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Pimmit Hills, Virginia  
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*"Our Neighborhood, Our Home"*

**Next PHCA Town Meeting:**  
Tuesday, February 1 at 7:30 pm  
Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Avenue



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**Inside:**

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## December Town Meeting Notes

*By Sue King, filling in for PHCA Secretary Sarah Rock*

### ***Hello neighbors, here is what happened at the December 2004 Pimmit Hills Citizens Association town meeting:***

PHCA First Vice President Joan Naleppa asked PHCA Three-Year Director Pete Collat to investigate further the situation of the little house on Lisle (the last house before Rt. 7 on the right.). Pete has talked to someone at AT&T who does understand our concerns. The house needs a lot of work. Joan has called various AT&T offices but has not been able to learn more.

PHCA President Gene Lesser read excerpts from today's *Washington Post* article on the newly approved development near the Vienna Metro station. Those opposed should call Joan DuBois (703-356-0551) and Gerry Connolly (703-324-3231).

The speaker for December was Mike Congleton of Fairfax County Zoning Office. Here are some of the things he talked about while answering questions from the audience:

There are 399 square miles in Fairfax County. His office gets 33,000 complaints per year. They have 16 inspectors. They close 2,800 cases per year.

He brought copies of a brochure listing whom to call about what sort of problem; it's available in English and Spanish.

Their primary concern is in protecting property values. Home-based businesses are legal as long as there's no exterior evidence of them and no more than one employee. It's okay to park a single commercial vehicle on each residential property, within some limits.

It is not legal to have more than one "dwelling unit" per lot. However, it's legal to have one person per 50 sq. ft.

No more than four unrelated persons

are allowed per dwelling unit; but an extended family with more people is okay.

To report and/or remove junk vehicles call the Police Dept. For more than five junk vehicles, call the Zoning Office.

It is okay to have up to 100 sq ft of "outside storage" (such as building materials) on a lot as long as it is out of sight.

It is okay to park a boat on the street as long as it is on a trailer with a current license plate.

Their office enforces the noise ordinances about construction noise and about barking dogs before 4:30 pm.

If we see a problem we should call their office. They must have the complainant's name and phone number, but these are kept confidential.

There is a county height limit of 35 ft. (about three stories) for houses but it is measured to the midpoint of the roof.

Mr. Congleton reviewed the steps that are followed after they receive a complaint. They have an excellent success rate, but the process does take time.

Their office has successfully prosecuted zoning violations that began in the 1930s.

The permitted size of storage buildings (such as sheds or garages) is variable, depending on the sizes of the lot, house, and other storage buildings on the lot.

His direct number is 703 324-1377. If we don't get good response elsewhere, call him directly.

On the County web site, a click on the Office of Tax Assessments will bring you to a web page where you can look up information on any address, including sales information (about 60 days old) and an aerial photo (about two years old). Partial address information will

produce a list of all properties fitting that information.

During the PHCA Business portion of the meeting, Pimmit Hills citizen Mike Hudson reported on the County's proposed watershed projects. Our neighborhood creek is contaminated; they want to clean it up. They are looking for a lot of citizen involvement and comments.

PHCA Past President Joe Baker reported on Dweck Properties' plan to build 3,000 units on the McLean Commons property in two phases. Joe attended a County Planning Commission meeting, which recommended **against** amending the County Master Plan as Dweck wants. Joe emphasized that this is only one small battle in a long war.

Germaine Broussard, the President of the McLean Commons Citizens Association, provided more detail on the Dweck proposal:

Phase 1 would replace 246 apartments with 900 apartments. They want a density of FAR 3.0, which is double the density of Tysons Corner Mall.

Our Safeway does have all the permits needed to build right where it is.

