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Town Meeting Notes

By PHCA Secretary Sarah Rock

Hello neighbors, here is what happened at the October 5, 2004 Pimmit Hills Citizens Association town meeting:

Treasurer Kim Rollen delivered a report of income and expenses through the month of October 2004. She also noted that the Election Day bake sale/membership drive had generated sales of over \$300 and over \$1,200 in membership dues.

2nd VP Rich Ellis and Dispatch Editor Cindy Kwitchoff have investigated getting a special use permit to use one of the parks in our neighborhood for a wine/beer tasting fundraiser and found that there is no such option. They are investigating other options for a location. A question was posed regarding liability insurance for such an event. Rich is also investigating options for event insurance.

1st VP Joan Naleppa reported that she has searched county records to identify the owners of the little house at the intersection of Lisle, Magarity and Rt. 7. County records indicate that AT&T pays the property taxes for the house. She has made calls to various AT&T offices to try and find an appropriate contact regarding maintenance & repairs for the house. A citizen suggested that perhaps Supervisor Joan DuBois or VA Delegate Jim Scott might be able to help.

President Gene Lesser reminded all residents about the annual holiday decorating contest. Judges are needed. Please contact a PHCA officer to volunteer.

The McLean Commons redevelopment is rearing its head again. President Lesser and Past President Baker are meeting with Dweck Properties on November 4, 2004. Many residents voiced concerns about the redevelopment. Many concerns were geared around lack of infrastructure: fire, sewer, water, roads and schools.

President Lesser noted he had received a complaint about a business operating out of a house without a permit in Pimmit Hills.

Speakers for future meetings were discussed. A schedule of scheduled speakers is available in the Dispatch. President Lesser will contact Supervisor DuBois to see if she would speak to our group in 2005.

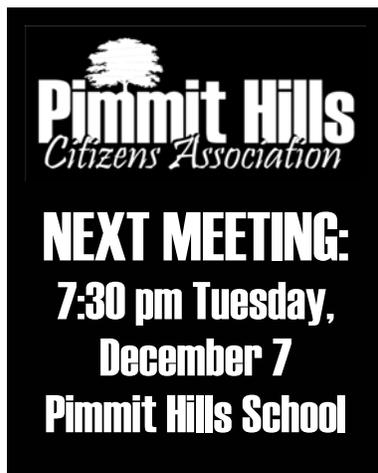
A resident voiced concern about the blind curve on Pimmit Dr. near the PHCA house. When cars park on the side of the road at the curve, it forces traffic into the center of the road and increases the potential for collisions. Residents with past experience dealing with traffic calming initiatives in Pimmit Hills recommended that this be handled as a block project, starting with a petition involving the blocks immediately surrounding the curve.

Mike Hudson brought up issues of development, transportation and the environment in our area. He informed the group that watershed planning is underway for Fairfax County. Business and residential development can have significant impact on watersheds as they disrupt the natural flow of water. Mr.

Hudson noted that the proposed HOT Lanes for the Beltway might mean significant changes nearby and was concerned about the Rail to Dulles initiative and taxes.

Other residents voiced concerns that our neighborhood is a cut-through neighborhood and that increased development would only increase traffic in our neighborhood. Most residents in attendance were in favor of smart growth and limited development.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 pm and all homeowners and renters are welcome! A representative from Fairfax County Zoning will answer questions about how their office can help with your neighborhood concerns/complaints (see "Neighborhood Concerns" chart on page 21). Also, remember to bring cookies to share for our Holiday Party at the meeting. ■





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Children's Christmas Worship Service, 5 pm

This Christmas service is designed especially for preschool and school-age kids! Children help tell the Christmas story and sing loved carols, then enjoy "birthday cake for Jesus." Together with the Live Nativity, this is a great way for children to start Christmas Eve.

Candlelight Worship Service, 8 pm

Join us for carols and scripture by candlelight. Bring the whole family to this quiet, moving service. Singing "Silent Night" while you're surrounded by candlelight is an experience we think you'll remember long after Christmas is over.



We welcome all our Pimmit Hills neighbors to all our services and events. Come visit with us!

