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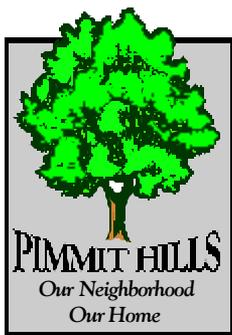
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PHCA Town Meeting

Tuesday,
February 3, 2004
at 7:30 pm
Pinmit Hills School,
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PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY NEWS

The winners of 2003 Pimmit Hills Holiday Decorating Contest have been announced by

PHCA President Gene Lesser:

After lengthy deliberations and careful consideration, the consensus of the judges was the following:

-  **Norman Rockwell Award**
 1905 Pimmit Drive
 Donald VanNess
-  **Dr. Seuss Award**
 1944 Hileman Road
 Dave Mason
-  **Over the Top Award**
 7723 Fisher Drive
 Wayne & Dawn Wolf
-  **Neighborhood Jewel Award**
 2006 Oswald Place
 James Ermini

...and Honorable Mention awards go to our own *Dispatch* editor, Cindy Kwitchoff, for a very classy looking display at 1925 Cherri Drive, and to the decorator of the sail boat at 1938 Griffith Drive.



We asked last issue if anyone remembered what Pimmit Hills houses sold for 54 years ago. Well, if you had \$11,000 to \$12,400, you could have bought a new Pimmit Hills home. The average price now for a PH home is \$260,000 to \$415,000, a whopping \$248K-\$403K on your investment.



At our February PHCA meeting:

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The first responders to the terrorist attacks in 2001 became a source of inspiration and hope for millions of people across the nation and here in Fairfax County. From their example came a new resolve: to be better prepared in the event of another wide-scale attack anywhere in America. In addition to large scale disasters, home fires and natural disasters destroy the lives of Fairfax County residents daily.

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Cross, we present the *Together We Prepare* initiative. The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area will provide free training for individuals and families to prepare. With five simple steps—make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer and give blood—the Red Cross and you will help make this community safer.

Community involvement is critical for programs that prepare individuals, families and neighbors for emergencies. **Please be sure to attend this presentation at the PHCA Meeting on February 3, 2004 at 7:30 pm.**



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- PHCA representing the community to Fairfax County and its officials
- Access to community events like Clean-Up Day, Community Yard Sale (no paying for a table), Donation Day (we're planning two of each this year!)
- Projects like building entrance signs to Pimmit Hills
- Running monthly meetings where community business is conducted that affects you; having special speakers come to our meetings like our elected leaders, transportation and development topics
- Being a part of the McLean Citizens Association which gives us an even stronger voice in Fairfax County
- Helping PH citizens with problems and complaints; working with Fairfax County on serious property concerns, an official PHCA membership card, **AND MORE!**

PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

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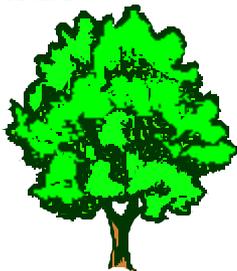
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I'd like to volunteer to help out with PHCA activities yes no

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PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Notes

By Sarah Rock, PHCA Secretary

Hello Neighbors! Here are the highlights from the January 2004 PHCA meeting.

We started off with Treasurer Kim Rollen's comprehensive financial report covering the four months of September through December 2003.

Second VP Lee Rock gave an update on the December McLean Citizens Association meeting. He noted that there were two MCA resolutions of interest to Pimmit Hills residents.

1) MCA passed a resolution petitioning the Fairfax County Park Authority to upgrade the classification of the McLean High School Park and rename it as "Saucy Branch Park and Nature Preserve." Saucy Branch is tributary of Pimmit Run.

2) MCA passed a resolution with regard to proposed increase of storage tracks at the West Falls Church Metro Yard from 26 storage tracks to 42 storage tracks. MCA requested that strong effects be taken to mitigate noise pollution caused by the increased rail storage.

First VP Joan Naleppa gave an update regarding the Welcome Sign project. She is in the process of re-applying for sign and building permits. A drawing of the proposed lettering was shared with the group.

Sue King provided an update from the quarterly Neighborhood Watch coordinator meeting held in December 2003.

1) A new safe house project is being organized in Virginia. McGruff Houses will be places where children can go when they feel threatened or are in danger. Background checks will be conducted before a house is designated as a McGruff House.

