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### March issue deadline: Feb 8

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

February 5, 2002    May 7, 2002  
March 5, 2002     June 4, 2002  
April 2, 2002

PHCA meetings are at 7:30 pm the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue. All Pimmit Hills homeowners and renters are welcome. Come to discuss important issues facing our community.

**Upcoming PHCA Events:**  
April 20: Community Yard Sale  
June 15: Taste of Pimmit Hills

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February  
2002



# The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

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pimmithills.org



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# PIMMIT HILLS NEWS

This February issue went to the printers on January 14. The deadline for the March issue is February 8.

This issue of the *Dispatch* is probably late coming to your house because our January PHCA meeting was a week later than normal. Please remember that the issue is available on the website if you can't wait for the print version.

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And now, the **WINNERS** of the 2001 Pimmit Hills Holiday Decorating Contest:

### Norman Rockwell Award

7517 Fisher Drive  
*Bill and Kim LaHait*

### Dr. Seuss Award

1944 Hileman Road  
*Jane Williams*

### Over The Top Award

2006 Oswald Place  
*James & Tina Ermini,  
and son William*

### Neighborhood Jewell

1742 Anderson Road  
*Billy, Susie and Amanda Chambers*

### Over the Top Award Runners Up:

7619 Fisher  
*Harvey and Marjorie Williams*  
1925 Leonard  
*The Lutz Family*

### Neighborhood Jewell Runner Up:

7530 Burnside Court  
*Romeo and Rowena Luna,  
Raquel Moreno*

Congratulations to all and to everyone who decorated their PH houses for the holidays and made Pimmit Hills look so festive! Winners re-

ceived gift certificates. (We hope the names shown are correct; some weren't on our membership list so we had to find the names on the internet.)

Many thanks to the judges of this year's decorating contest who drove all over the neighborhood with the hard task to choose the best from so many great entries. The judges were: Barbara Ross, Robert and Leslie Osman, Jorge Bovilla, Amy Phelan, Beckyanne King, Craig Theriot and Jennifer McKeever.

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Joan Naleppa, the head of the PHCA Sunshine Fund, is stepping down and needs to find a replacement to send cards or flowers from the PHCA to PH residents in need of cheering up, and also bring refreshments to the PHCA meetings. Please contact President Joe Baker, 703-448-1394, if you can help out. Our great thanks to Joan who has done such a great job for so long. Her work and caring towards others is really appreciated.

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### Upcoming PHCA Meeting Dates:

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March 5, 2002  
April 2, 2002

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**Pimmit Hills**  
*Our Neighborhood  
Our Home*



# Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

## Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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## *Garfield Memorial Church*

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1731 Great Falls St, McLean  
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Church school 9:30 am  
Worship service 10:30 am  
Evening service 6:30 pm



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Pastor John Hutchinson  
703-821-0800

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Adult Education classes at 9:15 and  
11:00 am



## *Idylwood Presbyterian Church*

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## *Redeemer Lutheran Church*

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703-356-3346

Pastor George Evans  
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# Pimmit Hills Directory

## ATTENTION Home Owners and Renters in PH:

We are in the process of finalizing the information for the new Pimmit Hills Directory which, due to demand, will include all homes in PH, not just PHCA members. If you have not yet paid your **yearly dues (our year goes from Sept 2001 to Aug 2002)** along with the below form, information for you or your address may be listed incorrectly. We are using the Fairfax County Property Records, readily available to anyone on the internet, and other internet sources to fill in the blanks of those houses whom we have no information. PHCA membership is only \$5 per person; \$10 per couple or household. **Homeowners and Renters are encouraged to sign up.** As a member, you will receive free the new directory when completed this summer. If you haven't paid your dues, the directory will cost \$20 due to printing/ mailing costs. Your PHCA membership **now** is important because we need accurate information and we need to know how many directories to print.