Election Day Bake Sale and Membership Drive Results

A huge thank you to all our neighbors for supporting the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association on Election Day. Our membership drive proceeds were \$1,551!

Also thanks to all who bought items at our bake sale, those who made baked good donations and all those who donated their time to man the tables on Election Day. Our bake sale netted \$347.70.

Someone dropped \$20 cash and a credit card receipt on Election Day. There was an unsuccessful attempt to contact the person via phone. Please contact the PHCA Treasurer at 703-761-7391.

There are 2,986 registered voters in Pimmit Hills and 1,981 votes were cast on November 2 leaving 1,005 PH voters who didn't vote.

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John Kerry/John Edwards—1,089
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Michael Badnarik/R. Campagna—11

US Congress 8th District:

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James Hurysz—50

Constitutional Amendment 1:

Yes—1,451 No—305

Constitutional Amendment 2:

Yes—1,530 No—264

Human Services Facilities Bond:

Yes—1,224 No—563

Public Library Facilities Bond:

Yes—1,261 No—538

Parks and Park Facilities Bond:

Yes—1,298 No—503

Transportation Improvements and Facilities Bond:

Yes—1,367 No—443



By Janice Kuch, Associate Branch Manager

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too, now that the plastic vend card system is gone. The print station accepts coins or bills for black and white prints (fifteen cents per page) or color prints (one dollar per page.)

An exciting free program for adults will be presented at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library on Thursday December 16 at 7:30 pm so mark your calendars. Johnny Heller, one of **Recorded Books'** most popular professional narrators, will introduce and demonstrate the new audio download service that will soon be available for library users. Anyone who has enjoyed listening to books on audio tape or compact disc should not miss "Celebrate Audio Books" with Johnny Heller.

Our Children's Librarians have planned a busy December of programs for kids to enjoy. On Wednesday December 8 at 11 am we offer "Time for Twos," stories, songs and finger plays for ages 24-35 months with adult. Saturday December 11 brings the Kaleidoscope Theatre

Company's presentation of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," a play based on the book for children ages 6 through 12 at 11 am. On Wednesday December 15 our storytellers invite children ages 11-23 months to "Wonderful Ones" at 11 am. And there is holiday fun for children ages 3-5 with adult on Thursday December 16 at "Tis the Season," stories, songs and crafts at 11 am.

Registration for all Library Programs (by phone or in person) begins two weeks before the program date. ■

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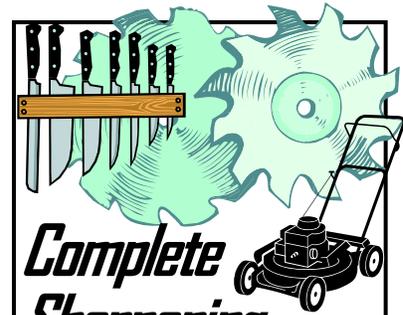
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PIMMIT HILLS
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Winter's on its way. The trees are bare, the garden, asleep. There's not much reason to go outside. Or is there?

For those of us who live to garden, the winter months are spent twiddling our thumbs. It's way too early to sow peas and months before impatiens and marigolds can go out. Pruning gives us something to do for a day or so, but then there's a lot of winter left. My favorite way to survive the winter is to spend it on a beach in the Caribbean. But I'm not rich, not yet, and three months can make for a big margarita tab. A cheaper way to manage the winter blahs is to landscape with late and early blooming plants and lots of evergreens.

As the leaves fall and the temperatures slide down the thermometer, the Ackerman Camellias start to bloom. These new hybrids are the result of a couple of killer winters in the late 70's that took out almost all of the National Arboretum's Camellia collection. Dr. William Ackerman started crossing the surviving, but not terribly showy, *Camellia oleifera* with the showy, traditional *Camellia sasanqua* and *C. japonica*. Now we have Camellias that will grow as far north as Canada! And they're evergreen to boot! These carry wintry names such as 'Winter's Hope', 'Pink Icicle' and 'Snow Flurry' to name a few. 'Winter Star' survived minus 16 degrees at Mom and Dad's a few years ago, and is usually full of single pink blossoms in early December. Although these Camellias bloom

from a very early age, I'm still waiting for Dr. Ackerman's early season 'Spring Circus' to flower. Maybe next spring.

