long as rot has not set in. Also be aware that bulbs in the help-yourself bins may not produce the flowers on the label -- they often sprout legs and move about from bin to bin. When buying trees and shrubs avoid those that look a little shop-worn: scuffed and scraped bark, roots wrapped around and around in the pot, yellowing evergreen foliage. This late in the year, nursery stock may not

have leaves, but you should see healthy, though dormant, buds for next year. Sunken, brittle stems that snap easily are a good indicator of problems. (An exception is the Crape Myrtle, *Lagerstoemia indica*. Perfectly healthy Crape come out of winter's rest looking dead,

but as soon as the weather warms, they're leafing-out like crazy. These bright, summer-blooming, shrubby trees are marginally hardy here and should be planted in the spring or summer, not now.)

Okay, so now you're home with your nursery purchases. Let's get planting. Fall bulbs want to be planted in a hole three to four times their height -- and pointy end up, please. I don't bother with fertilizer for Tulip bulbs, since these usually end up on the compost heap after blooming. With the other, perennial bulbs, I take a more organic approach, preferring to let the decomposing leaves and mulch feed them, though a sprinkling of bonemeal

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**Remember When...**

Looking back at old issues of the Pimmit Hills Dispatch, we go back 50 years ago to the 1950's when PH was new.

The very first PHCA newsletter was published in June 1952 and consisted of two legal sized pieces of paper.....Pimmit Hills was divided into 15 'districts' which could today be known as area or block captains.....Guess what, in 1952 "signs cautioning against speeding due to children playing have been erected" (I guess this issue is even older than we realized).....Street signs were first installed on our roads in September 1952.....82% of home owners said they wanted street lights; 71% desired curbs and gutters (these things didn't come automatically back then)....A committee was formed to raise funds to build the curbs and gutters; roads were the responsibility of the different builders in PH.....A community picnic and fireworks display was held in July, also a bowling league and square dance group was formed and a well-attended community dance was held in December 1952 (actually, a lot of community dances were held in the 50's)..... PHCA held a Christmas decoration contest in 1952 (we're holding one too in 2001, sign up today).....Not everyone in PH had phone service yet....In 1954, the Civil Defense Committee of PHCA held a series of civil defense classes. "Radiological,

Chemical and Bacteriological Warfare" were explained; first aid classes were also held.....Bus service came to PH in late 1954.....Polio drives were held collecting money for those with the illness....The Fairfax County Master Plan was discussed at a meeting.....In November 1957, the seventh year of PH, a letter from the PHCA President began, "In a world concerned with international tensions, atomic developments, earth satellites, and so many other matters of major interest, the problems and the accomplishments of a little community like ours go unnoticed. Yet to us, our problems are more real than those which confront the great minds who are trying to master the secrets of outer space.".....Forget about area codes, phone numbers back then looked like EL 6-3073 or TW 3-9411.....The April 1958 issue was the first to feature the above masthead graphic and it used a new "duplicating machine" to reproduce the newsletter....The October 1958 issue was the first to feature advertisements: Broad Street Hardware, Streamline Market, Sai Ho Chinese restaurant, Pimmit Drug, Bell TV among others....Dues for the community's garden club was 25 cents.....More next issue!☞

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Donnie Dick's Heard Through the Grapevine

You probably didn't notice The Grapevine was missing in the October issue of the *Dispatch*. I, like millions of other Americans, was stunned and dismayed by the attacks in New York and Washington by the terrorists. I was stranded by my airline overseas and couldn't get my column in by the deadline. I won't dwell on the despicable act. America received the first blow but will prevail in the long term because we are a free and democratic society and willing to keep it that way.

Locally, I have a neighbor on Nigh Road who had disposed of an automatic washer at his front curb. It resided there from some time, but after speaking with the resident, it is now gone. This could have fallen into the category of illegal dumping.

Also, please don't leave your recycling bin and trash receptacle as permanent landscaping on your



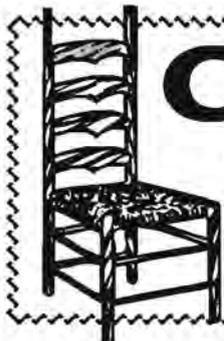
curb. Residents should return trash receptacles to their property (preferably out of sight) after each pick-up.

I noticed that the traffic light camera at Route 7 and 66 at the overpass is now operational. A word to the wise is sufficient.

We are really coming into the twenty-first century with the mail delivery of the *Dispatch*. Now, if I had a computer on the internet, I could download my copy every month. A round of applause to the Association for this leap forward.

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