2) Did you know that Fairfax County has 1.3 police officers per 1000 citizens? The national average is 2.7 police officers per 1000.

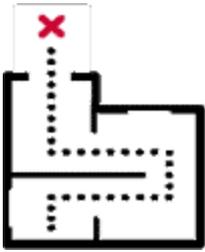
President Gene Lesser announced the winners of the 2003 Holiday Decorating contest. He noted that many wonderfully decorated homes were nominated this year. He also alerted residents that they should be on the lookout for stolen decorations.

President Lesser is setting up a date for a presentation by the private company building the H.O.T (High Occupancy Toll) lanes on the Capital Beltway.

Several residents have reported incidents of speeding Metro buses in our neighborhood. If you've noticed a Metro vehicle operating in an unsafe manner, please let a PHCA

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**Please be sure to attend the
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tion meeting on Tuesday,
February 3 at 7:30 pm at the
Pimmit Hills School on Lisle
Avenue.**

**The American Red Cross
of the National Capital Area
will give a free presentation
on Emergency Preparedness.**

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board member know. Please make note of the bus or vehicle number, the time of the incident and approximate location.

The "free" newspapers piling up on driveways and sidewalks around Pimmit Hills remain a problem despite previous letters to the newspaper publishers. The *Fairfax Journal* has indicated that they will stop delivery for individual ad-

dresses if requested by individual residents, but will not stop delivery to the entire neighborhood. If you would like to stop The *Fairfax Journal* from littering your lawn, you can call the circulation department at 703-846-8500. Thanks to Linda Bell for this tip.

I look forward to seeing you at the February meeting. ■

Next Pimmit Hills Town Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 3 at 7:30 pm, Pimmit Hills School



Pimmit Hills High School Activities:

February 5: Early Closing for Professional Learning Communities (PLC) In-Service

February 11: Graduation Rehearsal (From 3:00-5:00 pm) at Falls Church High School

February 12: 1st Semester Graduation (begins at 7:00 pm) at Falls Church High School

February 21: Fairfax County Public Schools Job Fair

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Feb 4: Band and Strings Concert, 2 pm

Feb 16: Washington's Birthday/No School

Feb 17: SOL Night Grade 3

Feb 21: Jump Rope for Heart, 1 pm

Feb 27: Family Fun Night, 6 pm

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The Joys of Remodeling

By Cindy Kwitchoff, Dispatch Editor

This begins an occasional series on what remodeling is like.

Remodeling fever is hot, especially in Pimmit Hills. Every day as you drive around our community, you see more and more houses getting an addition, a second-story, a facelift or even torn down to begin again. And why not? Our small, 50+ year old homes with big lots are ripe for improving. Each Pimmit Hills home started life in 2 or 3 identical configurations, but since then, each home has evolved with their own unique characteristics.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry states that the remodeling market, a \$214 billion industry in the US in 2003, is projected to grow to \$224 billion or more in 2004. This is BIG business and probably why it's so hard to find a contractor to return your phone calls.

I found that to be the case as I began my search for a contractor. Back in February 2003, all the snow we had caused an ice dam on the shed roof on the back of my house, an addition put on before I moved to the house. Water poured into my living room and soaked the carpet. When an insurance rep came to review the room, he discovered something far worse—dry rot inside the walls on the back of my house. As this was long-term damage, insurance wouldn't cover it.

Thus began my long journey into

learning all about drainage and how to fix it — which has now grown into a large remodel.

I guess we're called Pimmit HILLS because our community is hilly. Water in my backyard drained toward my house making my crawlspace a lake. The shed roof and small gutters in the back didn't help much. I called a couple of professional drainage companies for their opinion. Upon inspection, one of them said a solution was to simply move!

I learned that there were no berms (a protective mound or bank of earth) in the backyard causing water to drain around and away from the house. It seems an addition and a deck put on in the 1980s (?) flattened the berms. Another mystery was the downspout that the deck covered—where was it draining to? When the deck was recently removed, we found it was draining to nowhere creating a big puddle at the corner of the house which literally ate away at the concrete foundation. Why the people who built the deck did this is another mystery.

Water and our gardens is good. Water and our houses isn't. I found out that water can easily seep through concrete (thus Lake Placid in my crawlspace complete with an ice skating rink in the winter). It's important to drain away water

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through land berms and drainage pipes. I also put a sump pump in the crawlspace which dried up the lake.