She is asking for residents to write letters opposing the Dweck proposal and suggested a resolution from the PHCA. ■

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**7:30 pm Tuesday,**  
**February 1**  
**Pimmit Hills School**

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## January Town Meeting Notes

By PHCA Secretary Sarah Rock

### ***Hello neighbors, here is what happened at the January 2005 Pimmit Hills Citizens Association town meeting:***

Director Pete Collat gave a report regarding his progress with the blighted "little" house at the intersection of Lisle, Magarity and Rt. 7. The house is at a key entrance to our neighborhood, yet is in very poor condition with broken windows and a general rundown appearance. The house is owned by AT&T and was formerly used for long distance switching equipment but is no longer in use. Pete has been in contact with facilities personnel with AT&T and has sent a map and pictures of the property in hopes of spurring action on their part.

President Gene Lesser announced upcoming speakers including:

February—Dranesville Supervisor Joan DuBois and March—Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connelly. He requested that residents submit issues they want these to speaker to address to him. Some issues suggested by residents included the speakers positions on and actions related to green space, watershed protection, air pollution and high density development.

Our January guest speaker was US Congressman Jim Moran. Congressman Moran opened with some comments about gang violence in response to the recent machete attack in Merrifield. He shared with the group that there were \$2.5 million dollars in the recent Congressional appropriations bills to help combat gang violence. He felt that more activities are needed to help keep youth out of gangs and more efforts should to be taken to prosecute those who commit gang violence.

Congressman Moran then gave a quick overview of current activities on



Capital Hill and his positions on certain topics. Social Security reform is on the agendas of Congress and others on Capital Hill. He feels that many of the current proposals will probably not solve Social Security's financial problems. He voted against President G.W. Bush's tax cuts noting that we have gone from a \$5.6 trillion dollar surplus to a \$4.5 trillion dollar deficit. Regarding the war in Iraq, the Congressman feels that we went to war without an adequate plan to win the peace.

The floor was then opened to questions on topics ranging from Medicare to Northern Virginia transportation. An addendum of those questions and answers is included at the end of these minutes. This addendum should NOT be considered an official transcription of the Q&A, as some questions and comments were edited due to the length of

Q&A session. If you weren't at the meeting, you missed one of the best yet and it was extremely informative.

No community beats Pimmit Hills when it comes to holiday decorating and we honor the best of show in our annual holiday decorating contest. At the meeting the 2004 contest winners were announced:

**The Norman Rockwell Award**—This award goes to the house that best says, "Come Home for the Holidays." **WINNER: 7503 Sportsman Drive**

**The Dr. Seuss Award**—This award recognizes the most creative and/or non-traditional approach to holiday decorating. **WINNER: 1752 Pimmit Drive**

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**WINNER: 1800 Gilson**

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#### ADDENDUM

*Here are highlights of the questions and answers:*

**Q:** In light of the recent elections (the country was nearly equally split between Democrat and Republican) what are you doing to help bridge the political divisions in our country and avoid partisan politics?

**A:** You can't give in all the time otherwise you lose your voice. He often disagrees with many of the policies and feels it is important to voice his dissent with his vote.

**Q:** 52% of the US voted for the current administration, but it seems that so many things are wrong fiscally (huge budget deficit). Do your colleagues in Congress really feel we are actually headed in the right direction?

**A:** Some of his colleagues disagree, others believe that the end justifies the means and others believe it [budget deficit] will work itself out eventually. He is troubled by the tax cuts passed in the recent sessions because they are skewed to unearned income such as estate taxes and investment dividends. This means that average citizens aren't receiving as much of tax cuts but wealth citizens are



seeing more of the tax cut benefits.

**Q:** Are we facing a recession?

**A:** Not necessarily, but work is going abroad. For example a Chinese worker costs about one sixth of what an American worker costs.

**Q:** There were many Democratic losses in [the 2004] election for Congress. What are you recommending and doing to help bring the Democrat Party back to strength so that it isn't marginalized?

**A:** The Democrat Party must broaden its base without harming its fundamental values. Democrats need to be more flexible. They need to address issues such as tort reform (class action lawsuits). The Democrat Party must become the party of fiscal responsibility.

