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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates for 2001-02:

October 2, 2001	March 5, 2002
November 6, 2001	April 2, 2002
December 4, 2001	May 7, 2002
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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.

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PIMMIT HILLS NEWS

Ten years of noisy construction that extends from Route 123 to Magarity Road, delays in Safeway's expansion, the peaceful grounds of the McLean Commons with its beautiful trees demolished for a series of luxury apartment buildings 8 stories to 15 stories (15!) high that will add 17,000 new people to this small area and a 5-level parking garage to handle the estimated additional 12,000-15,000 cars that no doubt will find it convenient to use Pimmit Hills as a speedy cut-through. Is all this really necessary? The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association has joined with the McLean Citizens Association and the new McLean Commons Citizens Association to say no.

It's one thing when a developer develops a property complex on vacant, unused land, but it's another thing when they force out residents (some who've been living at the Commons since the 1960s) and burden our area with more traffic and more construction (10 years of it!) for what? Don't developers ever consider the quality of life of the people already living in the areas they want to build in?

This issue will be an ongoing focus at our PHCA meetings and you'll want to attend to find out the latest information. The lawyers for this proposed redevelopment will be at the October 2 meeting to talk about their plans. This is the time to

voice your opinion on this matter. We also need to let our elected county and state representatives know our concerns. We'll have more addresses in future issues. Also check pimmithills.org for new info.

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As PHCA President Joe Baker said in the last issue, these plans are not a done deal, however they may be if no one voices their opinions about how our quality of life here in Pimmit Hills will be affected.

Upcoming PHCA Meeting Dates:
October 2, 2001
November 6, 2001
December 4, 2001

The meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Ave.



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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043
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September 2001 – August 2002



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Membership is only \$5 per person per year
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Members will receive the new PHCA Directory when completed.

Non-members must pay \$15 for the Directory.

**Important: the information you provide below will be incorporated
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Mail form with your yearly dues to:

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1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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Pimmit Hills Community Events

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Community Clean-Up Day: Saturday, October 20, 9 am to Noon at Pimmit Hills School. Get rid of your junk! Dispose of anything (like furniture) except yard waste, batteries and hazardous materials. You need to be a PHCA member to participate. PHCA will have a booth there to collect \$5 per person membership dues.

Election Day Membership Drive and Bake Sale: Tuesday, November 6 during election hours at the Pimmit Hills School. Start baking your goodies! We need lots of donations of baked goods and volunteers to help staff the membership and bake sale tables. Please contact phca@pimmithills.org.

Holiday Social and Decorating Contest: The December 4th PHCA meeting will be short so we can have a social hour with holiday food and drink. PHCA will be collecting canned goods and/or toys to donate to local programs. Think your house looks the best? Residents need to send in their entry by December 15 to win a Honey-Baked ham, Santa bucks from Safeway or gift certificates from Trader Joe's. Contact phca@pimmithills.org or call one of the officers.

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, April 20 or raindate Saturday, April 27. PHCA will be selling spaces (place TBD) for \$10 as a fundraiser for you to set up shop and sell your stuff.

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

Mark Your Calendars!



Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary
(filling in for Jennifer—Martha Duggar)

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

Hello Neighbors - There was a great turnout for the September meeting - nearly 50 people were in attendance! Let's get even more for the October 2 meeting when we'll be able to voice our opinions about the proposed McLean Commons redevelopment.

In the absence of President Joe Baker, 1st Vice President Bill Niland ran the meeting. *Dispatch* Editor Cindy Kwitchoff gave a brief explanation about the new bulk mailing of the paper and the various things that must happen in order for it to arrive at 1,684 houses in Pimmit Hills each month, hopefully before the scheduled meeting. The post office can deliver the *Dispatch* anytime from 2 days to 3 weeks after it is dropped off at the post office. Bulk mailing of the monthly paper will be on a trial basis for one year.

We're pleased to announce that Ray Bernot of Leonard Road volunteered to serve as the PHCA 2nd Vice President and was given wide support from those in attendance.

Now that school is back in session, please pay close attention to school buses.

Questions and concerns about the future development plans in our area will be addressed at the October 2 meeting.

If you observe that any sign, street or otherwise, has been knocked down or is missing, please call 703-934-2840. This could trigger a life or death situation if an emergency vehicle is unable to locate a house because of a missing or downed sign.

