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#### Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates for 2001-02:

September 4, 2001	February 5, 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.
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joe Baker, PHCA President



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**W**ow, what a busy summer! Time for an update on the plans for redevelopment of the McLean Commons apartment complex and shopping center. After attending several meetings hosted by the potential developer, and receiving notes from Julius and Mary Ann Hankin (thanks folks!) from another I couldn't get to, here is the story...

The current owner of the Commons Apartments seeks to redevelop the property and build high-rise apartments and "town center" type mall promoting use of mass transit and pedestrian traffic. It would involve the widening of Magarity Road and the relocation of Safeway from its present location on Anderson to a new location facing Magarity. After listening to the presentation of the results from various focus groups, I came to the conclusion that the sole purpose of these meetings was to drum up local support for preordained plans to increase housing and traffic density in our area. The folks involved call it "smart growth." It's no such thing.

Fortunately, the plans for this redevelopment project are not a "done deal." The developer -

Duany - must go before the Board of Supervisors to get approval on the project and it is my understanding that there is not support on the Board for this endeavor at this time. However, this does not mean that the issue is dead. Attorneys for the developer have contacted the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association to arrange to make a presentation at the October PHCA meeting. So bring your questions and comments on October 2, where you will have an opportunity to hear all of the proposed details yourself and a forum to voice your opinions and/or concerns.☞

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## Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

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# Pimmit Hills Community Events

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**Community Clean-Up Day:** Saturday, October 20, 9 am to Noon at Pimmit Hills School. Dispose of anything (like furniture) except yard waste, batteries and hazardous materials. You need to be a PHCA member to participate. PHCA will have a booth there to collect \$5 per person membership dues.

**Election Day Membership Drive and Bake Sale:** Tuesday, November 6 during election hours at the Pimmit Hills School. Start baking your goodies! We need lots of donations of baked goods and volunteers to help staff the membership and bake sale tables. Please contact [phca@pimmithills.org](mailto:phca@pimmithills.org).

**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. Think your house looks the best? Residents need to send in their entry by December 15 to win a Honey-Baked ham, Santa bucks from Safeway or gift certificates from Trader Joe's. Contact [phca@pimmithills.org](mailto:phca@pimmithills.org) or call one of the officers.

**Community Yard Sale:** Saturday, April 20 or rainedate 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

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

**H**ello Neighbors - I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful summer. I really thought we had that hot weather beat, but the temperature today (August 8) has proved me wrong - phew! The good news is that cooler weather is right around the corner and that means the start of another Association year is upon us.

This year, your PHCA Officers and Board of Directors are going to be focusing on building Association membership and community involvement. Did you know that less than a third of the eligible residents of Pimmit Hills are actually members of the Citizens Association? That's a pretty sad statistic and one that we want to change. Why? Because in order for us to maximize our neighborhood's voice and power with local officials in matters ranging from cut-through traffic to development in and around the Hills to overgrown properties, we need to truly be able to say that we represent the majority of Pimmit Hills residents. Also, it's a lot more

fun and productive to be involved in a large active group than in one that is not. So come on, what's your excuse for not being a member? (Heck, with the annual dues set at just \$5 per person, it's a steal!) Let us know and we'll do our best to address your concerns.

Speaking of change, you will notice that this issue of the *Dispatch* has been mailed to you. As they say, change is good, and we hope this one will be good for all involved. We will be providing a report on why we've moved to this new delivery systems at both the September and October meetings, so if you want to know the reasons why, please come on out and join us. Remember...the meeting dates are always the same - the first Tuesday of every month, September through June. We will be posting the meeting dates and the dates for all Association events on our Web site, so if you ever need to know and don't have a copy of the *Dispatch* handy, just log onto the Internet and go to [pimmithills.org](http://pimmithills.org).

You will note the mention of Association events in the previous paragraph. Your officers and Board

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More Looking  
Back at 1971:

The Community Talent Show had 800 people in attendance.....The April meeting had a builder talking about developing four-story apartments on the tract of land called Falls Church Orchard (this become the Peach Tree Apartments).....A community fashion show was planned.....A guest of the Olney Park Home Demonstration Club brought one of her native country's dishes - Vietnamese Egg Rolls. The club also talked about Macramé in interior decorating.....Does anyone remember swimming at Freedom Park?.....There were complaints about "hot rodding" on the roads of PH. An additional Fairfax County police patrol was added to deal with the problem but once those patrols decreased, the "hot rodding" increased (I guess speeding through PH by any other name is still speeding, even 30 years later).....An article warned parents about the safety and use of "mini-bikes" (just like they warn toda about the new scooters).....PH had a Fairfax County Library Bookmobile because today's library did not exist then.....Quality Electronics Center on Broad Street said that they will "overhaul your black and white portable TV for only \$19.95."..... More Looking Back at Pimmit Hills in the next issue.☞

