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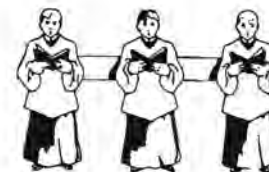
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				\$30	\$169	Intermediate
2. Bryant Adult Center 2709 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22306 Testing and Registration: 1:00 PM: 4/28, 5/19, 6/16 6:30 PM: 4/26, 5/18, 6/17	M-F	9 a.m.	60 3 hr. cls.	\$75	\$499	ESL Literacy, Beginning, Intermediate
				\$251	\$499	Advanced I, II
	M,W	9 a.m.	24 3 hr. cls.	N/A	\$281	TOEFL Preparation
	T,Th	9 a.m.	24 3 hr. cls.	N/A	\$281	Advanced Writing & Conversation
3. Centreville Adult Center 5775 Spindle Court Centreville, VA 20121 Testing and Registration at Herndon Adult Center	M,W	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	ESL Literacy, Beginning
				\$30	\$169	Intermediate
	T,Th	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	U.S. Citizenship
	T,Th	8:45 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	Beginning
4. Chantilly High School 4201 Stringfellow Road Chantilly, VA 20151 Testing and Registration at Herndon High School	T,Th	11 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$30	\$169	Intermediate
	M,W	9 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$86	\$169	Advanced (at Centreville UMC)
	T,Th	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	ESL Literacy, Beginning
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5. Herndon Adult Center (behind Herndon Middle School) 901 Locust Street Herndon, VA 20170 Testing and Registration: 1:00 PM: 4/29, 5/20, 6/17	M,W	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	Advanced
				\$30	\$169	Beginning, Intermediate
	M-F	9 a.m.	60 2 hr. cls.	\$65	\$369	Beginning, Intermediate
	M-F	11:15 a.m.	60 2 hr. cls.	\$65	\$369	Advanced
6. Herndon High School 700 Bennett Street Herndon, VA 20170 Testing and Registration: 6:30 PM: 4/28, 5/17, 6/14	T,Th	24 2 hr. cls.	\$30	\$169	Intermediate	
	M,W	7 p.m.	24 3 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	Beginning
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8. Marshall High School 7731 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22043 Testing and Registration at Pimmit Hills Center	M,W	8:15 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	Literacy
	T,Th	10:30 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$30	\$169	Beginning
	M,W	10:30 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$30	\$169	Intermediate II
	T,Th	10:30 a.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$30	\$169	Intermediate I
	F	9:00 a.m.	12 3 hr. cls.	\$86	\$169	Advanced
	T	7:00 p.m.	3 3hr. cls.	N/A	\$141	Pronunciation Improvement
9. Pimmit Hills Center 7510 Lisle Avenue Falls Church, VA 22043 Testing and Registration: 1:00 PM: 4/26, 5/17, 6/14 6:30 PM: 4/28, 5/20, 6/16	T	7:00 p.m.	3 3hr. cls.	\$25	\$50	U.S. Citizenship
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	M-F	12:30 p.m.	60 2 hr. cls.	\$65	\$369	Beginning, Intermediate
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10. Willston Center 6131 Willston Drive Falls Church, VA 22044 Testing and Registration: 1:00 PM: 4/27, 5/4 6:30 PM: 4/27 WELL (Weekend Learning Lab) Crossroads Café	M,W	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	ESL Literacy, Beginning
				\$30	\$169	Intermediate
	T,Th	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$30	\$169	Intermediate Reading & Writing
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	T,Th	7 p.m.	24 3 hr. cls.	N/A	\$281	TOEFL Preparation
11. Woodson High School 9525 Main Street Fairfax, VA 22031 Testing and Registration: 6:30 PM: 4/29, 5/19, 6/16	T,Th	7 p.m.	24 2 hr. cls.	\$0	\$169	Advanced Writing & Conversation
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	M-F	9 a.m.	60 3 hr. cls.	\$75	\$499	ESL Literacy, Beginning, Intermediate
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Tue. 6/15 10:00am - Craft Project: Block-printed aprons (\$12.50)

Fri. 6/18 11:00am - Father's Day Horseshoe Tournament

Fri. 6/25 12:00noon Summer Barbecue (RR) Cost: \$4

Wednesdays 10:30am - Bingo

Fridays 10:00am - Int/Adv Line Dancing

Pimmit Hills Senior Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services.

*Due to the renovations on Pimmit Hills School we will be relocating to the Work and Family Studies area at Marshall High School from June 28 until August 27, 1999.

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"WHOSE STUFF IS IT?"
(Operation Identification)

May 7, 1999

Keith Allison, PHCA President
1748 Pimmit Drive
Falls Church, VA 22043

Dear Mr. Allison,

I was disappointed to note that your ONLY comment on PH's clean-up day was a complaint about trash left outside a container. It would have been more appropriate to THANK those who cared enough about our neighborhood to come out that day! I believe it is this type of negative attitude that prevents more people from joining and participating in the PHCA.

For example, when my husband and I moved here last October, we joined the PHCA right away. We take our civic duty seriously, and were eager to get involved in our new community. We enclosed a note with our membership application stating that we would be happy to help out in any way, and that someone should let us know what was needed. No one ever contacted us, or even acknowledged that our check had been received. I took a night off from my job to attend a Citizens Association meeting -- which is very difficult for me -- and was ignored by those who seemed to be "old timers". A month or two later, I saw a plea in the *Dispatch* for people to deliver the newsletter, and volunteered. I have been walking a route for nearly a year.