The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy is presenting a class entitled Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). There is no cost for this 12-hour course. Call 703-246-7806 for details.

A representative of the newly-formed McLean Commons Citizens Association briefly stated what is proposed for the Commons. The plan is to demolish the entire Commons development, which consists of 40 acres, and replace it with a number of 8 to 15-story high-rise apartments, which could accommodate 17,000 more people in this area. This would greatly impact on

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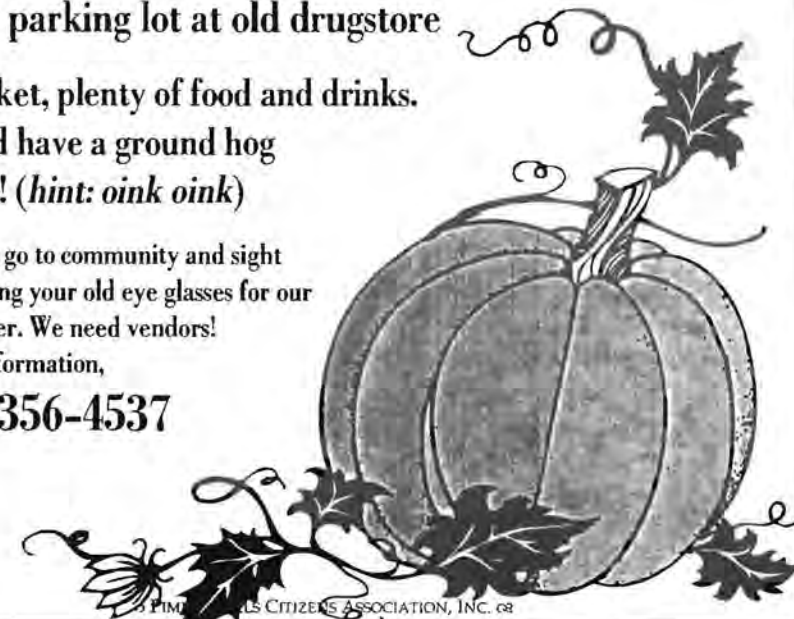
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For more information,

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traffic, as this could mean as many as 12,000 to 15,000 additional cars. Although there is much that needs to come together before this would happen, it is imperative that citizens band together and have a plan of action to oppose this.

We hope to see you at upcoming PHCA meetings where you can

learn the latest information about these proposed plans and voice your opinion on these matters.

Next PHCA Meetings:

October 2 at 7:30 pm

November 6 at 7:30 pm

December 4 at 7:30 pm

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Pimmit Hills School

7510 Lisle Avenue

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Clerk-Board of Supr, 703-324-3151

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PHCA News

An enterprising Pimmit Hills citizen or citizens took Traffic Calming into their own hands and put up a series of bright signs along the wide stretch of Cherri Drive to ask drivers to reduce their speed. "Please slow down, we love our kids" read one very effective sign and on down the road it went like burma shave signs. The 2000 block of Cherri that veers from Griffith is unusually wide and encourages speeders. Your *Dispatch* editor was going to take a photo of the signs for this issue, but someone took them down. Anyone know what happened? Email us at phca@pimmithills.org.

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Back in 1971, the Association had over 1500 paid members; in 2001, it was no where near that number. The difference is that a team of people—that did not include the PHCA officers—went door-to-door to canvass for members. With the beautiful fall weather to enjoy, would you like to volunteer to help canvas for PHCA membership in your immediate area? This is a great excuse to meet your neighbors, get some exercise and enjoy the fall colors of Pimmit Hills. Those interested can contact phca@pimmithills.org or one of the PHCA officers to get the canvassing material. Let us know which streets you will cover. We

are working on getting a prize, such as a HoneyBaked ham, for the citizen who obtains the most paid members.

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PHCA membership dues are only \$5 per person. Considering they were \$1 in 1971, the dues have only gone up \$4 in the past 30 years! Please remember to send in your membership dues or pay at PHCA meetings or events.

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Speaking of events, we have our biggest membership and fundraiser push during the PHCA Election Day Bake Sale at the Pimmit School on Lisle Avenue on November 6. Would you consider making some baked goods to donate to the sale? Also be sure to stop by when you vote and buy a goodie! You can bring the goods early that morning to the PHCA booth or contact us. We also need volunteers to help out at the bake sale and take membership dues. Please let us know if you can help.