Speaking of spring, our area is blessed with great displays of Azaleas every April and May. But the dwarf Azalea called 'Nancy of Robin Hill' can usually be counted on to repeat bloom in the fall. The large, semi-double, soft pink blossoms are a lovely addition to the late spring landscape, and the low stature (less than two feet tall) make this evergreen shrub very versatile. But the appearance of sporadic flowers in the fall and often into December, make this Azalea well worth asking for by name.

Another late season performer, Gold and Silver Chrysanthemum (*Ajania pacifica*) finally tops its neat, decorative foliage with tight clusters of gold buttons from mid-fall into December. Throughout the growing season, this low, mounding perennial looks like an ordinary mum with the handsome addition of a thin edge of silver to its leaves. But when the fall garden quiets down the Gold and Silver Mum begins to glow. And, with the cooler temperatures, the show goes on for a long time.

The Lenten and Christmas Roses

(*Helleborus orientalis*, *H. niger* and hybrids), a.k.a. the Hellebores, are famous for braving the late winter weather with their nodding, single, rose like flowers. But it's the Stinking Hellebore (*H. foetidus*) that takes the cake for early performance. This short-lived, self-seeding perennial starts putting up buds in November, blooming small green bells often through the coldest months. I've never gotten down on hands and knees to take a whiff – with a name like that it doesn't seem worth the effort!

A break in the cold is a welcome opportunity to venture out to check on the Fragrant Sarcococca, *Sarcococca ruscifolia*. This borderline hardy evergreen shrub has performed well under my giant Tulip Poplar,

protected by a blanket of leaves and a stockade fence. At the base of each dark, dark green leaf hangs a cluster of buds which will unfurl milky white flowers early in the season. These are definitely worthy of a squat in the winter garden to take in their sweet fragrance.

The Japanese Apricot (*Prunus mume*) may not be readily available at the nursery, but its early spring show makes it one to search for. As soon as the winter lets down its guard, often in January, this small tree lets loose a blizzard of white, pink or rose blossoms on bare-naked stems – a fabulous mid-winter tonic.

So put the kettle and a heavy coat on, grab your mug of hot tea and let's venture forth into the winter garden. With all that's going on out there, despite the short days and cold nights, who needs a tropical beach?! ■

Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis
lives on Leonard Road

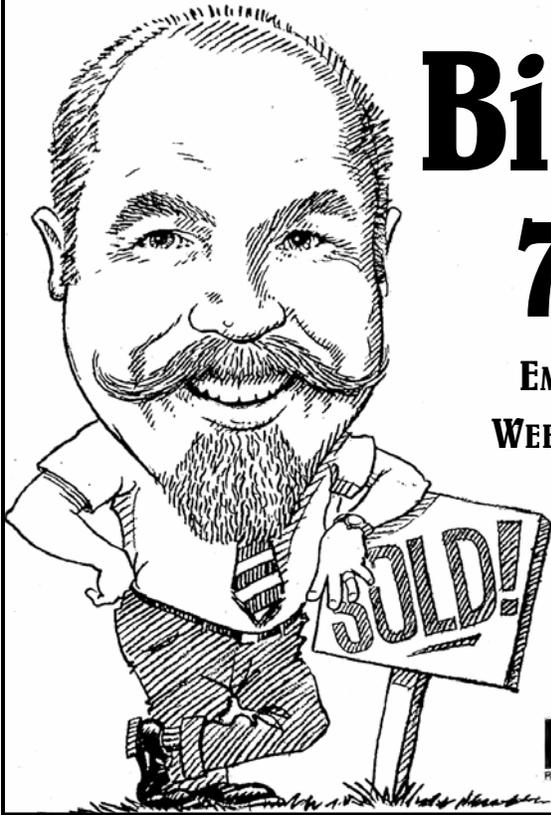


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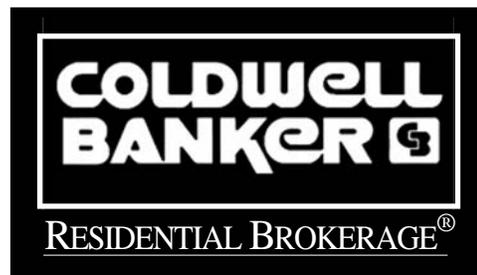


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Dweck Properties Plans for Redeveloping the McLean Commons

By Cindy Kwitchoff, Dispatch Editor

A year or two ago, many in Pimmit Hills were concerned about plans to tear down the nearby McLean Commons apartments and build skyscraper-type apartments in its place. One of the biggest concerns was the impact on traffic to our area with the large increase of people. The plans were shelved but not forgotten.