In all that time, however, the only thing I've read or heard from the PHCA officers has been negative: complaints about people not attending meetings, complaints about a lack of *Dispatch* carriers, insults to my Hispanic neighbors, and so on. Not one word about the work I and others have been doing, or an appealing invitation to come see what PHCA is all about!

If you want people to be more involved, this kind of attitude will do nothing to further your cause. You need to be welcoming rather than condemning. You need to be neighborly and warm. You ought to be praising every single person who DOES participate in things like the clean-up: people will respond better to a pat on the back than a poke in the eye.

As for the disappointing turnout of nominees for PHCA offices, I can only say that I briefly considered running but decided against it based on my experience with the organization to date. Your group strikes me as a gossipy insider clique, one that would not appreciate my work or ideas, but would criticize them at every turn. Others may feel the same way.

So please, PLEASE, in future issues of the *Dispatch* and at future meetings, can we hear about some of the wonderful things that are happening in this wonderful neighborhood? Perhaps you could report on the success of the community yard sale. Or the formation of the walking club for stay-at-home moms organized by Stephanie Gillespie on Storm Drive. Or the astounding number of homeowners I see who are fixing up their homes and making Pimmit Hills beautiful. The good things are there if you care to look for them.

Sincerely,

Kristine Griswold
Leonard Drive

When a person is burglarized, or property is stolen or violated, and property is lost, the victim wants the criminal caught and the property returned. When a police officer is taking a crime report and asks for a description of the stolen property, the officer usually receives a response like: "My television set was brown and almost new. It was a color set, a Sony, I think". When asked for identification numbers or serial numbers, the victim usually responds, "I've got the receipt, but no serial numbers". Rarely is a serial number recorded on the receipt.

So what can you do to make it easier to identify your property, or even possibly deter a burglar from taking it from you? Mark it! Man has always wanted to "mark" the things he owns. Ancient Egyptians first invented the practice of "branding cattle". Unauthorized people found in possession of branded cattle were severely punished. Modern day Operation Identification was developed in Monterey Park, California in 1963 to deter thefts of hubcaps!

The chief of police provided electric engravers to engrave auto license numbers on the hubcaps, issued warning stickers for homes and businesses and a system to register or inventory the numbers.

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TRIVIA

Q. Are any people actually afraid of getting rich?

A. That, or afraid of rich people. The word for fear of wealth: "plutophobia."

No mammal, not a one, is indigenous to New Zealand.

Chinese Proverb No. 1453: "To know the road ahead, ask those coming back."

Claim is New Guinea's greater melampitta - that's a bird, I'm told - is the only fowl on earth that roosts underground.

PHCA OFFICERS

Keith Allison	President	356-9632
Ann Endler	1 st . V.P.	356-5570
Gary Samples	2 nd . V.P.	893-7075
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 If Keith is unavailable, call the next
 officer on the list, etc.

All questions and comments are given to our President, Keith Allison. He will most likely address them at future meetings. These comments are sent freely by residents and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Board of Directors Thank you.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Donnie Dick

I was going to write about the litter created by the soccer players in the Tysons - Pimmit Park behind the library. I had noticed a dramatic increase in litter with the spring weather when it dawned on me that a lot of the trash was composed of empty beer containers. Drinking alcoholic beverages in county parks is a no-no. Could the McLean Substation bicycle patrol make a few visits in the evening to nip this in the bud? No pun intended.

I was out voted on spending \$410.00 for a trash container for the spring clean-up day. I thought with a little cajoling we might have been able to get a better deal. Time was not on my side. So will all you junkies out there make good use of the dumpster.

Good news on the Pimmit Hills phone directory. The computerized listing has been re-created by our hard working treasurer Danny VanRoekel and we should be seeing the fruits of his labor in the not too distant future.

While I am on the subject of phone services, did you notice that you now have to pay a monthly long distance fee whether you make a call or not? It was suggested to me to drop the service and use one of the 10-10 numbers for the rare occasions I make a long distance call.

April 17, trash day, was a smashing success. The dumpster was filled to the brim and lots of neighbors had to be turned away. Maybe we could get the county to help out in another collection day in the fall. Glad to see all of you good folks cleaning up our community.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive is continuing. We have tried to make the drive convenient for all. Please mail your application and a check for \$3.00 per person to the address below. The more members we have, the stronger our voice is with the government of Fairfax County

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The most common number used to engrave is a person's drivers license, BUT NOT A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER! Do you still have your Social Security number as a driver's license? This can and should be changed next time you renew your license or any time you can visit your local DMV office. You can ask for a "T" number to replace your Social Security number. That number can then be used to mark your property.

Your local Crime Prevention Officer will be happy to show you how to use that number to mark your property with an engraver. The engraver itself is available to check out at the library as you would a book.

What can be engraved? Anything can be engraved unless engraving the article would either reduce its value or destroy that item. Items such as cameras, jewelry, etc., may be engraved by a jewelers exactly as anything else it engraved. Antiques, china, etc., should be photographed or videotaped with verbal or written description. When recording the items engraved, it's important to also make note of anything unique about the property, or alterations.

Operation Identification is a citizen's burglary prevention program, which can assist in locating the owner of lost or stolen property which is recovered by police. Marked property is difficult for a burglar to dispose of or resell to a "fence". If a burglar is caught with marked property, it can be solid evidence of possession of stolen goods.

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