



## Pimmit Hills Calendar of Events:

- Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
- Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm: Pimmit Hills High School Community Pass Day. Flea market, child fingerprinting, car wash, safety and security tips, etc., 7510 Lisle Avenue in Pimmit Hills. Call 703-506-2230 for more information.
- Saturday, April 29: Christmas in April project. Volunteers from the community help fix up low income homes in Pimmit Hills. Call Kenny at 703-506-4532 to help out.
- Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
- Thursday, May 3 to Sunday, May 6: Marshall High School presents the play, "Hotel Paradiso," acted by the Virginia state theater champions from Marshall. Call 703-714-5400 for more information.
- Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm: Hospice Plant Sale, 4715 North 15th Street in Arlington. Raindate May 6. Call Joe Pimento at 703-847-8587 for more information.
- Tuesday, June 5 at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting. PHCA officer elections for June 2001 to June 2002 year.

Send community events to the Dispatch editor

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## May issue deadline: April 10

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Our Home

April  
2001

# The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

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# PIMMIT HILLS NEWS



**Pimmit Hills**  
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## Volunteers Needed for Christmas in April

St. Luke's United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Christmas in April house on Saturday, April 29. This is a home repair project for qualifying low income and elderly home owners.

Volunteers are needed to make this project a success. No skills required but skilled trades are welcome. For more information, contact Kenny Shrader at 703-506-4532.

If you think your house might qualify, contact RPJ Housing at 703-528-5606, ext. 16 (Patti Dennis).☞

## Hospice Plant Sale

The Hospice of Northern Virginia will hold a plant sale on May 5, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (rain date May 6, same hours) at the Hospice Center, 4715 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington. Refreshments will be available.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Landscape Fund, which has been created to maintain the grounds at the acute care facility. The grounds have extensive gardens for the enjoyment of patients, their families, visitors, staff and community.

Donations of perennial divisions, small shrubs or garden equipment for the sale are most welcome. Call Joe Pimento at 703-847-8587 for more information regarding the sale or to make plant donations.

The Hospice of Northern Virginia is a non-profit organization. It has assisted many families in Pimmit Hills and is an asset to our community.☞

## "Seniors-on-the-Go"

"Seniors-on-the-Go" is a new Fairfax County pilot program that is for people 65 years or older who meet certain income criteria (annual income less than \$50,000 for a family of one and \$60,000 or less for a family of two) and live in specified zip codes, including Pimmit Hills. It involves taxicab coupon books worth \$30 that may be bought for \$10 by qualified people and used for any of four approved taxi companies. For information, call the Fairfax County DOT at 703-324-1172.☞

## Bulk Delivery of Dispatch

We're looking into mailing the *Dispatch* to PH residents via bulk mail. The only catch is that there is no set delivery date so you would receive the *Dispatch* different times each month. Stay tuned! And remember the next PHCA meeting dates are April 3, May 1 and June 5. Don't depend on the delivery date of the *Dispatch* to remind you.☞



# Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

## Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

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# MEMBERSHIP in the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

September 2000 – August 2001



**Pimmit Hills**  
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It's time to renew your yearly membership in the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. Membership is still a bargain at only \$3 per person. Your support of your community helps the PHCA to have a stronger voice with the government of Fairfax County. Important: the information you provide below will be incorporated into the next PHCA Directory. Please be sure it is accurate.

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# Pimmit Hills High School Community Pass Day

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# Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary

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

Hello Neighbors - I am pleased to report that in March we once again welcomed a large number of people to our monthly PHCA meeting. Now, some cynics are saying that the only reason people have been coming out is because of the developer rumors and now that this issue is officially dead, folks won't come any more. What do you think? Have we really reached a point where the only thing that motivates us to get involved is fear and/or curiosity? I hope not. I hope that more and more of us continue to make the time to come out and participate in the only organization whose sole purpose is, "To promote and advance the welfare of the residents of Pimmit Hills subdivision and immediately adjacent subdivisions."