You can see from the photo on this page the damage water over time has done to the back walls. Unfortunately, when I had the old siding replaced two years ago, the siding contractors never told me about the condition of those walls. I guess they wanted to finish the job and get paid rather than have the entire job stopped because the walls needed to be fixed. Recommendation – not only be at home when siding contractors do their work, but when they rip off the old siding, make sure you see the condition of all the walls.

At first I thought I just needed to repair a wall. But after cutting into the walls at different places to inspect the interior, I realized the problem was bigger. At one spot, the 2x4 crumbled in my hand like compost. It was time for a “necessary” remodel, not a “for fun” remodel.

I’m always watching those home shows on HGTV and TLC (my current favorite show is “Clean Sweep” on TLC) and had ideas on what I needed and wanted. The main purpose of the remodel is to fix the drainage problem in my yard so the house isn’t further damaged. I knew I needed to bump the house out to create a new, better foundation. This would create a Great Room in the back of my



small and mine was in the interior of the house (therefore rather dark) so I thought about taking down a wall so that it would be open to the Great Room.

While I was at it, PH bathrooms are notoriously small (and I found out some original bathrooms didn’t even have an electrical outlet!). Why not take out the closet in the back bedroom and expand the bathroom? The previous owners already combined the two front bedrooms to make one large master bedroom with room for a powder room and closets. So I didn’t have a door to get in the way of making the bathroom bigger.

And then there’s the carpet. Mine is scratchy brown industrial grade. The only thing good about it is that I didn’t mind walking on it with muddy or snowy shoes.

As you can see, the list of things to remodel became bigger and bigger (isn’t this always the case? Hey if one thing has to be changed, why not change everything while you’re at it?).

One more item went on the list: a nice new front door. I went to Merrifield Home Depot and chose the door I wanted and figured I would,

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Around Town

By
Bob Surrette

Bob Surrette wishing you a very happy second month of 2004. Speaking of numbers, have you been to 7-Eleven lately? 7 am to 11 pm used to be their business hours. But ours is open 24 by 7 by 365, as they say. And that is great for us because no matter what you need or when you need it, they are open and they likely have it.

I used to stop by on a regular basis to get a really big do-it-yourself chili cheese dog or hot slice of pizza when I was checking the mailbox, dropping off laundry or gassing up the guzzler. Gotta watch what I eat now so I only treat myself to one of their wonderful variety of delicious ready-to-eat treats when I've been really good – or my Wife's out of town.

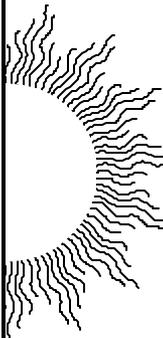
In addition to your daily needs, milk, bread, toilet paper, cigarettes and other of life's necessities, 7-Eleven is also a great place to shop for seasonal items. They always seem to know what I will need next and have it in stock when I come by.

I also do a lot of my holiday and birthday present shopping here. For example, at work we exchange holiday gifts that have to be under ten dollars. I'll just buy \$10 worth of Virginia Lottery Tickets, the

scratch off kind. Neat, easy and fit in an envelop – no need to gift wrap them. I also get some for my Family each December. I put a quarter in with each set for scratching. Someone always wins and that's great. I always buy more cards with the winnings. I am looking for that big, Big Win. Remember, this is the place that invented big – Big Bite, Big Gulp, Big Bob. Oops. Guess I did that last one myself. By the way, where better to gamble than 7-11, two very lucky numbers.

When my Daughter was young, sometimes on sultry summer evenings we'd ride our bikes to this store for a cool treat. Marie was just learning addition in arithmetic class. Our codeword for a road trip was a whispered, "18", the sum of 7 & 11. Her Mom never knew – not! Marie would also stock up on Twix from the fabulous candy aisle.