**Q:** Will addressing campaign finance reform help?

**A:** Not really since there will always be ways around any reform unless you completely overhaul the system. For example there are countries where election/campaign advertising isn't allowed until certain dates.

**Q:** How can we reform foreign policy in the U.S. so that we can focus more on human rights?

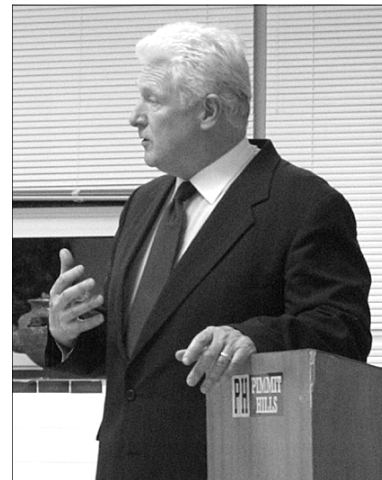
**A:** Told a story about USAID and micro payments.

**Q:** Do we have an employment or rather unemployment problem in our area?

**A:** In 2003, about a quarter of the jobs created in the entire US were in the DC metro area. Many of these positions may require retraining or special certifications and clearances, but they are there. Regarding unemployment, he has voted for legislation to extend unemployment benefits but unfortunately that legislation failed in the last session.

**Q:** Why is the U.S. so busy taking care of the rest of the world, but not taking care of its own citizens [specifically with regard to Medicare]?

**A:** Congressman Moran was the co-sponsor of a bill to address the prescrip-




tion drug costs. This bill passed the House, but failed in the Senate. The current Medicare legislation is so bad because pharmaceutical interests largely wrote it.

**Q:** Regarding transportation problems in NoVa, how is the government helping?

**A:** Regarding the rail to Dulles expansion, the federal government will pay for one third. Other funding will come from state & local government, toll increases and special business tax districts.

**Q:** The cost of living in NoVa is so high, but this is where the jobs are. Can anything be done to make it affordable to live and work here?

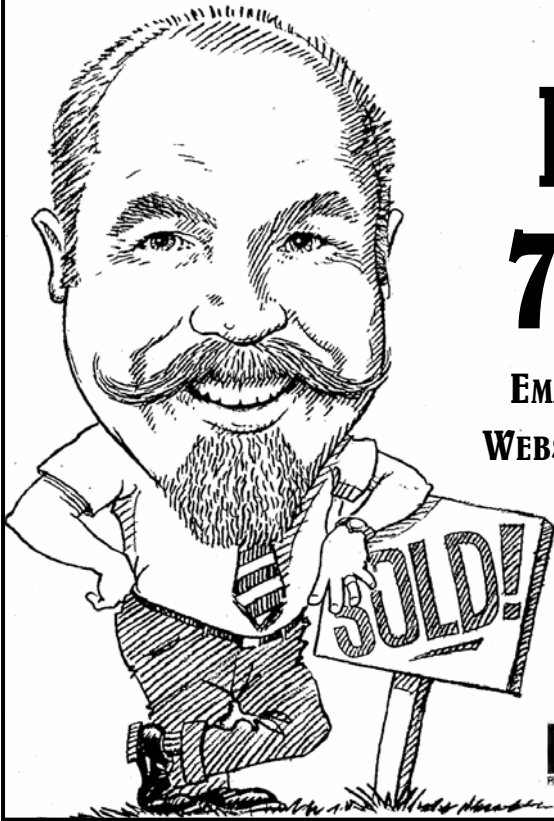
**A:** Transportation will help solve this problem. A better system of public rail and other public transportation is needed, with denser multi-use development around the rail. ■