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of Directors met two times over the course of the summer to do some strategic planning and, I am pleased to report, have put together what we believe is a winning line-up of events. From speakers to social events to community clean-up days, we've got it all this year, so there are lots of reasons to come out and get involved. See the calendar in each issue of the *Dispatch* and on the PHCA Web site for more details.

In closing, let me just say that was exciting to see the attendance numbers at each monthly meeting creep ever upward in 2000-2001,

and I hope the 2001-2002 Association year will bring a continuation of this very positive trend. I invite everyone to come out and be a part of your community's association. All residents of Pimmit Hills are welcome to join. All you need to do is bring yourself (and those with children should feel free to bring them along too if you need to). See you soon! ☞

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Speaking of compost, start a pile this fall with your raked leaves. Come spring add the results of your garden clean-up and any other yard debris. After a while you'll have a hill of black gold, Texas peat -- good garden humus for top-dressing flower beds or lawns. Ya know, people actually pay good money for this stuff at the home im-



provement stores! And one more thing: mark Saturday, September 22nd, on your calendars. Green Spring Gardens Park, a Fairfax County horticultural park located off Little River Turnpike, just east of Braddock Road, is having its big fall plant sale. This is a good one and the gardens are fantastic!☞

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer lives on Leonard Road.*

**PIMMIT HILLS**



*Do you recognize this drawing? Then you must be one of the original settlers of Pimmit Hills. This was part of the masthead for the Dispatch back in the 1950s and 1960s. We'll be taking a look back at old issues of the paper throughout this year. We start with 1971:*

**30 Years Ago...1971**

The "Commonwealth's Attorney" gave a program at the January PHCA meeting on the problems of drug use.....Providence Baptist Church in Tyson's Corner had an advertisement (the MicroStrategy building is now at that location).....An article on the problem of unscrupulous door-to-door "salesmen" (is anything new?).....Community square dancing classes were held at the Pimmit Hills School.....New laws for 1971: stopping for school buses and wearing helmets and face shields when riding motorcycles.... Community talent show was held at Marshall HS.....The Dispatch had a managing editor, editor, advertising manager, artist and three typists! (now this is all rolled into one).....Keeping schools open 12 months a year was considered (isn't this today's news?).....In an article about the above square dancing, "The hectic life we lead today makes great demands upon us. The rapid pace of modern living leaves little time for restful meditation" (and this was before personal computers, email, Palm Pilots and cell phones).....Wow: PHCA membership was at 1,425 back then!.....A blurb about the "Olney Park Home Demonstration Club" (anyone know what that was?). *More looking back at Pimmit Hills on page 29.☞*



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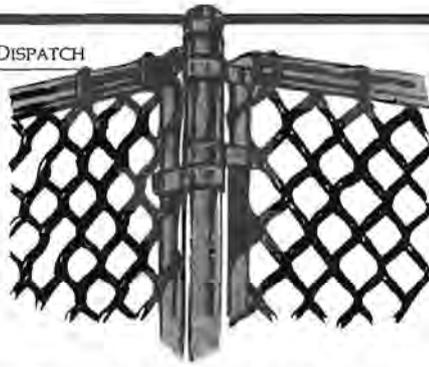
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# De-Fence!

by Dan Brunton,  
Howard Court



Like any neighborhood of its age, Pimmit Hills is not without its share of weathered and ramshackle clutterings, several of which seem to invade our limited space and occasionally hint of claustrophobia. To me, the greatest of these is the seemingly overgrown telephone line vineyard that the neighborhood poles seem to resentfully support. It has not been until recently that developers have been running phone and power lines underground, and these newer neighborhoods are built refreshingly clear of their obstruction. While we may not be unable to retrofit an underground telephone system into Pimmit Hills, we are considerably more able to open up our neighborhood in a way that is easier than most people recognize.

With many exceptions, a rickety, rusty, chain link fence, shored up by a leaning row of equally rusty posts, surrounds the typical PH property. Commonly, its length is entwined by vines, plants, and bushes, which either through neglect, decorative impulse, or perhaps some degree of shame, have been allowed to tangle themselves into a lush façade, hiding the corro-

sion beneath. Such was the case with my yard.