When I get selected for the Big Survivor game and they ask me which one item I want to take with me, it is NOT going to be my trusty Boy Scout knife. I am going to ask to take our 7-Eleven. RJSurrette@AOL.Com or PO Box 3311, Falls Church VA 22043 is how to reach me. Thanks for your time. ■



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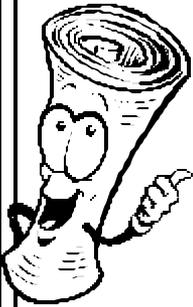


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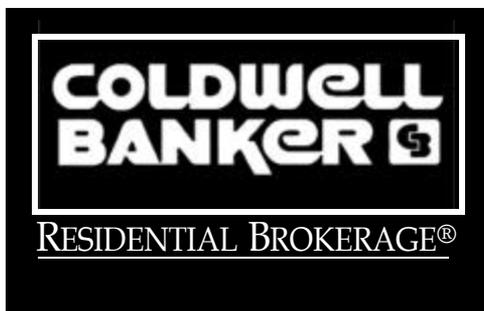
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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis,
Horticulturalist

It looks like it's going to be a severe cabin-fever season this year. Winter arrived too early, as did the first snow. And we've already seen single digit temps. Although the days are slowly lengthening, the Crocuses will set no record for early bloom this year. And the house is, again, too small.

It's not like the house actually shrinks in winter, but with the onset of cold weather we lose our outdoor rooms: the deck and patio. And we make good use of the deck and patio from the first whiff of warm weather until the fire in the chiminea is not enough to keep our toes toasty. In the olden days big porches furnished with swings and wicker chairs created outdoor living spaces where the family gathered to escape the heat of the house.



Today, especially in the newer houses, the occupants leave the climate-controlled house by way of the garage and drive to work or the store in air conditioned comfort. If the house comes with outside living

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space it's usually a small deck that's so high off the ground that it's completely disconnected from the yard. We are fortunate that our houses are close to the ground. And many of us are lucky to have large, shade trees in our yards. A weekend project or two can create very enjoyable outdoor spaces that blend house and garden.

When the weather warms, my husband and I move outside. When I bought the house six and a half years ago it came with a nice, big deck off the back of the house. But the deck felt separated from the yard – the only access to the yard was a short, steep set of steps off the side of the deck. I had plans to create a garden out of the entire back yard, but I needed space for people, too. Popping off a third of the deck railing and building a

seven-foot wide set of steps down onto the corner of a newly constructed flagstone patio really opened up the deck to the rest of the yard. No longer fenced off from the yard, the deck became transition space onto the patio, in addition to outdoor dining room.

I canted the rectangular patio out into the yard, creating two triangular pockets between flagstone and deck for plants; this arrangement pulls the patio out into the yard, creating a room surrounded by garden, while still connected to the deck. Off the back corner, a pile of large, weathered stones release a gush of water into a small pond. The stones along the pond's edge just nose onto the patio as the water flows under the flagstones to

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the January 2004 issue of the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*, Diana Robertson expresses her appreciation for the freedom of choice that allows her to display the American flag on her mailbox in Pimmit Hills without being hassled by the Citizens Association as was the case in a community in Prince William County.

I agree with her 100%. For those of us who for whatever reason choose not to display the American flag on a mailbox or elsewhere, I express appreciation for the fact that the Association and residents of Pimmit Hills are tolerant enough to accept that choice too.

Ted Hochstadt
Olney Road



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Your Community Website

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emerge as a stream on the other side. The cut flagstone was selected to match the fieldstone used in the water course, tying the manmade patio into the natural-looking pond and stream.



Our outdoor dining room is furnished with a wooden table big enough to seat eight guests. An umbrella provides lunchtime shade and a candelabrum lights the table after dark. Cushions and a fan keep guests comfortable and mosquito-free. (A box fan set at one end of the deck keeps the air moving enough to discourage the blood-thirsty pests from joining the party.)

A corner of the deck houses the charcoal grill – husband mans the

grill while dueling with a native wisteria vine, both staking claim to the space. (The vine has been there longer.) Tiki torches and staked candleholders surround the deck and patio in soft light for evening

entertaining, even if it's just the two of us enjoying a bottle of wine on the patio. Large terra cotta pots overflowing with foliage and flowers blur the line between garden and hardscape. The waterfall drowns out neighborhood noises with nature's version of water music.

We have created a lovely sanctuary out back. It's sad each fall to have to put away the furnishings for the winter. If a warm spell arrives we will pull a couple of chairs out, fire up the

chiminea and open a bottle of red wine – if a warm spell arrives Sigh. I can't wait for spring!■

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-
Ellis lives on Leonard Road*

*Have a garden question for Deanne?
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Photo on pages 16 and 20 from "Great Ideas for Patios and Decks" by Sunset

Photo on page 18 is Deanne's garden patio

have Home Depot's own "AtHome Services" install the door. They told me I couldn't order the door until they scheduled someone to come out and measure my door frame. This took about a week or two.