## Deadline for directory input: April 12

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**Mail Membership/Directory Form with your YEARLY dues to:**  
Pimmit Hills Citizens Association, Inc.  
1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

Name (s) [\$5 per single person; \$10 per couple or household]

Street Address

Falls Church, VA 22043

Home Phone

E-Mail Address

Amount Enclosed

I'd like to volunteer for PHCA activities

yes  no





## Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary

**H**ello Neighbors – Have you noticed that love is in the air? Red and white, and roses and heart shaped candies are almost everywhere you turn! The question is, what do you love - your family; your remote; your dog; your truck? I bet, like most people, if you sat down to make a list of what you love, the list would be long and varied. What I hope is that somewhere on that list, tucked perhaps between love of chocolate and love of the Redskins, is a love for your community. I would contend that a collection of homes only becomes a real community when those who live in it love it. This love may be expressed in the way you keep your yard, or it may come out when you are on a walk and take time to pick-up litter from the sidewalk, or it might come from giving some time to volunteer with your citizens association. However you display it, I encourage you to give old Pimmit Hills - your community - some love this year.

Ok, ok, now that I've shared my valentine's wish, let me turn to a few highlights from the Association's last meeting.

Thanks to the efforts of First

Vice President Bill Niland, the Association is your source for a variety of great informational brochures. From Alzheimer safety issues to How to spot a con artist, we have a supply of brochures that can help you be safe and prepared. Come on out to any regular PHCA meeting to check out what we've got and pick-up some for yourself.

Mark your calendars - The next neighborhood watch meeting will be held on March 13 at the Government Center in McLean. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bill Niland for further details.

We're planning on some great guest speakers in the months to come, including a representative from our 911 Relay Center and Safeway. Stay tuned to upcoming issues of your *Dispatch* to see who is on the schedule and when.

It looks like due to delays with the environmental impact study, the Commons Development Project is on hold for now. With this said, there is still reason for involvement. We appreciate hearing from those who have written letters to our elected officials. If you have already written, please do let us know.

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**CHILDCARE**—In my Pimmit Hills home for infants and toddlers. Close to 495, Rt 7 & 66. Experienced and great references. Reasonable rates which include lunch and snacks. Call Edna at 703-821-8366.

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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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If you are concerned about the proposed development plans, but haven't yet voiced those concerns, please remember that we have provided some general tips and contact information for key officials on the Association Web site ([www.pimmithills.org](http://www.pimmithills.org)).

A resident shared some very interesting information about real estate activity in and around the Hills. Based on home sales for the

past quarter it looks like housing prices in Pimmit Hills are steadily increasing. It's nice to live in a good investment isn't it (smile)!?!

Here's hoping you have a great Valentine's and that Pimmit Hills makes your love list. ☞

#### Next PHCA Meetings:

February 5 at 7:30 pm

March 5 at 7:30 pm

April 2 at 7:30 pm

Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Ave.

## Next PHCA Meeting: Tuesday, February 5



## Pimmit Hills Senior Center

Pimmit Hills Senior Center offers a wide variety of activities such as ceramics, craft classes, exercise classes, guest speakers, blood pressure screenings, weekly shopping trips and various other programs. We also offer a daily hot lunch for a donation based on your monthly income.

If you would like to find out more about the Center, please stop by anytime to visit and pick up a copy of the monthly calendar with a complete listing of the daily activities and menu, or call 703-734-3338.

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

*The Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services*

# PH Citizen Contact Information

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**Pimmit Hills School**  
7510 Lisle Avenue

FRONT OFFICE PHONE: 703-506-2344

FAX: 703-506-2397

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

Beverly R. Wilson, Principal

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#### Most Requested Numbers

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Disabilities Svc Board, 703-324-5421

Dept of Public Works

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Site Inspections, 703-324-1950

Electoral Board, 703-222-0776

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Fairfax County Public Schools,  
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Gas Leaks, 888-223-9452

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-emer) 703-691-2131

Tax Administration, 703-324-8234

Trash Collection/Recycling,  
703-324-5040

VDOT Maintenance, 703-838-VDOT

Virginia Power, 888-667-3000

Zoning Enforcement Complaints,  
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the existing roadway systems, not to mention the additional roadway systems yet to be built.

Water quality also becomes a concern. Negative impacts to the quality of water and the creatures that call that water body home include excessive sedimentation as well as too much water flowing too quickly. Each can change the assemblage of organisms found in the water system and can, in turn, impact the ecological make-up of the environment.