Until this spring I had spent almost a full year walking back and forth through my ugly, gate-less fences, mowing around each and every post, trimming back the vines that tenaciously tethered themselves through almost every section. All that time I wondered what utility they provided, unable to keep any pet or person out or in, and dissecting my lawn into two smaller uncooperative sections. Finally, I marched outside in a spontaneous burst of impatient determination and gave my fences a long overdue "evil-eyeing". Not only were they as useless as I suspected, but it also dawned on me that they were heartbreakingly unnecessary. Further inspection revealed that each section of chain link could be removed with nothing more than an adjustable wrench and perhaps one or two well-placed squirts of WD-40. I then gave each post a test tug and found that the loose, rain-soggy soil would make it quite easy for any physically able person to yank each post straight up and out of its place. I soon brought up the

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a fabulous time to plant almost anything. The cooler temps of the last few months of the year promote root growth, giving plants a greater opportunity to get rooted-in before our (usually) dry, hot summers hit. (This means less time and money spent on watering next summer and more time and money to spend on perfecting your repertoire of frozen cocktails.) There are a few plants to avoid planting at this time of the year. Those that bloom in the fall, such as Asters, Mums, and Ornamental Grasses, are best left for spring planting. Potted hardy Mums that are planted early, while still in tight bud, will have a better chance of surviving than those end-of-the-season specials. Marginally hardy plants such as Crape Myrtles and Camellias, also may not survive their first winter from an autumn planting.

This is also a great time to dig and divide spring and summer bloomers. Early risers like Hostas, Peonies, and bulbous Lilies, all benefit from division (or relocation) in the fall as their foliage begins to yellow. Besides, there always seems to be more time to garden in the fall than in the spring.

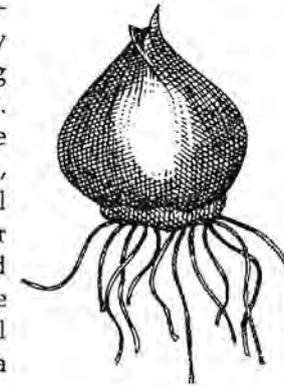
And let's not forget to plant bulbs this fall. Buy your bulbs early for the best selection and keep them

cool and dry (no plastic bags, please) until you're ready to plant, or, for the ultimate in selection, order from one or more of the specialty bulb catalogs advertising in any garden magazine. I like to plant Narcissus bulbs towards the back of the perennial bed; as the bulbs go dormant, the taller perennials mask their yellowing leaves.

And I use lots of so-called "minor" bulbs at the front of the bed. These include Grape Hyacinths (*Muscari*), Siberian Squill (*Scilla*), Windflower (*Anemone blanda*), and Glory in the Snow (*Chionodoxa*). Their tiny bulbs may not look like much this fall, but in spring their delicate beauty is such a treat,

especially when they are used in quantity.

Species Tulips such as *Tulipa greigii*, *T. kaufmanniana* and *T. fosteriana* (a.k.a. Emperors), are much better at returning in subsequent years than the named hybrids, and so can be used in perennial beds. The named hybrids (the majority of tulips sold) tend to peter-out after a couple of years. I treat these like annuals, pulling them out of the bed or pot after the petals drop, adding them to the compost pile and buying new bulbs each fall.



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# The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

What a summer! Plenty of rain, not much heat (at least so far!) I grew up here and I know what a typical summer in Northern Virginia is like. I'll take more of these atypical summers! But fall is knocking at the door and it's time to get busy in the yard again.

If you're thinking about a new garden or shrub border, this is a great time of the year to prepare the site. I'm a firm believer in the adage "less is more". The

less effort I put out in the garden, the more I enjoy it. And when it comes to removing sod and turning the soil, I don't. I prefer to kill off the lawn, leaving it in place, to allow all of the organic matter to enrich the bed for the new plants. And killing the lawn is not that difficult.

If you've got a decent, fairly weed-free lawn, try scalping the area with a weed-eater, then put down a layer of newspaper sections, followed by a nice layer of mulch. Leave the newspaper sections intact, so that as you lay them

down you're looking at only the first page. Overlapping the open edge with the fold and hosing them down as you go, helps to keep your efforts from blowin' in the wind. I like to use shredded or composted



leaves as my cover mulch. These retain water best and will soon add to that lovely organic layer (as will the newspaper) that is so important for nutrient and moisture retention. Keep the new bed watered and in a few weeks the

grass will be history and you'll be ready to plant, no tilling necessary.