Officers of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association board met with Dweck Properties in November to listen to their revised plans. In a nutshell—the plans are still there but they're taking a slower approach by building in two phases. The first phase will benefit our neighborhood but the second phase is the whopper with plans for apartments 10 to 15 or more stories high with 1,000 to 1,500 units. And they still haven't solved the traffic problem.

Phase One of the project concerns the area between Magarity, Anderson and Colshire—where the Safeway, part of the Commons and Shell gas station are located. Magarity Road will be widened to two lanes in each direction. There would be a new, larger Safeway designed with "charm and character". The existing gas station would become a Safeway gas station on the corner.

Along with the grocery store and the mixed residential/commercial units on a "Main Street" type of configuration (they said it would be like a "tiny town center"), there would be a group of "neighborhood" shops and restaurants as opposed to "destination" shops where people would travel to from a distance. The kind of

shops and restaurants, to be determined, would be stores like a movie rental, dry cleaner, card store and other service-type stores. This town center would be mainly for the residents of the new apartments, the employees of Mitre and Capital One (especially during lunch hour) and Pimmit Hills citizens. Parking would be located under the apartment buildings.

Along Magarity, the buildings would be at the allowed height for Pimmit Hills—35 ft or three stories. Behind them would be a stacked-look as the buildings would get higher: 4 to 6 stories to 6-8 stories. The facades on the lower buildings would look like townhouses to avoid the apartment block monolith look.

There are 246 apartments in this area now with a proposal to add 700 more, totaling 946 apartments. 5% of the units would be Affordable Housing. 200 units would have age restrictions of 55 years and up. Dweck added that retirees most likely wouldn't drive during peak hours and they wouldn't have children. It is estimated the apartments would generate 50 to 60 more children going to the area schools.

Dweck said the reaction from employees at Mitre and Cap One have been very excited at the prospect of these new apartments near their work. There is an imbalance between the current number of jobs in the Tysons area (125,000) and the number of dwelling units (7,000).

Dweck said they develop buildings to rent, not to eventually sell. They build them for the long-

term with good construction. They said they want to make beautiful buildings. They also said they would not cut down the beautiful large trees along Anderson (which is very good).

Regarding traffic, they know there will be more cars generated by the new complex. They are working with traffic consultants, but added that nothing in Tysons Corner works well in terms of traffic. In the end, the reality is that "growth is coming" they said.

The timeframe for the first phase after all the planning and re-zoning process would be about 2006 when digging would commence.

The second phase is dependent on the proposed Metro extension that would have stops at Colshire Drive along Rt. 123, going sky-high over the Beltway for a stop at Tysons Corner and then going all the way to Weihle Avenue. This is estimated to begin in 2010. The current second phase area of the McLean Commons has 300 apartment units. This would jump to 1,000 to 1,500 units with a potential for even a hotel. Construction would be possibly in ten years, but it looks like we'll have to deal with some major construction disruption for a long time starting in about two years.

We'll be discussing this two-phased plan at upcoming PHCA meetings to decide whether we as a community will or will not endorse this plan. Be sure to attend our monthly citizen meetings to have your say. ■

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Stray Cats in Pimmit Hills/Keeping Cats Indoors

By Cindy Kwitchoff, Dispatch Editor

Here's something I never realized about cats until I had my own: other people's cats always seemed nice enough but were distant and aloof. Yet having your own cats is completely different. They are so lovable, cuddly and want your attention. I've had to learn how to type with one hand as one or the other always wants to be held while I work on the computer. (They also like to walk on the keyboard so if you ever see something like this: zzzzzzyy in the *Dispatch*, you know who "typed" it.)