Which brings me to another major concern, the loss of valuable habitat for wildlife found in this area. Too often a development project neglects to include green spaces for wildlife and for recreation. The trees and vegetation provide more than clean air and stable water supplies; they also provide an entire ecosystem for the plants and animals that make up an often forgotten, but very important role in our lives. I do not want to live in a concrete jungle; I'd rather live in an urban forest. Removing trees and vegetation will remove homes, hiding places, and food sources for the wildlife we enjoy in our community. Consideration of maintaining acceptable habitat for wildlife, as well as acceptable living space for humans, is essential in any neighborhood development. Otherwise, the peace and serenity of our homes is compromised and the value of our houses and the community in which we live is dimin-

ished. The quality of life in Pimmit Hills stands to be negatively impacted by this development as proposed. I would hope the company that wishes to develop the property in question is willing to listen to the concerns of the community and work with us to devise a solution that will be acceptable to both.

As I drive through Pimmit Hills, it reminds me of the neighborhood in which I grew up. When my friends and family come to visit, I am proud to have them drive through my peaceful neighborhood, I would like to stay in Pimmit Hills for a long time to come. But, if we lose the atmosphere that makes this such a captivating haven, we may lose the people who have cherished this place since its beginning as well as newcomers who have quickly grown to love this refuge. This community provides a lovely oasis in the midst of an otherwise booming city that I do not want to lose. I know my voice is just one of many; some for and some against the current development plans. Nonetheless, I appreciate the opportunity to make my concerns known and I thank you in advance for taking my comments into consideration.

*Diane L. Bowen*  
Griffith Road

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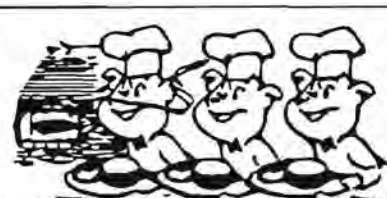
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17,000 and the number of cars could increase by up to 15,000. The current configuration of the McLean Commons is 577 apartment units and 28 townhouses; the proposed new development will include up to 6,000 luxury apartment units as well as a high-rise hotel. This is a 10-fold increase in the number of living units in the same area. We are already experiencing problems with vehicles speeding through our neighborhood. The new development will cause an increase in the number of cars in this area and, most likely, in the number of cars that "cut-through" and/or speed through our neighborhood.

Another concern is the amount of time it will take to build any new development in this area. The estimated time given by the consultants for the development company is 10 years. That means 10 years of noise, dust, and heavy machinery, many of which may use Pimmit Hills as a thoroughfare. I would be very interested in how the construction companies plan to alleviate these inconveniences to the current residents of the area.

To accomplish the development being proposed, the existing trees and grass will be replaced with concrete. Several concerns come to mind here. First off, trees and other vegetation perform the important function of converting carbon monoxide, e.g., from automobile exhaust, into oxygen. As I mentioned above, increasing the population of

this area will increase the number of vehicles and, therefore, the amount of carbon monoxide being emitted. With the number of trees reduced, there will be fewer trees to handle the higher levels of carbon monoxide and, therefore, the air quality is sure to deteriorate. I have been informed that Fairfax County has already predicted it will not meet the federal Clean Air Standards within the required time frame, which may result in a loss of some federal transportation funding. This will, again, exasperate an already existing transportation problem for this area.

Another concern that comes to mind is the problem of erosion, run-off, and flooding. Pavement and other impervious substances allow for larger quantities of water to move quickly across its surface than areas that are covered with soil and vegetation. The area proposed for development has a 90-foot drop in elevation, i.e., the area to be developed and paved sits higher than the existing paved roadway. Removal of trees on such a steep incline will facilitate erosion. Paving the incline will facilitate run-off by preventing absorption of the water. In addition, the Scott's Run stream is located less than a quarter mile from the proposed project site. This stream has already flooded its banks in the past and, with the removal of the existing trees and vegetation, would easily flow over and flood