If you've got a problem lawn, one infested with running grasses, such as Bermuda or Zoysia, or deep-rooted weeds like Dandelions or Plantain, you might want to consider using an herbicide like "Round-Up." Be careful to use herbicides only when the weather is still and be particular as to what you spray.

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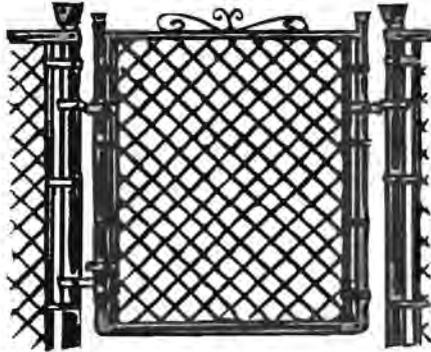
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subject with my landlord, and after a brief conversation about the cost I persuaded him that removing the fence would make his no-pet policy a near absolute certainty, and he soon called the appropriate person to put this new enforcement policy into effect.

The removal process was not without it's snags. The truck into which the fence was thrown got stuck in my lawn and had to be pulled out by a considerate neighbor, after somewhat tearing up a few spots of grass. It occurred to us that we could also have simply dug out the top of each post anchor and cut the post off, then cover the concrete anchor with earth, leaving it to disappear from memory. Thankfully, the damage wasn't too deep, and I filled the shallow tire ruts and postholes in time for hearty spring grass to grow over them. Ever since, I have been thoroughly enjoying a surprising sense of lawn liberation. I can walk in and out of my backyard in any place that is convenient, my front and back lawns now combine into a larger more useful area, and best of all, the unattractive, rusty fence is gone, and my property is more useful, enjoyable, it looks more appeal-



ing, uncluttered...and valuable.

From the perspective of work involved, the aesthetic benefits are well worth the effort, and I can only suggest that should a similar philosophy be adopted by the neighborhood in general, we will all find Pimmit Hills suddenly more lush and uncontained... bigger. Property values may even go up. Obviously, any existing fence that effectively serves some

purpose for the tenant should be left to quietly do its job for another several decades. I certainly do not question the presence of a particular section of my fences, particularly when my neighbors' enormous Great Dane growls from the other crumbling side. Though he seems to be reasonably benevolent, I am quite in favor of maintaining this fence as a matter of chiropractic insurance. But I have also seen fences so old and rusty that they are supported only by what has grown through them; keep an eye out for trees that have grown deformed around posts and fences that have long since fallen to pieces, and which wouldn't otherwise be standing. In these cases, it would be

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## Visit the Church of Your Choice

**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 9:30 and 11:00 am;  
Sunday school for children and  
Adult Education classes at 9:30 and  
11:00 am

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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"  
7628 Leesburg Pike (Pimmit Hills)  
Rev. Gretchen A. Miller  
703-893-9220  
Sunday school 9:30 am  
Worship service 11:00 am

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*"Come to me, all who are weary  
and burdened, and I will give you  
rest. Take my yoke upon you and  
learn from me, for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you shall find  
rest for your souls. For my yoke is  
easy and my burden is light."*

MATTHEW 11:28-30

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## Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library News

The library's attractive entrance wouldn't be that way if it weren't for the Teddy Palmer Memorial garden, established in 1994. The garden is planted with a variety of flowering shrubs and perennials that surround its



centerpiece, a weeping cherry tree.

Keeping it healthy and beautiful is an important job. If you have time and expertise to help out, it would be a very public and much appreciated gesture. Please call us if you are interested (at 703-790-8088).

For your own gardening needs, each Saturday, from April through September, the library hosts a plant clinic run by volunteers from the Master Gardener Program. These experts help residents with plant and insect problems in their yards. The growing season may be over this year, but it'll be back again in the spring along with our gardening experts.

Library staff will also forward specimens of plant and insects to the County Extension Office, who will analyze, diagnose and make recommendations. Ask a library

staff member for more information, or check the Master Gardener's web site at <http://www.smdi.com/mastergardener>.

Don't forget our large collection of gardening books, including the popular Rodale series,

"how-to" tips by Jerry Baker, and gardening classics by authors Rosemary Verey and Frances Perry. ☞

*By Chris LaMarca  
Associate Branch Manager*

**Tyson's 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  
Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Phone:**  
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an obvious compromise to simply remove any parts not engulfed in a trees' wooden grip.