Then I went back to Home Depot to order the door. Unfortunately there was only one person on duty at the counter dealing with a couple who must have been ordering 100 windows. I waited for well over an hour. Other people who came behind me just gave up. Finally, he took my order and was helpful and friendly, but it was an unusually long process. I was at Home Depot for over two hours total.

Just in case you didn't realize (like I didn't at first), Home Depot's "At-Home Services" that you see advertised aren't actually Home Depot employees. They are contractors. You can find a contractor to install your door or you can have Home Depot find you a contractor.

When their contractor, "On the Level Trucking & Contracting" called to schedule the install, they said they wouldn't show up if it rained or snowed (I guess it's a good thing they aren't based in Seattle or Chicago). The installer was scheduled to be at my house between 1 pm and 4 pm. He came at 5 pm. He began installing the door, and installing, and installing. Finally around 11 pm I told him he had to leave. He had managed to install the framing wrong, the trim wrong, the doorknob and lock wrong, the faceplates wrong and even chipped the door. Plus he

couldn't re-install the storm door. The trim was the most incredible mess I had ever seen. I was even embarrassed to have the mailman see it.

I'm not sure the contracting company really believed me when I faxed them a list of problems, but when they came over, even they were shocked. "My nine year old daughter could do better than this," one said. The company has been in business for 16 years doing nothing but doors, but apparently I had the misfortune of having an employee who had only been on the job for only two weeks. The company said they would have to replace everything—the frame and door. The rep that came out had very good customer service and made me feel better about the whole thing, but the president of the company I also had to deal with gave me a bit of a run around and seemed ticked that he had to replace everything on his own dime. As for the employee, they had to go fix the other jobs he did for those two days. He was fired.

As of this writing in mid-January, the door is scheduled to be replaced at the end of January. A long, long road that began back in October for a simple, \$417 door.

Next month: Don't believe Trading Spaces — you can't remodel a bathroom in two days. Knock down a wall, put in a new sink cabinet, it'll be quick and easy, right? A handyman to the rescue. ■

See photos of the progress of the remodel via the Pimmit Hills website. Also, let us know your remodeling experiences and what you've learned.

Avoiding Home Improvement Scams

By the National Association of the Remodeling Industry

Pimmit Hills is no stranger to having questionable 'home improvement' people soliciting door-to-door offering to do various jobs.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) offers homeowners these top ten warning signs that a home improvement contractor may not be reputable:

1) You can't verify the name, address, telephone number or credentials of the remodeler.

2) The salesperson tries to pressure you into signing a contract.

3) The salesperson tells you a special price is available only if you sign the contract "today."

4) No references are furnished.

5) Information you receive from the contractor is out-of-date or no longer valid.

6) You are unable to verify the license or insurance information.

7) You are asked to pay for the entire job in advance, or to pay in cash to a salesperson instead of by check or money order to the company itself.

8) The company cannot be found in the telephone book, is not listed with the local Better Business Bureau, or with a local trade association, such as NARI.

9) The contractor does not offer, inform or extend notice of your right to cancel the contract within three days. Law requires notification in writing of your "Right of

Recision". This grace period allows you to change your mind and declare the contract null and void without penalty (if the agreement was solicited at some place other than the contractor's place of business or appropriate trade premises in your home, for instance.)

10) You are given vague or reluctant answers or your questions are not answered to your satisfaction.

In addition, avoid contractors who exhibit poor communication skills, are impatient and do not listen to you, or situations in which the contractor is not accessible. Your needs as the homeowner should be addressed, not just the work at hand. Your contractor should also present examples of previous projects if asked, along with references. Don't hesitate to call those references - a reputable contractor will be happy you did.

NARI is a professional association whose member companies voluntarily subscribe to a strict code of ethics. Consumers can search [www. RemodelToday.com](http://www.RemodelToday.com) to find a remodeler who is a member of NARI.