## Letter to our Representatives Regarding Development near Pimmit Hills

*The following is a letter concerning proposed development near our community. It is written by a Pimmit Hills citizen to Fairfax County Supervisors Stu Mendelsohn and Gerald Connolly and Planning Commission member Joan DuBois. Do you enjoy our quality of life in Pimmit Hills? PHCA strongly encourages all PH citizens to write letters, faxes and emails stating their opinions about the development. Addresses can be found on page 27.*

I am a recent resident to the community of Pimmit Hills, which is located in the Dranesville District. I purchased my home, my first home, in April of 2000. I choose this community because of its picturesque, Norman Rockwell appeal. The lots of Pimmit Hills are of a decent size and are surrounded by beautiful trees, a benefit that is fast becoming very difficult to find in any of the newer neighborhoods. When I am at home, I completely forget I am in this congested area known as Tysons Corner. Instead, I look out over gorgeous vegetation and listen to the melodious songs of colorful birds. Not a bad place to live.

However, as I understand it, in the Spring of 2002, which is fast approaching, the Fairfax County Planning Commission will be presented with an amendment to the county's Master Plan to allow new and expanded development to take place near this restful community. In par-

ticular, the Commission will be petitioned to increase the zoning rate and allow the redevelopment of The Commons of McLean with a higher-density, high-rise apartment complex and other associated infrastructure.

Although I realize development will most likely occur in this highly-valued area, I believe it is very important to ensure development takes place in a manner that does not diminish the value of the existing living environment. The planning of such a community should not only take into consideration those who will move into the area, but also those already dwelling in the area. Therefore, as a close neighbor to the McLean Commons, and one of those that will be impacted by any new development, I would appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns.

One of the first concerns I would like to bring up is the obvious problem with traffic. Building high-rise apartments of 8 to 15 stories and increasing the population in this area will only exasperate the already existing population and traffic problems because the number of people living in the same sized area will be increased. The estimates that our community was given indicates the number of people in the area will increase by

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## NEXT EVENT!

**Community Yard Sale:** Saturday, April 20 or raindate Saturday, April 27. Clean out your house and make some money at a yard sale for the whole community. PHCA will be selling spaces (the size of a card table) for \$5 each as a PHCA fundraiser for you to set up your table and sell your stuff. Or, you can donate your stuff to the PHCA table.

**Taste of Pimmit Hills:** Saturday, June 15 at one of our local parks. Our community is rich in diversity with people from different countries! We will celebrate this by having a community picnic where everyone is invited to bring their favorite food to share from their native country or tradition. Local restaurants will be invited too.

### ENTRY FORM (this is also on our website to make it easier)

- I'd like to buy \_\_\_\_ number of spaces at the Community Yard Sale
- I'm going to donate items to the PHCA table at the Yard Sale
- I'd like to bring a dish to the Taste of Pimmit Hills

Name:

Address/Phone:

Name of food; County/Tradition it is from:

Amount enclosed for Yard Sale space(s):

I'd like to volunteer to help out with:

- Community Yard Sale
- Taste of Pimmit Hills

## Letter to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

While my husband was cleaning up leaves, he encountered large amounts of dog waste on the grass between the sidewalk and the road. We do not own a dog. I'd like to remind everyone that it is the law that you pick up after your dog:

**"Section 41-2-6.** Animals causing unsanitary conditions. The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public areas. (1961 Code, § 2-11; 54-74-2; 4-75-2; 7-94-41.)"

While I'm addressing unwanted waste in my yard, I'd like to remind

everyone to make sure the trash and recycling you put out is secured. We are constantly finding trash in our yard that is not ours. Also remind your children not to litter. A lot of the trash we find is soda bottles and junk food wrappers, and I suspect children are tossing their trash on their way home from school. Picking up dog waste and not littering will make our neighborhood a nicer place to live.

**Alison Moore**  
Nigh Road

*Letters to the editor are welcomed. All letters must include your full name and street name. Send to [dispatch@pimmithills.org](mailto:dispatch@pimmithills.org).*

## In Honor of President's Day

"Citizens by birth or choice, of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations." – *George Washington*

".....We here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." – *Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address*

"The bosom of America is open to receive not only the opulent and respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges, if by decency and propriety of conduct they appear to merit the enjoyment." – *George Washington*

"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." – *Abraham Lincoln*

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a massive trunk clothed in light gray, shingle-like bark. Another tree with light gray bark is the American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*). This time the bark is smooth like skin and sometimes even wrinkled below a large limb. Young trees usually hang on to their leaves, dried to a warm peachy-tan, through the winter. The massive root flare (where the trunk flares out into the root system) and roots snaking along the surface of the ground are dead give-aways that you're looking at a beech.