  
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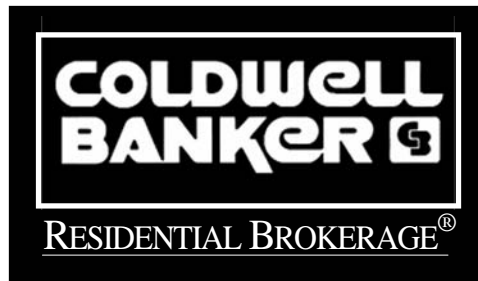
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## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor:

I read in the Town Meeting Notes (December *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*) that someone at the meeting recommended a block project, starting with a petition, to deal with traffic at the blind curve on Pimmit Drive. Is this a petition that would be directed to VDOT for speed humps or stop signs? Or is it a petition to keep PH residents from parking *their* cars in front of *their* homes? The real danger is not the parked cars and where they are parked, but the rate of speed the moving cars are traveling. Many of the drivers of these cars are not even PH residents but people using PH roads as a cut-through from one major road to the next.

Years ago, my neighbor May Cook went tirelessly from house to house to get signatures for traffic calming on our street, Griffith Road (which by the way is another major cut through and bus route). Many residents refused to sign on the grounds that speed humps or stop signs would inconvenience them. But apparently we did end up with enough signatures for VDOT to put in place a traffic monitor. The first day the monitor was in place, it was immediately struck and mangled, presumably by an oncoming car that was going too fast to slow down to avoid the collision. Then VDOT, in their infinite wisdom, put the device in plain view for oncoming motorists, giving them plenty of time to slow down, thus recording record low speeds for our street. This comical, ineffective traffic study lasted only two days and the first did not count. Who can conduct a traffic study in two days? If VDOT really wanted to conduct an accurate study of the traffic, they should have stood on my neighbor's hill across the street and witnessed the speed of the traffic entering another notorious blind curve - the one just past Leonard on Griffith when you

are headed toward Pimmit. We would have had a stop sign in place that very day. After all of May's hard work we got two days of nonsense.

As for me, I abide the 25 mile an hour speed limit in our neighborhood. And for my efforts to obey the law, some people have had the nerve to tailgate me, flash their lights at me, and pass me where it is wide enough to do so, and sometimes where it is not so wide. I've even been passed in the blinding snow.

I think a petition might work if you can get VDOT to be serious. Or you could politely ask the owners of the cars in question to park somewhere else. But the best bet would be to slow way down and yield to oncoming traffic. Because until the county admits we have a traffic problem and takes measures to correct it, Pimmit Hills residents will have to bear the constant cut-through traffic. Why do you think everyone is so alarmed by the Dweck Property development plans?

Jodie Gill  
Griffith Road

### TSUNAMI RELIEF DONATIONS

#### Dear Editor:

I am a resident of Pimmit Hills and also the president of the MOMS Club of Falls Church-North chapter. On Thursday, February 6th at our MOMS Club meeting, we voted to do a large-scale, community involvement fund-raising project for the Tsunami victims.

Our group is currently working very hard to pull together a large-scale community wide project in which we ask residents to participate in "Tsunami Sundays" at the Pizzeria Unos in Merrifield.

**Pizzeria Uno will donate 20% of their profits to our group every Sunday in the month of February. We will in turn donate 100% of this money to the Tsunami victims via a reputable charity.**

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Stephanie Gillespie  
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BY DEANNE EVERSMEYER-ELLIS  
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PIMMIT HILLS  
GARDENER

It was not quite mid-December and the seed catalogs were cluttering my desk already. The Holidays were drawing near and the weatherman promised a chilly week to come. Wait! Wait! I'm not ready for winter yet! There are still Narcissus bulbs to plant and the terra cotta pots are sitting on the deck, waiting to be put away for the winter. This weekend, I promise! I'll get everything in the ground or in the shed. I promise!

Fortunately there's plenty of time to prune. I like to prune evergreens around the Holidays, taking off big pieces and using them for decoration. Most trees and non-flowering shrubs benefit from winter or early spring pruning, before they've spent energy on new growth.

Spring-blooming shrubs, such as Forsythia and Azaleas, are best pruned right after they flower to avoid reducing the show; or prune a bit while in bloom and enjoy their blossoms in a vase.