As a new cat mom, I've become more sensitive to the plight of stray cats. There are many cats that wander the neighborhood, some feral, some with collars and tags and other are somewhere in between—no collar/tag but not wild like feral cats. These cats, I fear, have either been lost, purposely lost or are young cats from unsprayed outdoor cats.

I've learned that it is so important to neuter/spay cats. Not only is it healthier for them, it stops the cycle of unwanted litters. Every time cats mate, the female has a litter. My friend found a crying four-month old kitten who obviously didn't know how to get around outdoors. She called numerous area cat rescue organizations only to be told they couldn't take in anymore cats.

That leaves taking cats to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Ox Road where they are held for 7 days to see if anyone claims them and then they are put up for adoption. As you can imagine they can't hold all the animals they get forever, and the cats are put to sleep if no one adopts them. It's heartbreaking.

The yellow pages of area pet products and services is the Pet Lovers Companion (petloverscompanion.com).

Their directory and website are great resources and have dozens of listings of animal rescue organizations where you can adopt a homeless dog or cat.

The National Humane Society advises that cats should be kept indoors. This article is from their website (<http://nhes.org>):

"Traffic, traps, poisoning and cruel people are just a few of the dangers that can kill or injure outdoor cats. Disease and parasites are much easier to avoid when a cat stays indoors. Cats that are not spayed and neutered and are allowed to roam will mate and create MORE cats that will either die agonizing deaths on the street or be killed in shelters because there are not enough homes for them. Outside dangers are so prevalent that the average lifespan for a free-roaming cat is just a little more than one year, whereas an indoor cat's average lifespan is fourteen to twenty years.

More reasons to keep your cat inside:

- Animal control personnel pick up stray animals – don't allow your pet to become an added burden to this agency
 - Your cat may come in contact with a rabid animal
 - Free-roaming cats are natural predators to certain wildlife
- Cats are quite content and happy indoors. To help them adjust, provide them with:
- a scratching post or cat tree
 - a few safe toys
 - a window perch

- an empty paper grocery bag or empty cardboard box
- a radio tuned to a classical music station – volume low

With these items, you will find that you have easily created a built-in kitty playroom!

You may also want to try one or more of the following sprouts in a pet garden to provide some greenery for your feline: oat grass, wheat grass, rye

grass, parsley, plain grass, catnip, leaf lettuce.

Nibbling on leaves and grass helps remove hairballs and aids in the digestive process. Remember, however, to keep all other houseplants out of reach, since many plants may

be toxic, such as dieffenbachia, ivy – all varieties, lilies of the valley, poinsettia, caladium, cala lilies, oleander, primroses, philodendrons and rhododendrons.

This list is a collection of common toxic plants. It is NOT a list of ALL poisonous plants. In some vegetation, only certain parts of the plants are toxic. In others, all parts are poisonous. If your cat ingests a toxic plant, do not delay in getting your pet to a veterinarian. Death can occur from nibbling even a small portion of a poisonous plant.

Screened porches make excellent play areas for cats. Some people even build large, screened enclosures for their cats, but you don't need to go to that extent to make your feline a happy indoor inhabitant. Cats can learn to enjoy a safe, indoor life with a little encouragement from their friends. ■



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- Dominion Animal Hospital 703-437-6900 spay/neuter clinic weekly

Remember there aren't enough homes for them all. **BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!**

I've lost my pet; what do I do?

The first thing to do, after searching your own neighborhood, is to stop by your local animal shelter to report the lost pet, view the strays at the shelter and check through found reports. You can visit the shelter as often as you wish but should stop in at least every couple of days to make sure the animal has not been brought in. Descriptions of the same animal can vary from one person to the next, so don't rely on a phone call to identify your pet. There is an online form on the Fairfax County Animal Shelter website, where you can report your lost cat or dog.

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter has additional information to assist you in locating your pet. Remember, the more effort you make, the greater the chance of finding your pet.

The most important thing to do is to prevent your pet from becoming lost. Keep your cats indoors at all times with a safety collar and ID tags and dogs on a leash when not inside the home, also properly identified. Tattooing and microchips are also available to help ensure your pet's safe return home.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter:
www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/ac/

FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

I found a cat (or dog); how can I find its owner?