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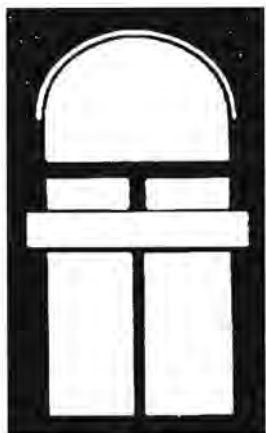


Possible Redevelopment of The Commons

By Mira Awad, Secretary,
McLean Commons Citizens Association

If you have ever shopped at The Commons Safeway on Colshire Drive in McLean or pumped gas at The Commons Shell, you have stood in the middle of The Commons apartment complex, perhaps without even noticing it. You may not have paid much attention to the surrounding brick apartments with their distinctive arched windows. But over the next few months, there will be a great deal of attention paid to The Commons apartments. Their new owners want to tear The Commons down and build a high-rise apartment community in its place.

The Commons were built, in stages, in the mid- to late-1960's by West*Group. The Commons Shopping Village was included for the convenience of Commons residents and the surrounding community. The buildings were designed by acclaimed architect Charles Goodman, who also designed the original National Airport. The Commons is comprised of 577 apartment units, including 28 rental townhomes, ranging in size from one to four bedrooms. Their distinctive architecture—characterized by



large balconies and dramatic arched windows—and their beautiful 33-acre grounds provide a cherished home for The Commons residents and make The Commons truly unique among rental properties.

In November of last year, West*Group sold The Commons apartments to Commons Investors LLC, a group of investors among whom Mr. Ralph Dweck holds the primary interest, for \$73 million. It is the intention of Mr. Dweck and his associates to tear down The Commons in order to build a new apartment complex that would contain 5,000-6,000 one and two bedroom luxury apartment units in buildings ranging from 4 to 15 stories, as well as a high-rise hotel. Construction—or should I say destruction of The Commons—would begin in the spring of 2004. . . and would last approximately 10 years!

How would this redevelopment of The McLean Commons affect Pimmit Hills? To start with, Pimmit Hills citizens living on or near Margarity Road would be subjected to a decade of noise and considerable

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quantities of dust in the air, as would the unfortunate students and staff of Westgate Elementary School, which is located right next door to the project. The exorbitant number of apartment units that is being proposed would bring an estimated 10,000 more cars onto Magarity, Anderson, and Chain Bridge Roads daily. Anyone who has occasion to travel those roads can imagine the gridlock. As I'm sure many of you know, The Commons Safeway had planned to start construction on a bigger and better Safeway this year. Mr. Dweck's redevelopment plan includes provisions for a new Safeway store, but not on the current Safeway site. According to the redevelopment plan, Safeway's new store would be part of a retail plaza, which would be located near Magarity Rd., where apartments now stand. New apartments would be built where Safeway is now. Safeway would not have a new store until 2006, or thereabouts, if all goes well for the developers.

The residents of The Commons have formed the McLean Commons Citizens Association (MCCA), whose immediate objective will be to prevent the destruction of The Commons apartments and the lovely property on which they sit. Right now, the Comprehensive Plan, Fairfax County's guide to what types of development should go where, specifies that The Commons is in a transitional area between the communities of McLean,

Pimmit Hills and the more urban development of Tysons Corner. The current density of The Commons is appropriate for a transitional area. Mr. Ralph Dweck and his associates want to amend the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate the much higher density that they are proposing. Next spring the Fairfax County Planning Commission will hear arguments concerning Mr. Dweck's amendment proposal from the developers and from those who oppose their plans. The Planning Commission will decide whether or not to amend the Comprehensive Plan in such a way that would allow for much higher density in The Commons. If they do pass the amendment, the issue will go on to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (more hearings), who must also approve the amendment. If the developers succeed in amending the Comprehensive Plan, they must then apply for a change in zoning. A very big change in zoning. Changes in zoning must also pass both the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The process of getting both the Plan amendment and the zoning changes passed would take about 2 years.