Some trees can't hide even in the forest. The Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) stands out in winter like a sore thumb. This large, coarse tree loses its bark in irregular patches to reveal a white inner bark that shines even on a gray winter day. The River Birch (*Betula nigra*) is easily spotted in low, wet areas. Look for the typical birch outline of multiple trunks in "V" formation and this birch's handsome cream, tan, and gray peeling bark. And no one could mistake the Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*), sporting next spring's flower buds at the tip of each branch.

The remnants of last season's fruits can also give away a tree's identity. The long, pendulous "cigars" of the Southern Catalpa (*Catalpa bignonioides*) give this tree its other common name, Indian Bean. The Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*) in summer's bloom looks like a tree covered with creamy-yellow hands; in winter the old flower clusters decorate the tips of the bare branches like tassels. And as children, we called the American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) the "Gumball Tree," for its prickly, round, woody fruits that hang like bobble earrings through the off-season.

Even in the lean, mean days of winter it's not a bad idea to get out of bed early to enjoy the sunrise through the silhouettes of our native trees once in a while. And you can count yourself lucky if you do it Monday through Friday – makes sleeping-in on the weekend that much dearer.

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer lives on Leonard Road.*

  
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# The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer,  
Horticulturalist

I'm not a fan of winter. And I'm not a morning person. But after nine years of early wake-ups, I've decided that there is something to be said for a winter sunrise. The sky takes on so many more hues this time of year as the sun rises at an acute angle to the horizon. And the gray haze of the treeline acts as



the perfect foreground to dawn's pallet. This morning there was a wide, purple-blue bank of clouds sitting low to the south. As the pre-dawn light warmed the sky above, brush-marks of electric pink grew on the belly of the clouds. And dangling above was a fine crescent moon. It was cold and it was brief and it was spectacular. The day before we had an early morning rainbow, taller and more strongly arched than a summer rainbow, and perfectly whole. Sometimes, even in the dead of winter, it pays to get out of bed early.

But, even if you prefer to enjoy the sunrise with your eyes closed

and the covers tucked under your chin, there is one thing to be enjoyed during the vernal interim -- the form of deciduous trees. Deciduous trees (those that are buck-naked now) reveal their true forms in winter and often can be identified quite easily by their branching habit and bark. Take the Tulip Poplar

(*Liriodendron tulipifera*). This is the tallest tree around and, if that's not enough for an identification, its limbs are few, high up and tend to arch and curve. This time of year the old seedheads still cling to the ends of the branches. I have a very large Tulip Poplar in my backyard that would take at least three of me, with arms out-stretched, to encircle. It is a treasure. The next tallest trees in our woods are the oaks. The easiest to identify without foliage is the White Oak (*Quercus alba*). A magnificent tree when grown in the open, the White Oak takes on a broad, rounded outline, developing

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## PIMMIT HILLS



## Remember When...

Looking back through old issues of the Pimmit Hills Dispatch, we go to the years 1982 to 1985 – 20 years ago.

The January 1982 issue of the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* had an article about the re-apportioned supervisor districts in Fairfax County. PH was going to be moved out of the Dranesville District but due to opinions expressed by PH citizens (letters, attending meetings and public hearings), PH remained in Dranesville with our "long time powerful ally, the McLean Citizens Association." Things are possible when we make ourselves heard.....Do you remember Hector's Restaurant near the Giant on Broad Street?.....The Pimmit Hills Neighborhood Watch Program became operational in April 1982 and signs were put in place.....The June meeting had a speaker talk about the coming of Metro rail to Virginia.....VDOT approved of putting a stoplight at Anderson and Magarity.....In October, a 9 year old PH girl was reported missing and over 50 PH residents assisted with the search until she was found.....I-66 opened to traffic in 1982.....The Pimmit Hills School closed as an elementary school but continued to be used as a "people place" with a variety of programs. In September 1983, the Pimmit Hills Adult and Community Education Center had its "grand