To reduce the chance of winter damage wait until early spring to trim your Crape Myrtles. Always avoid pruning in the late summer and fall; the resulting new growth will not have enough time to mature before winter sets in.

Different plants require different methods of pruning. Multi-cane shrubs, such as Forsythia, Lilacs, Nandina and Spirea, should occasionally have old unproductive canes removed at ground level to make room for new shoots. Their natural shapes should not be altered. (An unpruned Forsythia is so much more beautiful than one that's been pruned into a yellow box.)

Roses should be pruned in late winter, thinning out weak growth, removing

dead wood and shortening the robust canes. Dense shrubs, such as Azalea, Burning Bush and Holly, need to be trimmed with hand pruners, removing entire branchlets, instead of shearing off the outer growth. A sheared shrub becomes a dense shell of foliage with a



bare interior and too many weak branches as new shoots compete for sun. Use your hand pruners or loppers to thin-out crowded, weak growth, creating windows for sunlight to penetrate into the interior of the bush. These pockets will also collect snow, helping to support the snow-covered branches above. **(Please, please give up the green meatball look – your bushes will be healthier and require a lot less maintenance.)**

If you want to thin or shape growth or remove dead wood on a tree, always remove the branch back to another branch or the trunk. Do not leave stubs as these will die and then rot. Maples are

particularly susceptible, with the rot usually traveling from the stub into the main branch or trunk.

**And please don't "top" a tree.** Topping (shearing the outer branches) creates a lot of stumps which either rot or result in a lot of weak, crowded sprouts. Neither condition is desirable. There are way too many trees in our neighborhood that have had their limbs butchered back to stumps. If a tree or bush is too big (or too messy or too ugly), top it all the way to the ground and plant a new one this spring.

Keep an eye on your grafted trees such as fancy Japanese Maples and Weeping Cherry trees. Any new growth that looks different and originates from below the graft should be removed completely before it has a chance to take over. (The rootstock taking over is the reason why Rose bushes change color.)

When removing a limb, look for the swelling where the limb begins at the trunk. This is the collar, the area where the wound will most likely heal properly. If the limb is sizable it's always a good idea to first make a partial undercut just beyond your pruning cut. If the limb should break before the pruning cut is complete, the undercut should keep the it from ripping down the trunk. Removing the limb in stages, and thereby lessening the weight burden, also makes the last cut easier and cleaner. Pruning wounds should be left open to heal over naturally; that black goop that Dad always applied is not necessary.

If the job is too daunting, hire a professional arborist who does not advertise "topping". Ask for estimates and compare prices. And make sure that you get a copy of their insurance – the last thing you want is to be responsible for your tree on your neighbor's car or roof. ■

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis  
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By Janice Kuch,  
Associate Branch  
Manager

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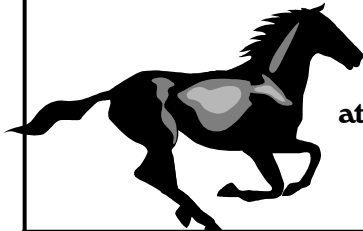


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# Local MOMS Club to Co-Host “Tsunami Sundays” in February

To raise funds for Tsunami victims in Asia, the MOMS Club of Falls Church-North will partner with Pizzeria Uno at Gallows Road and Route 50 in Merrifield to host “Tsunami Sundays” in February.

Bring these special vouchers to the restaurant anytime on February 6, 13, 20, or 27 and Pizzeria Uno will donate up to 20% of your meal for Tsunami victim relief. Dine once, or every week, to benefit this important cause. Vouchers


may be photocopied and distributed.

Members of the MOMS Club of Falls Church North felt particularly shocked by the devastation and loss of life in the countries hit by the recent Tsunami. MOMS Club stands for Moms Offering Moms Support, an international organization of stay-at-home mothers dedicated to helping women and children. Local members wanted to extend their support to families across Asia, especially children, who were disproportionately

affected by this disaster. Proceeds from “Tsunami Sundays” will benefit UNICEF.