The MCCA will rigorously oppose the Plan amendment and zoning changes every step of the way, and will fight to preserve The Commons and keep inappropriate density, and all that comes with it, out of our community and off of the doorstep of Pimmit Hills. ☞



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lion years, its fan shaped leaves turning a lovely yellow before dropping. Number 14: Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*). Another golden boy, this one with lovely clusters of pendulous white flowers in May. Number 13: Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*). Not always red in autumn, this one can range from lemon-yellow to dark red; check the variety name before buying. Number 12: Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*). Yellow fall foliage accompanies the small golden flowers of this late-blooming woodland native. Number 11: Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*). A thicket-forming tree whose mitten leaves are a blend of yellow, orange, scarlet and maroon. Number 10: Stewartia (*Stewartia pseudocamellia* and *sinensis*). The first a mix of yellow, red and burgundy, the second a fiery scarlet even in the shade. Number 9: Paperbark Maple (*Acer griseum*). Hot russet-red against warm, rich cinnamon bark in late fall keeps a body toasty! Number 8: Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*). Either a mix of yellow, red and purple or a glowing red; shop for this one in fall color. Number 7: Golden Larch (*Pseudolarix amabilis*). I guess the name gives away the fall color, but it's always a surprise when this conifer drops its needles in October!



Number 6: Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*). Another deciduous conifer, this one a orangey-cinnamon -- spectacular at sunset on a late autumn day. Number 5: Hickory (*Carya*). If you've got this one already,

you've got gold ... and probably lots of squirrels! Number 4: Black Gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*). Nothing bigger, better or redder in our forests. Number 3: Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*). Whether you choose an up-right or a cut-leaf, weeping variety with green, red or variegated foliage, you're sure of a great autumn display. Number 2: Franklin Tree (*Franklinia alatamaha*). The only thing that improves this display of orange and red foliage is when it coincides with the last of its white blossoms. Aaaaand the number 1 pick for fantastic fall foliage is ... may we have another drum roll, please? ... our own state flower, the Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)!!! Who can argue with that long-lasting, rich burgundy-red fall color, especially when sprinkled with a good set of red berries?! Enjoy the fall season!☞

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A Spy in Our Backyard?

In August, the Washington area heard the news that yet another person had been arrested by the FBI for espionage. This time it was a 38 year old retired Air Force sergeant who worked at the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, VA. The NRO manages America's spy satellites. His name is Brian Regan of Bowie, MD, and according to the affidavit, he used our library for his alleged espionage activity.

In the Fall of 2000, the FBI found out that someone was providing another country with classified US Government documents. The affidavit does not state the name of the country, but media reports believe it is Libya. There were three other countries that Regan had contacted and/or was attempting to sell classified information. He told them to respond to him via an email address he had set up under another name on a free email provider.

Regan accessed this email at two different libraries near his home. However, he also checked it at the public internet computers located in our Tysons-Pimmit Library on Leesburg Pike, which was along the route Regan used to commute to work.

This past June, the FBI placed Regan under surveillance. They watched him as he logged onto the internet at a public library. After he was finished and left the library, the FBI went to the computer he was

using and was able to see which websites Regan had visited because he hadn't signed off. One of the sites gave the address of the diplomatic offices of Country "C" located in Switzerland, while another was a hotel in Zurich. He then got on an airplane at Dulles Airport and flew to Europe.

Last month, in August, Regan told his coworkers he was driving his family (wife and four children) to Florida for a vacation at Disney World. But in fact, he was make an unauthorized trip overseas to Switzerland. At 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 23, as he was going to board a Lufthansa flight at Dulles, the FBI arrested him. Among the items they found on him were encrypted messages, a hand-held GPS unit, and the addresses of foreign embassies he had looked up on the internet at a library. No explanation of why he spied, but he was \$53,000 in debt.

Washington can be considered the "Spy Capital of the World" because of the amount of espionage that goes on here, even as we see in our backyard. There is a tour called "SpyDrive" which shows actual espionage-related sites in Washington, DC and it is given by retired FBI, CIA and KGB officers. For more information, go to the website spydrive.com or call Ticketmaster, 703-573-7328. ☞

— Dispatch Editor

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.

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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. ☞

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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

Years ago I lived in a small town in the Colorado Rockies at 9,600 feet above sea level. At that altitude fall color, though spectacular in its setting, is brief and limited to a couple of species of deciduous trees and a handful of shrubs. We are indeed fortunate to have the lengthy, evolving autumn display that clogs the country roads with weekend oglers each October. And for those of us who find ourselves becoming beltway hermits (the mountains might as well be the dark side of the moon on a Friday afternoon), our gardens and neighborhoods must substitute for weekend get-aways. So, as a guide to future landscape additions, I offer my "Top Ten" fall color list ... which is actually a "Top Twenty" list because it was too hard to whittle it down any further!