If you find yourself in a newer suburb, take a look around and see how a fence-less neighborhood seems roomier, newer, less restrained. If you're reading this article at home, take a look out your window and consider what you would see without your fence grating tiny crisscrosses on the lower half of your view. Better yet, go outside, walk slowly around your home and consider how your property would change if you could erase some fences from the original builders' blueprint. Stroll out to the

street, slowly look your road up and down, and imagine how it might appear if we all de-fenced Pimmit Hills. Perhaps we may even vicariously avenge ourselves on the overhead wires and poles, by eliminating their smaller associates. ☞



## Child Car Seat Safety Check

Saturday, September 8

10 am to 2 pm

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

7628 Leesburg Pike

(across from Marshall HS)

**FREE!**

No appointment needed



### What happens during these checks?

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department will check infant and child car seats for proper installation.

### Why should you get safety seats checked?

These seats can be hard to install yourself—even if you follow instructions. Have your car seats checked, for the safety of your children, grandchildren or other special kids in your life!

For more information, call 703-893-9220 or [www.stlukesva.org](http://www.stlukesva.org)



## 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.

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.

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

The Center is operated by  
Fairfax County Community  
and Recreation Services

Make sure to attend the Tuesday, October 2 Pimmit Hills Citizens Meeting at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue. Attorneys for the developer who wants to tear down the McLean Commons apartment complex and shopping center and build new 10+ story high-rise apartments will be at the meeting. Come voice your questions, comments and concerns as they describe the proposed details of their plans of this development in our back yard. These plans are NOT A DONE DEAL so we can make an impact, but only if we join together. Lets get a high turnout for this meeting! Plan on attending. ☞





## Heard on the Grapevine

By Donnie Dick



I received some feedback regarding my column on the national economy and its impact on our local lives and community. Some felt my comments were political and had no place in our newsletter. All I can say is that it should be read more carefully as it applied to all of us regardless of political party and station in life.

Now to current events. I was asked to update the Pimmit Hills Telephone Directory. I confess I have not done so for the reason that it was done fairly recently. Also, there is a cost factor and a high turnover rate in our community. However, I am making the following information as a supplement to the directory which can be clipped and inserted in your current copy. The material can be pasted on the inside of the front cover for convenience. Residents whose phone numbers change or who are new to the area should be sure to send in their membership form on page 30 so the next directory can be updated. ☞

*Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road*

### Most Requested Numbers

Area Agency on Aging, 703-324-5411  
 Athletic Service, 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, 703-761-4655  
 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 Cty Human Svc  
 Health Line, 703-222-0880  
 Fairfax Cty Public Schools,  
 703-246-2502  
 Gas Leaks, 888-223-9452  
 Office for Children, 703-324-8100  
 Office for Women, 703-324-5730  
 Stu Mendelson, 703-356-0551  
 Park Authority, 703-324-8700  
 Pimmit Senior Ctr, 703-734-3238  
 Planning Comm., 703-324-2865  
 Police (non-emer), 703-691-2131  
 School Board Rep  
 Janie Strauss, 703-246-4780  
 Tax Admin, 703-324-8234  
 Trash Collection/Recycling  
 703-324-5040  
 VDOT Maintenance, 703-383-VDOT  
 Virginia Power, 888-667-3000  
 Zoning Enforcement Complaints  
 703-324-1300

## Church Sponsors Child Car Seat Safety Check Sept. 8

By Leigh Rivenbark

St. Luke's United Methodist Church will hold a free safety check for infant and child car seats on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 am until 2 pm. The event, held at the church on 7628 Leesburg Pike (across from Marshall High School), is free.

The safety check springs from one family's concern. When Deb Collier and her husband installed their son's car seat, they followed the owner's manual carefully. But after an accident, Collier discovered something frightening: Despite her family's best efforts, they had installed the car seat incorrectly. Her son could have been hurt had he been in the car during the accident.

Collier wanted to alert other parents to the importance of properly installing and using child safety seats, so she asked her church to sponsor a car seat safety check.

At the safety check, specially trained firefighters or police officers examine car seats for proper installation and use. The event is free and no appointments are necessary. Sponsors are the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, the Fairfax County Police Department and the Safe Kids Coalition.

Safety checks help parents,

grandparents and other adults who have child safety seats figure out whether they are using the seats correctly, said Renee Stilwell, public information officer with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. "With over 90 percent of seats that come through a check, we could show them more effective ways to use [the seats]," Stilwell said.