For more information about finding a qualified remodeling professional, consumers can call the NARI National hotline at 800-611-NARI and request a free copy of NARI's brochure, "How to Select a Remodeling Professional." ■

Visit a Place of Worship

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

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McLean Presbyterian Church
 1020 Balls Hill Rd, McLean
 Pastor John Hutchinson
 703-821-0800; www.mcleanpres.org
 Worship at 9:15 am and 11:00 am
 Sunday school for children and
 Adult Education classes at 9:15 and
 11:00 am

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel
 Catholic Parish**
 8601 Wolftrap Rd, Vienna
 703-938-2828; website: olgcv.org
 Mass: Mon-Fri 8:00 am (12 Noon-
 check website); Saturday: 8:00 am;
 Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:00, 8:00,
 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm and 6:00
 pm (Spanish)

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Redeemer Lutheran Church
 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean
 703-356-3346
 Pastor George Evans
 Asst. Pastor Jeffrey Wilson
 Sunday school 9:45 am
 Sunday services 8:30 am, 9:45 am,
 11:00 am

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

“We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in their own way—everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want—everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear—anywhere in the world.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1941

THE PIMMIT HILLS DISPATCH

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

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DAYCARE – In my Pimmit Hills home. Full-time, part-time, before and after school. Close to Rts. 7, 66 and 495. I care for children 6 weeks and up. I have 30 years experience and great references. Reasonable

price includes lunch and snack. Call Edna at 703-821-8366.

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FREE – Wood chip mulch delivered. Also free unsplit firewood. Call Mark at 703-790-0651.

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**HANDYMAN/REMODELING** – Specializing in kitchen, bathroom remodeling. Also available: painting, tile, drywall repair, decks power washed and repaired, minor plumbing and lots more. Call Kenny Shrader at 703-506-4532 for free estimate. Longtime Pimmit Hills resident.

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HANDYMAN – Roof and gutter repairs, hauling and general home maintenance. Gutter cleaning special \$35 (with gutter screens extra). Power washing fences, decks, siding. Call Steve at 540-718-4120 or pager, 703-393-3272. Free estimates. 24-hr emergency roof repairs.

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drywall & rotted wood repair, ceiling & attic fans, window & screen replacement, storm doors, toilet repairs, caulking, dryer vent cleaning, outdoor lighting, power washing +. Free estimates, insured. Call Doug at 703-556-4276. See our website [www.novahandyman.com](http://www.novahandyman.com).

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**PAMPERED CHEF**—High quality kitchen merchandise/pantry items for sale at reasonable prices. Discounts for those willing to host a show by inviting friends for a fun demonstration. Contact Karen Stevenson, Consultant, 703-734-0132 or by e-mail at [karenstevenson@verizon.net](mailto:karenstevenson@verizon.net) for details.

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Saturday, May 1.
See our website
for more details.**

Ads and Articles due for Mar 2004 issue:

February 7

See back cover for more information on advertising

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7510 Lisle Avenue

FRONT OFFICE PHONE: 703-506-2344

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To report safety, parking or behavioral concerns: 703-506-2318

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NOTE: If you find a phone number is incorrect or has been changed, please let the *Dispatch* know.

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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 Health, 703-246-2411

Dept of Motor Vehicles, 866-368-5463

Disabilities Svc Board, 703-324-5421

Dept of Public Works

Environmental Svcs, 703-324-5033

Site Inspections, 703-324-1950

Electoral Board, 703-222-0776

Fairfax County Public Schools,

703-246-2502

Gas Leaks, 888-223-9452

Human Services, 703-222-0880

Office for Children, 703-324-8100

Office for Women, 703-324-5730

Park Authority, 703-324-8700

Pimmit Senior Center, 703-734-3238

Planning Commission, 703-324-2865

Police (non-emergency) 703-691-2131

Tax Administration, 703-324-8234

Trash Collection/Recycling,

703-324-5040

VDOT Maintenance, 703-383-VDOT

Virginia Power, 888-667-3000

Zoning Enforcement (Suite 829)

Phone: 703-324-1300

Fax: 703-324-1343

— Investigates complaints of alleged violations of the Zoning Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance

— Reviews and approves sign permits

More Zoning Information:

www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/ocp/zoningordinance

PIMMIT HILLS



CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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PHCA TOWN MEETINGS:

- February 3, 2004
- March 2, 2003
- April 6, 2003
- May 4, 2003
- June 1, 2004

No July or August meetings



PHCA Town Meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue. **ALL Pimmit Hills homeowners and renters are welcome and encouraged to attend!**