opening celebration".....There were complaints that PH School students were taking up all the parking spaces on the street. The school promised additional parking spaces.....In honor of Arbor Day, PHCA gave a flowering tree to each of our community elementary schools—Lemon Road and Westgate. Wonder how big those trees are now?.....Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library took place in October 1983.....A representative from Media General Cable came to speak at the December 1983 meeting to discuss cable coming to Fairfax County.....PHCA resorted to holding a ticket raffle to encourage people to come to the monthly meetings. The winner, who had to be in attendance, would win \$25 if their ticket was drawn. Whatever works!.....A proposed Fairfax County junk vehicle ordinance made some PH residents unhappy but a PHCA meeting voted to endorse it (Fairfax County could come in and remove a junk vehicle at someone's house).....In September 1985, PHCA requested a VDOT traffic safety survey of — where else: Lisle/Anderson and Lisle/Pimmit intersections.....  
*More next month.*

—Dispatch Editor

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## Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library News

Let's face it—even the most inveterate book lover runs out of good ideas once in a while. How do you cope when you've read everything on the bestseller lists, or when all the popular titles are checked out?

Try checking out the various book displays situated around the library. A perennial favorite is the shelf dedicated to popular fiction authors, located near the copying machines. Multiple copies of works by authors such as John Grisham, Patricia Cornwell and Michael Crichton are kept here for quick and easy access.

A large octagonal structure in the children's area carries a wide selection of books for younger readers, selected by the children's staff. And, if you can't remember the title of a novel recommended by Oprah, it's likely to be a short walk from the information desk, on the "Oprah" book shelf.

Also facing the information desk, but on the other side, is a small shelf containing books covering current homework assignments. Many students find just the help they need with these books. Although they can't be checked out, local teachers have often specifically recommended them.

Other book displays in the library have changing themes, and these always delight our readers. As they

entered the library in January, patrons were greeted by a shelf stocked with books about New Year's resolutions. January also featured offerings of non-fiction videos; nearby, on another display, were titles selected for the armchair traveler. A shelf near the information desk bearing a collection of children's videos has been tremendously popular, and is always well picked over. In the children's corner near the window, favorite kids' titles line the top of the picture book shelves.

Watch for future displays of self-help books, books on African-American history and culture, and humor books. And don't forget to check with a librarian for reading ideas that may not be on a display shelf. ☺

By Chris LaMarca  
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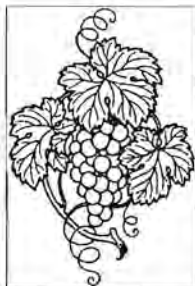
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## Donnie Dick's Heard Through the Grapevine



I was looking through some old issues of the *Dispatch* to make certain I was not writing about a topic that had been covered in the recent past. I was struck by the comments of our neighbors on why Pimmit Hills is a nice community in which to live. They described the spacious lots, well-maintained homes, the stately trees that are everywhere and the parks and walkways throughout the community. Also mentioned was the convenient location.

One thing I didn't find was what good neighbors we all seem to be blessed with. Oh I know there are exceptions. There is one neighbor I wanted to give special mention by name. When I told him I planned to write about his good deeds, he begged off. Heroes and people who do charitable things seem to want to remain anonymous. I suspect this is to avoid being hounded by others. They want to do their kinds acts on their own terms.

This person, who will remain nameless, lives in my immediate area. He has reached out to assist

many of his senior citizen neighbors by getting their cars started, cleaning their rain gutters, mowing over grown yards, checking out malfunctioning appliances, etc. He doesn't even have to be asked to use his snow blower to clean the walks

and driveways of the less able neighbors.

I write about this person because I think this is someone who should be recognized publicly and maybe other neighbors might follow his example. It might be appropriate that the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association establish a "Good Neighbor" award. Then annually Association members could nominate a person deserving of recognition. An Association committee could then select an awardee for a small token of appreciation. A suitable certificate or plaque, a display flag or whatever.

I believe this would encourage more of us to be good neighbors. What do you think? Come to a future Association meeting and we can discuss this concept.☞

*Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road*



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