Adults often misuse seats in small but significant ways, such as not pulling restraint straps tight enough or improperly positioning clips that hold straps together across the child's chest, Stilwell said.

Stilwell added that firefighters and police that check child safety seats have taken training designed by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Participants who bring their vehicles to the safety check can expect to fill out a brief form, then wait for firefighters or police officers to come to their vehicles.

The Fire and Rescue Department asks that participants install seats "to the best of their ability" before coming to the safety check, rather than bringing seats that have not yet been installed, Stilwell said. ☞

## Bulk Mailing of the Dispatch

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association has decided to begin bulk mailing the community newspaper, *The Dispatch*, to ensure complete delivery coverage every month plus we will be able to mail the *Dispatch* to our advertisers, local businesses and politicians. A mailing list of the 1,684 homes in Pimmit Hills has been created and it should take only a month to fix any wrong addresses. Notify [phca@pimmithills.org](mailto:phca@pimmithills.org) or 703-734-0402 with any problems.

The 26 mail carriers in Pimmit Hills will deliver the newspaper as early as two days or as late as three weeks from the time they receive the paper. This means it is crucial to get time-sensitive advertising in at least two months before the event. The deadline of the 10th of every month for advertising, classifieds and articles has to be strictly met to ensure enough time for the mailing process.

Because we cannot guarantee exactly when the paper will arrive at your home, the paper can no longer be a reminder to come to the PHCA meetings. Please be sure to mark your calendar with the dates of all the meetings.

We're excited about this new way of getting the *Dispatch* to you and hope it works well!

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association would like to thank those who hand-delivered the *Dispatch* to the homes in Pimmit Hills every month – especially in the cold, icy winter months. We would like to recognize the following people for their hard work:

Jackie Allison  
Linda Bell  
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Debra Todd  
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Monte VanNess  
Anita VanRoekel  
David Warren  
Nat White  
Joan Wise  
Daniel Zangareh

**Thank You!**

## Good Neighbor



Have you ever noticed how a lawn can get out of hand? Sometimes it happens without you even being aware of it. Sometimes it happens because you don't have the time or the energy to keep up with it. Whatever the reasons, when a lawn does become overgrown it becomes a problem for more than just the person(s) living at the house. Overgrown lawns can become havens for rats, snakes and an

assortment of flying, stinging bugs and other creepy crawly creatures. And, rather than staying within the confines of the overgrown yard, the unwelcome wildlife tends to mosey on over to visit the neighbors, making it scary or even unsafe for some to enjoy their own yards. The bottom-line is that all of us need to be good neighbors and keep our own lawns in basic good shape. Now by basic good shape, nobody is implying that you have to maintain a "Martha Stewart" lawn. Basic good shape is much simpler. It entails mowing your front and back yard on a relatively regular basis (say once a month during the summer months) and taking steps to make sure that your bushes and trees aren't encroaching on the sidewalks or your neighbors' yards, or blocking the view for drivers. Please note, if anyone has reasons that preclude them from maintaining their lawns, you are encouraged to contact the Association. We are happy to work to connect those who need help with those who provide it.

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](mailto:phca@pimmithills.org). Thanks!☞

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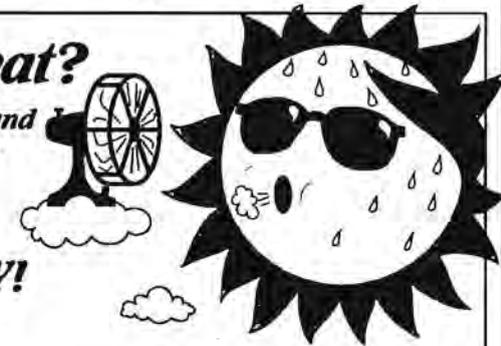
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*"The Church on the Hill"*  
*7628 Leesburg Pike*  
*Falls Church, VA*  
*(across from Marshall HS)*

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*Stay for lunch after worship and*  
*listen to live music!*

*Condolences to Joan Naleppa of Griffith Road  
whose dear husband George passed away this summer.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joan.*

## Speakers Needed for PHCA Meetings

Do you have suggestions or recommendations for speakers and/or topics for our monthly PHCA meetings? Please send your ideas to Joe Baker at [president@pimmithills.org](mailto:president@pimmithills.org).

Topics should be directly related to our community and home ownership/upkeep. If you know of anyone who would like to come speak at our meetings, also let us know.

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