Speaking of cynical thoughts, I have just one more to share and then I'll stop. I promise. The Bylaws of the Association stipulate that each year at the March meeting, a nominating committee needs to be formed to put together and present

a slate of officers to serve for the next Association Year. Accordingly, at the March 2001 meeting, a call for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee for this year was made and, frankly, the silence was deafening. Not one person out of the more than 50 in attendance came forward to help. It seems that folks want an Association that they can come to when they want or need something and to give them a monthly newsletter, but when the rubber hits the road, it's always somebody else who is expected to do the work. Does this sound right? We hope that this doesn't ring true to you.

The terms of all but one of the current Board members are due to expire at the end of this June. For the Association to continue, you - the many residents of Pimmit Hills who aren't yet involved - need to step up to the plate to take a swing at leadership and service. We know that there are many talented people living in this community, and we hope that some of you will come forward soon to lend your talents to the PHCA.

Now, before you turn to consid-

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eration of how you can contribute to making the PHCA a strong and viable organization, let me provide some highlights from the March meeting.

President Joe Baker noted that the Association had sent flowers in honor of **Keith Allison**, a past PHCA President, who passed away on February 12. He asked that everyone continue to keep Keith's wife Jackie and the rest of his family in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

The Association has sent a letter to the Mark W. O'Brien, General Manager of AAA Recycling and Trash Removal Services asking him to address the ongoing problem of AAA trash collectors leaving trashcans out in the road after they have finished emptying them. We pointed out that the presence of these large trashcans in the road is a safety concern and asked for a response.

A letter was also sent to the Pimmit School Administration asking them to post the meeting dates for upcoming PHCA meetings on the school sign and we are pleased to report that the school has acted on our request. Be sure to check out the Pimmit School sign the next time you drive by!

President Baker also reiterated that nothing further has been heard from the developer who had expressed an interest in buying Pimmit Hills homes and that this is a dead issue.

A resident asked about the possibility of the community considering retaining the county to handle trash pick-up. He indicated that he has done some research on the subject and thinks that it would be cheaper than private trash pick-up. There was discussion about the fact that this idea has been considered in the past, but didn't fly at the time.

Some residents in attendance reported that there are a few cheaper private alternatives to AAA, such as those offered by a company called Castaway, and that AAA is willing to work with customers who have price concerns. Joe Baker asked that the resident who brought the topic up share the information he has gathered to-date from the county and said that the Board would be happy to look into the idea further.

Bill Niland reported that things have been relatively quiet on the crime front (knock on wood). He also noted that volunteers are still needed for the **Neighborhood Watch Program**. If you are interested, please contact Bill directly at 703-356-8240.

Jeff Rose gave a report on the **Traffic Calming Project**. He was still waiting to receive the petition sheets from some of the volunteers, so he didn't have the final report ready yet. Some people grumbled about this, but given that this effort has been undertaken entirely by volunteers a little flexibility and un-

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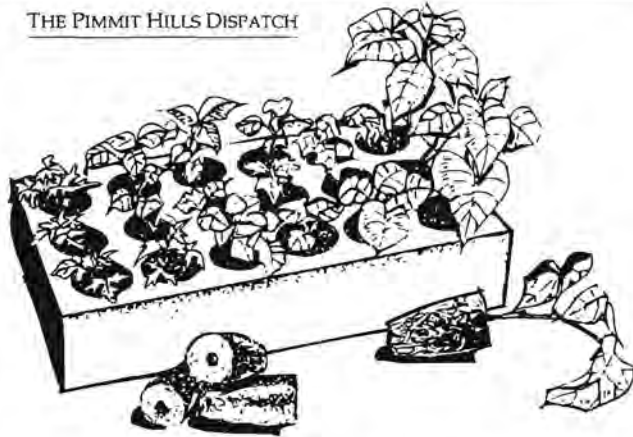
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Sunday 11:30 am to 10:00 pm



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to eight weeks, then try again. Sometimes seeds need light to germinate; lettuce seeds, for example, should be covered very thinly with soil. Other seeds have very hard outer coats that benefit from soaking overnight or nicking before sowing.