For more information contact Ari Autor, MOMS Club “Tsunami Sunday” chair at 703-237-2326 or Stephanie Gillespie, President, MOMS Club of Falls Church-North at 703-827-8846 . The local MOMS Club website is: [www.geocities.com/fallschurchmomsclub](http://www.geocities.com/fallschurchmomsclub) and their email is: [momsclubinfo@onebox.com](mailto:momsclubinfo@onebox.com). ■

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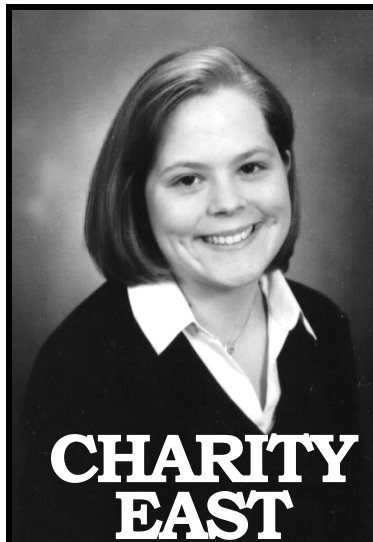
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## Speaker: Joan DuBois

**Biography of Dranesville District Supervisor, our speaker at the February 1st Pimmit Hills Town Meeting:**

Joan M. DuBois was elected to serve on the Board of Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA), she was recently appointed to a new committee, Agricultural and Forestal District Committee, and is an alternate voting member on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) National Capital Region Transportation

Planning Board. She is also a member of the Phase I Dulles Rail Transportation Improvement District Commission, the Route 28 Transportation Improvement District Commission, and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. On Dec. 11, 2000, Mrs. DuBois was appointed Dranesville District Planning Commissioner. She served on the Commission's Environment Committee, Redevelopment and Housing Committee, and Parks Committee, and chaired the Capi-

tal Improvement Program Committee in 2002 and 2003. Mrs. DuBois has also served as a member of the following countywide committees and commissions: Revitalization Policy Committee, Civil Service Commission, VDOT Snow Removal Task Force, Chairman of the County Minority Upward Mobility and Retention Task Force, and Co-Chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Planning and Land Use Committee.



Mrs. DuBois' community involvement has included: President, Kent Gardens Elementary School PTA, Chairman of the McLean Community Center Governing Board, Dranesville District Comprehensive Land Use and Policy Plan Amendment Task Forces, and Board member and numerous committee activities with the McLean Citizens Association.

Mrs. DuBois was an associate at Travesky & Associates Ltd., a consulting firm specializing in government and community relations. Her primary focus was participation in the public involvement process for the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project environmental review phase. She was also a Land Use Assistant with the law firm of Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge from 1988-1991. Mrs. DuBois also served as the Chief Administrative Aide to two previous members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in the Dranesville District, 1980-1987 and in the Hunter Mill District, 1992-1999.

DuBois earned her A.A. in Liberal Arts from Lasell Jr. College in Massachusetts and her B.I.S. in Public Administration from George Mason University. ■

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**Jan 31 & Feb 1:** Teacher Workdays—Student Holidays

**Feb 2:** Second Semester begins

**Feb 17:** Graduation ceremonies at Falls Church HS at 7:00 p.m.

**Feb 21:** President's Day-Holiday

**Feb 23:** Health Resource Fair

### BOOKS NEEDED

Pimmit Hills High School is planning a book give-away on **March 14, 2005**. If anyone in the community has books (**high school and young adult level**) that they would like to donate to the high school students, please bring them to Room 174, the library, of Pimmit Hills High School by **March 7, 2005**.