Call the Shelter at 703-830-1100 to find out if the pet has been reported as missing. If the animal shelter has a match, you will be given the name and phone number of the possible owner.

If you wish to hold onto the pet for a few days to see if the owner turns up, you should leave a found report at the Shelter by calling the shelter or by filing a found animal report online on our website. Otherwise, you may bring the pet to the shelter or request that an Animal Warden (in the case of dogs) pick up the animal.

If the animal is a dog and is wearing a Fairfax County license, you will be given the owner's name and phone number.

Fairfax County Animal Shelter:
www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/ac/

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♥ *Please spay and neuter. It is the right thing to do.* ♥

The Humane Society of Fairfax County depends upon the proceeds of our two thrift stores to assist with the substantial and ever-increasing costs of medical care for our rescued animals. Additionally, this funding helps support the general feeding and care of the animals while they await their new loving families. When you are in the mood for spring cleaning or if you have occasion to go through that attic or storage room, please keep us in mind and donate your wares. Household items, toys, books and [clean] clothing that can be sold without repair are greatly appreciated. And when you drop off your donations, take a moment to browse the thrift store for fine collectibles, antiques, or other treasures. The HSFC truck is available for large item pickup when arrangements are made in advance, Please call 703-385-7387 for information or to schedule a pickup. *We hope to see you at one of our shops!*

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Pimmit Hills High School

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Dec 23-31: Winter Break

George C. Marshall High School

Dec 21: Holiday concert at 7 pm

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EMAIL: dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov
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Pimmit Hills School

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The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is one of the largest and oldest community associations in Fairfax County and represents a community of 1,639 homes in the Pimmit Hills area of Falls Church, VA. Pimmit Hills was first established in May 1950. The PHCA monthly *Dispatch* newspaper has been published since 1952.

PHCA Membership is open to all owners and renters living in Pimmit Hills. Please note that we are a **CITIZENS** association, not a HOMEOWNERS association, therefore we don't make you pay \$169 each month in association dues (our are *ONLY* \$12 a year!) and tell you what color to paint your door and shutters, what kind of plants you can have in your front yard and if you're allowed to fly your flag! We're a 'property-rights' neighborhood whose only covenants/regulations are those imposed by Fairfax County. What we do is represent your concerns/interest to Fairfax County officials, hold useful events like the popular Clean-Up Day, put up entrance signs to our community, run monthly citizens meetings where anyone (owners/renters) living in PH can attend and participate, create a PHCA Membership Directory, be a member of the McLean Citizens Association to have a stronger voice in the County, and print/deliver the monthly *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*. ■

PHCA Treasurer's Report

Date: November 2, 2004

PHCA Total Assets from Prior Meeting	\$8,435.71
Checking account opening balance (from October 5 report)	\$304.46
Income	
Pimmit Hills Dispatch Advertising	\$1,156.00
Membership Dues	\$287.00
Total Income	<u>\$1,443.00</u>
Expenses	
Returned Membership Check (\$12 + \$5 Fee)	\$17.00
Dominion Virginia Power for PHCA House (Sept)	\$12.79
Cash (change for Election Day Bake Sale & Membership Drive)	\$80.00
Kwik Kopy—printing November Dispatch	\$732.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$841.79</u>
Checking account closing balance	\$905.67
PHCA CD balance (from Sept 7 report)	\$8,131.25
United Bank CD interest	\$0.00
PHCA CD balance	\$8,131.25
<small>CD automatically renewed February 13, 2004 and will mature November 13, 2004</small>	
PHCA Total Assets at Current Meeting	\$9,036.92
PHCA <u>Operating Expenses</u> at Current Meeting	<u>\$905.67</u>

**Membership Form**

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 Falls Church, VA 22043

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Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

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December 7, 2004

Representative from Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement; Holiday party

January 4, 2005

Supervisor Joan DuBois (tentative)

February 1, 2005

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April 5, 2005

Remodeling in Pimmit Hills by remodeler Rich Ellis

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Dispatch articles, news, meeting dates, announcements, Pimmit Hills weather, useful area & govt links, advertising information, past *Dispatch* issues, PH history, etc. It's all here on your community website: **www.PimmitHills.org!**



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