Give your seeds the best chance of surviving by preparing a good seed bed. If they are going directly into the garden, rake out all coarse material and rake in a good bit of fine organic matter such as peat moss. Our unamended Virginia clay can become brick-like after the first rain. If you're starting your seeds inside use a good, peat-based potting soil and keep them warm -- the warmer the soil the quicker you'll see sprouts. But once sprouted, move them to a cooler window or under a fluorescent light. If grown too warm or without



good light, seedlings will be leggy and weak. There are two more things to remember: seedlings planted directly outdoors will more than likely need to be thinned, and those grown inside need to be acclimated to the outdoors by starting off with a day or two in the shade then moved to late day or morning sun before being put into full sun. And, as the summer ends, consider collecting and saving your own seeds for next year -- you never know what you might get. ☞

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer lives on Leonard Road.*



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derstanding was asked (and called) for. Although Jeff wasn't able to provide a final tally, he was able to say that as of now it looks like we will **not have enough signatures** to move ahead to the next phase of the project. This assessment will be officially confirmed at the April meeting. Once again many thanks go Jeff and Linda and all of the volunteers who have logged a huge number of hours of their personal time towards completing this petition phase of the Traffic Calming Project.

The idea of putting signs up at the main entrances to our community remains on the table. Joe Baker displayed an old rendering that had been done a number of years ago and proposed a design contest. It was pointed out that we need signs that are sturdy, but don't cost too much to build. It was also suggested that any design incorporate the new slogan and tree logo. Stay tuned, because more is to come on this issue.

Hey walkers - We still need you!

There are still a number of *Dispatch routes open* which we need to have covered. For every *Dispatch route* that doesn't get delivered, \$35 - the cost of the *Dispatches* that were produced for those houses - is wasted. Help the Association curb waste. A *Dispatch route* is an easy once a month commitment that gives you a chance to enjoy some exercise, while providing a service to your community. Please contact Linda Rose at 703-442-8375 to find out more about this opportunity.

As you can see, these highlights aptly illustrate the fact that, although PHCA meeting agendas are not always filled with issues of earth shattering importance, they do always include some noteworthy news, interesting discussion and lively exchanges of viewpoints.

Remember that all residents of Pimmit Hills are welcome to join us each month. 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 in April! ☞



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# The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

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The seed is the source of diversity. With half the necessary chromosomes in the pollen granule and half in the egg cell uniting to form a complete new individual, there is plenty of room for variation. Add a human being with too much spare time and, well just look at what can happen! Corn has come a long way from its early days as an overgrown grass. Our supermarket tomatoes can withstand a typical Beltway fender-bender. (Sometimes too much spare time is not good.) And you can find flats of impatiens to match your siding, the shutters or even your garden gnome's pants.



But tangible variation is a one-in-a-million thing -- it doesn't come often and you've got to be looking for it. So plant breeders have been out there for years looking for something different, crossing this plant with that, saving the good and discarding the bad. And now

we're faced with racks and catalogs full of seeds of all sorts of wondrous plants. What to grow? And how to grow it? Well you're on your own with the "what," but as for the "how," I have a bit of advice: read the directions on the packet! If it says

to wait until the last frost to sow, don't plant until the weather has warmed up. These seeds are often sensitive to cold and may rot if planted too early. If it tells you to plant in the fall, then these seeds need to be stratified (go through a winter or possibly two) to leach out inhibitors before anything happens. If perennial seeds are not sprouting after a few weeks, I cover the pot and put it in the fridge for about six

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Senior Nolan

Bennett won a special citation for best actor for the lead in the play, "Samoubistvo" ("The Suicide"), by Nicolai Erdman. Senior George Kamide also won a best actor citation for his part. The play, a Russian farce written during the Stalin regime, earned the author and others involved in its production 20 years in a Siberian gulag. The Marshall production was adapted by Richard Nelson and directed by Mark Krikstan, who also directed and co-wrote last year's championship play, "The Shockheaded Peter Project." Mr. Krikstan was also named Teacher of the Year at Marshall in 2000.