### Westgate Elementary

**Feb 1:** Student Holiday

**Feb 3:** Band Concert at 2pm

**Feb 8:** PTA Meeting at 7pm

**Feb 21:** Holiday

**Feb 25:** PTA Family Fun Night at 6pm

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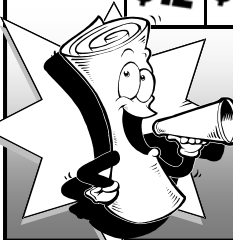
Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and welfare. Listed below are the most common neighborhood problems and the agencies responsible for addressing them. If you are affected by one of these problems, and wish to register a complaint, please call the phone number listed below. Be prepared to give your name, address, phone number, and the best time to contact you. Your name is kept confidential.

PROBLEM:	CALL:
Construction without required permits; Illegal removal of trees & clearing of land	703-324-1937
Too many unrelated people living in a home; Apartments in a single family home	703-324-1300
Inoperative vehicles on residential property – 5 vehicles or less	703-280-0587
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Vehicles parked on front lawn for longer than 48 hours	703-324-1300
Noise complaints (normal business hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)	703-324-1300
Noise complaints/Barking dogs (late night/early morning)	703-691-2131
Businesses conducted from a home	703-324-1300
Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on street	703-280-0550
Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on private property	703-324-1300
Junk and debris in yards	703-324-1300
Grass in excess of 12 inches on residential lots of less than ½ acre	703-324-1950
Abandoned/blighted properties	703-246-5179
Dilapidated, unsafe, unsanitary properties	703-246-2300
Improper disposal of household garbage	703-246-2300
Rats	703-246-2300
Snow removal on public streets	703-383-8368
Building code violations	703-324-1937
Illegal Signs in the public right-of-way	703-383-8368
Illegal Signs on private property	703-324-1300
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## Citizen Contact Information

### Government

#### Dranesville Supervisor Joan DuBois

McLean Governmental Center

1437 Balls Hill Road

McLean, VA 22101

PHONE: 703-356-0551

FAX: 703-821-4275

EMAIL: [dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov)

WEBSITE: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/dd/dd.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/dd/dd.htm)

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##### 53rd House Dist.

P.O. Box 359

Merrifield, VA 22116-0359

PHONE: 703-560-8338

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#### State Senator Janet D. Howell

P.O. Box 2608

Reston, VA 20195-0608

PHONE: 703-709-8283

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#### Congressman James P. Moran

Reston District Office

1760 Reston Parkway, Suite 312

PHONE: 703-481-4339

Alexandria District Office

5115 Franconia Road, Suite B

Alexandria, VA 22310

PHONE: 703-971-4700

WEBSITE: [www.moran.house.gov](http://www.moran.house.gov)

#### Jane K. Strauss, School Board

10700 Page Avenue

Fairfax, VA 22030

PHONE: 703-246-4780

EMAIL: [jane.strauss@fcps.edu](mailto:jane.strauss@fcps.edu)

#### Pimmit Hills School

7510 Lisle Avenue

Beverly R. Wilson, Principal

PHONE: 703-506-2315

EMAIL: [beverly.wilson@fcps.edu](mailto:beverly.wilson@fcps.edu)

FRONT OFFICE PHONE: 703-506-2344

FAX: 703-506-2397

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

### Useful Numbers

Police (non-emergency) 703-691-2131

Dominion Virginia Power,

1-888-667-3000

Miss Utility, 1-800-552-7001

Gas Leaks, 1-888-223-9452

Cox Cable, 703-378-8422

Animal Control, 703-830-3310

VDOT Maintenance,

703-383-VDOT (8368)