Okay. Drum roll, please! Number 20: the Blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*). Not just for pancakes anymore, this mounding deciduous

shrub becomes a melange of yellow, bronze, orange and red in fall. Number 19: the Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*). Quite happy in the heavy shade of our forests, this rather open shrub develops the rarest shades of red to rose to lavender-purple -- one for

the leaf collection. Number 18: Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*). Another denizen of woodland shade, the lemony scented leaves turn a sunny yellow. Number 17: Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica* and hybrids). Better known for summer display,

this one nevertheless puts on a good show with yellow to orange to red to maroon foliage, depending on the variety. Number 16: Ashe Magnolia (*Magnolia ashei*). Wow your neighbors with the biggest, buttery-yellow leaves in your zip code! Number 15: Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*). This guy (be sure to plant a male clone) has been around for 150 mil-



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Remember When...

Looking back at old issues of the Pimmit Hills Dispatch, we continue with our look at the year 1971.

The June issue of the Pimmit Hills Dispatch displayed on its cover the photos of the new PHCA officers — Jay Johnson, Jim Zehmer, Jesse Byrd, Marilyn Garrett, Nell Snider, Alex Morgan and Director Carl Zimmer.....There was a new Pimmit Hills Teen Club where teens could play ping pong, pool, board games, hobbies and crafts.....After conducting a series of studies, it was determined by the Park Authority that it wasn't feasible to build a public swimming pool in Pimmit Hills.....The community calendar of events included 30 days full of Girl Scout and Boy Scout troop meetings, Teen Club, Little League Mothers' Club, Knights of Columbus, VFD socials, Tysons Corner Lions Club and the



1971 Teen Club and PHCA Officers: Betty Sites, Linda Niland, Vicki Coffelt, Daryn Pounders, Lou Ann Gilmer, Jeff Adams, June Tarmon. Back row: Cleveland Sullivan, Carl Zimmer, Jim Zehmer, Nell Snider, Mary Ellen Dick, Jesse Byrd, Alex Morgan, Jay Johnson

Olney Road Home Demo Club (Note: organizations like these now wishing to post their meetings in the Dispatch can do so)There was an editorial against Year-Around School planned for 1972 where the Pimmit/Westgate schools were to be the test case for the county. PH citizens voiced their opposition and it was canceled. "Once again this community has

demonstrated that the force of an informed public opinion can indeed bring about change" wrote Budd Walters.....The Pimmit Hills Barber Shop was advertising "razor cutting, long cuts, shag and flat tops".....Candidates for Dranesville District Supervisor were invited to the October PHCA meeting. Community issues on the table included rezoning along Route 7 near Pimmit Hills, real estate taxes, county sewage/water rates, low-

income housing, and parks.....The County continued to install sidewalks, curbs and gutters in Pimmit Hills.....The "latest editions" of 8-track stereo tapes were being sold for \$3.95.....The county zoning office warned that some PH homes

were violating code by having 'junk' cars in their yards and could be fined.....The State Highway Dept refused PHCA requests for stop lights to be placed at Pimmit/Rt 7 and Magarity/Anderson. The Department was considering the request for speed limit reduction on Route 7. ☞

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Tyson's Pimmit Regional Library News

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When students visit the library to browse reference and circulating books, they will also find homework helper displays, collections of recommended reading lists, and one-on-one assistance with finding information. The Children's Dept. staff keeps in touch with local schools throughout the academic year, and with enough advance notice from teachers, will place materials on special reserve for specific school projects.

In addition, the Fairfax County Public Library subscribes to many reliable online information databases, including some designed especially for kids in school. These provide access to the full text of newspapers, magazines, statistical and biographical resources, encyclopedias, and more! They are available free in the library, though there is a charge for printing. If you have a computer at home, you and your family can use most of the data-

bases, plus a collection of electronic books, without leaving the house!

All you need is a Fairfax County library card, and a pc with Internet access. Just log on to the Internet and navigate to <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/library>.

Library staff will help students (and parents!) with the basics of using online and printed resources any time during library hours. A special program for school age children on November 17 will offer more details about using the Internet for research; advance registration begins November 3. ☞

*By Starr E. Smith
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