Before reaching the VHSL State

Theater Festival, Marshall won in the District and Regional competitions and has now won first place at the Regional level three years in a row – again, the only school to do so. The State Theater Festival is held

annually at the Charlottesville High School Performing Arts Center. Judges are drawn from area high schools, colleges and theater groups. Commenting on the production, one of the judges said that she was so impressed with the

quality and professionalism of the product that she forgot that she was watching high school actors!

Without taking a break to rest on their laurels, the young thespians are hard at work on their spring production, "Hotel Paradisio," by Georges Feydeau. The play will be performed May 3 to 6 with a Sunday matinee. Make plans now to attend this play and see award-winning theater right here in our neighborhood.

For more information, call the school at 703-714-5400. ☞

*Written by Margaret Daigle*

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## Pimmit Hills Senior Center Activities

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 Brenda Riley at 703-734-3338.

**P**immit 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.

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. ☞

## Good Neighbor

Spring has sprung and that means that many of us are out in our yards sprucing them up. It's great to do a good spring-cleaning and clear out yard debris that has grown and accumulated over the winter months. What is not so great is to leave your yard waste out in the gutter or street. This waste can clog the sewers and, in some cases, create a driving hazard. So please, be a good neighbor and remember to make arrangements for the prompt and proper disposal of your yard waste. It's a simple step that can usually be arranged with the company that handles your regular trash service.

— PHCA Secretary Jennifer Baker

*Do you have any good neighbor tips to share? Tell us about them. You can email your ideas for this column to [secretary@pimmit hills.org](mailto:secretary@pimmit hills.org). Thanks!*

# Desiderata

*Go placidly amid the noise and the haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.*

*As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.*

*Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,  
even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.*

*Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexations to the spirit.*

*If you compare yourself with others you may become vain or bitter,  
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.*

*Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.*

*Keep interested in your own career, however humble;  
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.*

*Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery.*

*But let this not blind you to what virtue is; many persons strive for high ideals,  
and everywhere life is full of heroism.*

*Be yourself. Especially do not feign affections.*

*Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment,  
it is as perennial as the grass.*

*Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.*

*Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.*

*But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings;  
many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.*

*Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.  
You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars;  
you have a right to be here.*

*And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.*

*Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.*

*And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life,  
keep peace in your soul.*

*With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.*

*Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.*

Written by Max Ehrmann in 1927

## Come, celebrate our Lord's Resurrection!



St. Luke's United Methodist Church,  
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**Palm Sunday, April 8 at 11:00 am**

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**Holy Thursday Service, April 12 at 7:30 pm**

Passover Seder meal

**Good Friday, April 13 at 7:30 pm**

A service of scripture and drama

**Easter Sunday, April 15**

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

On the front lawn of the church under our outdoor cross.

Please join us for breakfast following the service.

Easter Worship at 11:00 am

Come, celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

Following the 11:00 am service, children (through sixth grade)  
can join us for an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn.

For more information, call the church at 703-893-9220.  
7628 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church (across from Marshall HS)

## Stay-at-Home Mothers Hold Open House

The MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club of Falls Church would like to invite all full-time and part-time stay-at-home mothers and children to an open house on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. Come to our informal gathering and learn more about the MOMS Club of Falls Church and meet other at-home mothers in the area, many of whom live in Pimmit Hills.

The MOMS Club of Falls Church offers a wide variety of activities for mothers and children in our community: monthly speakers and discussions, playgroups, field trips, holiday parties, community service

projects, a babysitting co-op, and an easy way to meet new people—just to name a few. For more information, please call (703) 234-3953 x7456 or e-mail the group at momsclubinfo@onebox.com. Visit our website at [www.geocities.com/fallschurchmomsclub](http://www.geocities.com/fallschurchmomsclub).

The MOMS Club of Falls Church meets the first Thursday of every month at 9:45 a.m. at Christian Way Baptist Church, located on the 2nd floor of 929 West Broad Street (the same building as The Falls Church News Press) in the City of Falls Church. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome at each monthly meeting. ☪

## Announcing the Pimmit Hills Sign Contest

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is having a contest for the best designed sign welcoming people to Pimmit Hills.