Dept of Motor Vehicles, 1-800-435-5137

### Fairfax County Government

Area Agency on Aging, 703-324-5411

Athletic Service, 703-324-5533

Clerk-Board of Supervisors, 703-324-3151

Consumer Affairs, 703-222-8435

Courts, 703-691-7320

Dept of Health, 703-246-2411

Disabilities Svc Board, 703-222-0880

Fairfax County Public Schools,

703-246-2502

Family Services, 703-324-7500

Office for Children, 703-324-8000

Office for Women, 703-324-5730

Park Authority, 703-324-8700

Pimmit Senior Center, 703-734-3338

Planning Commission, 703-324-2865

Public Works/Environ Srv, 703-324-5033

Site Inspections, 703-222-0455

Tax Administration, 703-222-8234

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703-802-3322

Voting Information, 703-222-0776

### Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement

Investigates complaints of alleged

violations of the Zoning Ordinance

and the Noise Ordinance

PHONE: 703-324-1300

FAX: 703-324-1343

WEBSITE: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/dpz/faqs/concerns.htm>

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



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### Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22043  
EMAIL: PHCA@PimmitHills.org  
WEBSITE: PimmitHills.org

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is one of the largest and oldest community associations in Fairfax County and represents a community of 1,639 homes in the Pimmit Hills area of Falls Church, VA. Pimmit Hills was first established in May 1950. The PHCA monthly *Dispatch* newspaper has been published since 1952.

**Annual PHCA Membership is open to all owners and renters living in Pimmit Hills.** Please note that we are a **CITIZENS** association, **not** a HOMEOWNERS association, therefore we don't make you pay \$169 *each month* in association dues (our are **ONLY** \$12 a year!) and tell you what color to paint your door and shutters, what kind of plants you can have in your front yard and if you're allowed to fly your flag! We're a 'property-rights' neighborhood whose only covenants/regulations are those imposed by Fairfax County.

What we do is represent your concerns/interest to Fairfax County officials, hold useful events like the popular Clean-Up Day, put up entrance signs to our community, run monthly citizens meetings where anyone (owners/renters) living in PH can attend and participate, create a PHCA Membership Directory, be a member of the McLean Citizens Association to have a stronger voice in the County, and print/deliver the monthly *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*. ■

***Renew your membership today!***



The Humane Society of Fairfax County depends upon the proceeds of our two thrift stores to assist with the substantial and ever-increasing costs of medical care for our rescued animals. Additionally, this funding helps support the general feeding and care of the animals while they await their new loving families. When you are in the mood for spring cleaning or if you have occasion to go through that attic or storage room, please keep us in mind and donate your wares. Household items, toys, books and [clean] clothing that can be sold without repair are greatly appreciated. And when you drop off your donations, take a moment to browse the thrift store for fine collectibles, antiques, or other treasures. The HSFC truck is available for large item pickup when arrangements are made in advance. Please call 703-385-7387 for information or to schedule a pickup. *We hope to see you at one of our shops!*

#### SECOND CHANCE THRIFT STORE

4057 Chain Bridge Road,  
Fairfax VA 22030  
Phone: 703-385-7387

#### SECOND CHANCE 2

929 West Broad Street  
Falls Church VA 22046  
Phone: 703-533-9268



## Membership Form

Enclose your yearly membership dues of \$12

and mail to:

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA)  
1927 Pimmit Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Falls Church, VA 22043

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(only used to contact you; will not be listed in directory)

- I'd like to volunteer to help at PHCA events/activities  
 I do not want to be listed in the PHCA Membership Directory

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PHCA MEMBERSHIP YEAR: SEPTEMBER 2004 TO JUNE 2005



## PHCA Town Meetings

Our community meetings are a way to air your concerns, bring your suggestions and ideas, rave about good things, rant about frustrations, hear from relevant speakers, and a great way to meet your neighbors. We meet the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue:

**February 1, 2005**

*Dranesville District Supervisor*

*Joan DuBois*

**March 1, 2005**

*Fairfax County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Gerry Connolly*

**April 5, 2005**

*Remodeling in Pimmit Hills by remodeler Rich Ellis*

**May 2, 2005**

*Gardening in Pimmit Hills by Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis*

**June 7, 2005**

*A speaker from Fairfax Trails and Streams talking about a new Pimmit Run Trail*  
*PHCA board elections*

No meetings in July & August



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