The signs will tentatively be located near the three major entrances to the Hills: 1) Magarity and Anderson; 2) Lisle and Route 7; and 3) Pimmit Drive and Route 7.

The sign should include the words "Pimmit Hills" and our official slogan, "Our Neighborhood, Our Home."

Submissions do not have to be fancy; you can sketch something on a piece of paper. Write down what

materials you would recommend, i.e. wood, brick, stone, metal, etc., as well as other details.

The contest is only open to Pimmit Hills residents. Mail entries to PHCA, 1927 Pimmit Hills Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043. The prize is to be determined.

One citizen suggested that there are many in the Hills who have the talent and ability to actually make the signs for our community. PHCA could buy the materials. If you are one of these people, please contact the PHCA president. ☪

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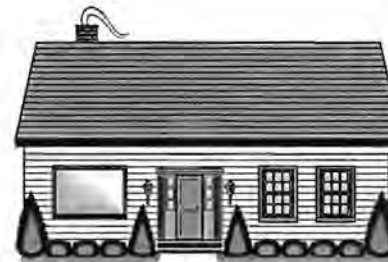


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**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**  
*"The Church on the Hill"*  
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 Sunday school 9:30 am  
 Worship service 11:00 am



**Garfield Memorial Church**  
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 Worship service 10:30 am  
 Evening service 6:30 pm

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 Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am  
 and 12:30 pm. 6:00 pm service is in  
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## PHCA Seeks Board for 2001-02

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be holding elections for the June 2001 to June 2002 board of officers during the PHCA meeting on Tuesday, June 5.

Do you enjoy living in this community? Do you have some creative ideas on enhancing the quality of life here? Whether you have lived here for many years or if you just

moved in, consider serving in one of the officer positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Three-Year Director position is currently held by Martha Duggar, who is in her first year.

Please talk to any of the current board members if you are interested in helping out. ☞

## Neighborhood Watch Report

A citizen relayed the following: a man knocked on the door of a Pimmit Hills resident and said he had worked on the resident's roof a couple of years ago. "You probably don't recognize me because I've gained some weight and had a beard," he said, and then volunteered to fix some damaged shingles *for free*.

The McLean District Station of the Fairfax County Police state that home improvement/repair schemes are just one of many types of schemes that con artists use to gain someone's trust in a short period of time. The best rule to follow in identifying a scheme is that "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Other rules to follow include:

- Do not trust strangers who offer instant cash.
- Do not give out your credit card number to anyone who

solicits by phone

- Be wary of home repair schemes or driveway resurfacing
- Destroy all applications for credit cards you get in the mail so no one else can use it.
- Check out charities before contributing.
- When solicited by phone, make them send you literature in the mail before you contribute.

As homeowners, we often get people coming to our door trying to sell things, especially in relation to our homes. It's a good idea to **not** let them into your house or allow them to use your telephone. Be wary, and if you think something is suspicious, report it to the police at 703-691-2131 and let Neighborhood Watch chairman Bill Niland know (703-356-8240) so he can inform citizens of possible scams in the area. ☞

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## Heard on the Grapevine

By Donnie Dick



In my travels around the Hills, I have noted a number of front lawns dug-up and the sanitary sewer line replaced. I personally become aware of the problem when my own had to be replaced. Most of the sewer pipes are over 45 years old and were made of something called orangeburg pipe. These become misaligned, sink in places and allow roots and dirt to penetrate the joints. The repair person can generally find this problem by running a mechanical snake through the line. They also have tiny TV cameras they run into the pipe to confirm the diagnosis. However, this costs about \$250 to do and probably isn't worth the extra cost.

I also advise getting more than one estimate for the job because

prices vary significantly in the range of \$2,500 to as much as \$15,000 for the same installation.

There appears to be a difference of opinion on the Traffic Calming Study based on the comments I heard at the last citizens meeting. Apparently there are many people who do not favor this study as those who do. There appears to be a lot of confusion over the petition process. It is unclear as to how to oppose the study and whether by signing the petition you automatically support the study. I personally believe the Association should start the process over again and have clearer guidelines on how to carry out the procedure. This is my view and does not reflect any official Association position. ☞

*Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road*

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