



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:

- 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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See page 15.



Pimmit Hills Calendar:

Please keep track of these dates; the next issue of the *Dispatch* will come out in May.

- Tuesday, March 1:** PHCA meeting with guest speaker Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Connolly, 7:30 pm, Pimmit Hills School
- Saturday, March 19:** Dranesville District Town Meeting. Topic: FY2006 Budget, 9:00 am, Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road (page 5)
- Saturday, April 2:** Pimmit Run Watershed cleanup day sponsored by Fairfax Trails & Streams, 9 am, Olney Park (page 14)
- Tuesday, April 5:** PHCA meeting with contractor Rich Ellis who will talk about remodeling, 7:30 pm, Pimmit Hills School
- Saturday, April 16:** Solve a whodunit at Mystery Night: "Murder on the Strip" program at the Tysons-Pimmit Library, 7 pm (page 5)
- Tuesday, May 2:** PHCA meeting with horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis who will talk about gardening, 7:30 pm, Pimmit Hills School
- Tuesday, June 7:** PHCA meeting with guest speaker Steve Dryden of Fairfax Trails & Streams to talk about the Pimmit Run watershed and our creeks, 7:30 pm, Pimmit Hills School



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The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is one of the largest and oldest community associations in Fairfax County and represents a diverse community of 1,642 homes in the Pimmit Hills area of Falls Church, VA. Pimmit Hills was first established in May 1950 (we're 55 years old and counting). The PHCA *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* an unbelievable low \$12 a year!) and tell you what color to paint your door and shutters, what color of plants you can have in your front yard, and if you're allowed to fly your flag!

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PHCA MEMBERSHIP YEAR: SEPTEMBER 2004 TO JUNE 2005

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February Town Meeting Notes

By PHCA Secretary Sarah Rock

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

Second Vice President Rich Ellis opened the meeting at 7:35 pm, as President Gene Lesser was absent.

Our February guest speaker was Dranesville Supervisor Joan DuBois. Mrs. DuBois represents Pimmit Hills and nearby areas on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor DuBois provided updates on several topics currently under consideration by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Currently one of the largest issues is the county budget. Fairfax County Public Schools are requesting \$1.9 billion dollars in funding. Supervisor DuBois noted that this is an increase over last year despite declining enrollment. Funding for the "No Child Left Behind" federal legislation accounts for over \$14 million of the FCPS request. This will fund tutors and all day kindergarten mandated by the "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

The Fairfax County executive will deliver his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors on February 28; which coincidentally or not is the date that 2005 property tax assessments will be released. Supervisor DuBois also referred to an article in the *Washington Post* on February 1, 2005 about the rising assessments in Northern Virginia. According to the article, assessments in the Falls Church area increased 78% between 2000 and 2004. The only area in Fairfax County with a higher percent increase was Chantilly at 79%. Nearby jurisdictions have also seen hefty increases, for example assessments in Arlington County have increased 125% since 2000. The 2004 Fairfax County

average assessed home value was \$357,506, including single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums.

Another major topic of importance to Pimmit Hills residents is the potential of changes to the county plan for Tysons Corner. The West*Group is asking for changes to allow for denser development in Tysons Corner. While Tysons is in the Providence District, it is surrounded by Dranesville District. Due to this proximity, Supervisor DuBois has requested the Dranesville representatives be included in any Tysons Corner planning.

The final issue Supervisor DuBois discussed was the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) variances process. When a homeowner wants to make an improvement that violates setback or other requirements, they can make an appeal to the BZA for a variance. The BZA was allegedly rubberstamping almost any variance request it received. Fairfax County along with several Dranesville citizens filed suit against the BZA. In 2004, the Virginia Supreme Court sided with Fairfax County and stated that the BZA could only approve zoning variances in cases of hardship or an approved use list. Currently the Fairfax County BZA is not hearing new requests for variances due to this decision.

The floor was then opened to questions on topics ranging from tax assessments to multi-family dwellings to covenants. Regarding tax assessments, Supervisor DuBois encouraged residents to appeal assessments if they thought the assessments were unfair.

Regarding Pimmit Hills covenants, the County only enforces its own zoning regulations and cannot enforce

neighborhood covenants.

After a break to enjoy coffee and dessert prepared by First Vice President Joan Naleppa, we quickly dispensed with regular PHCA business.

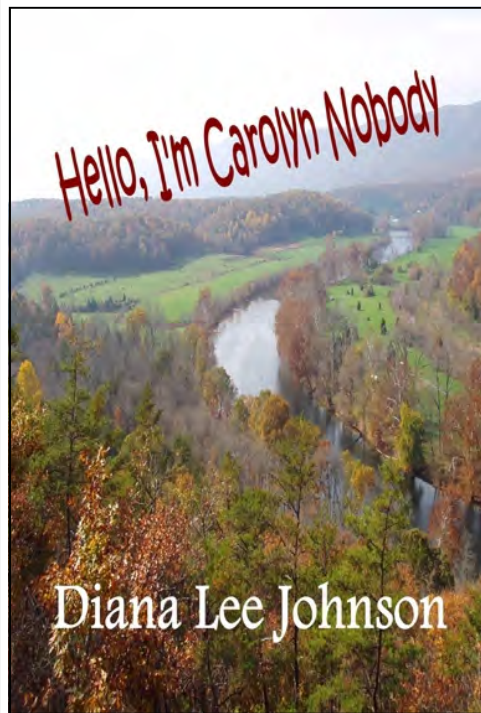
Secretary's Report: There was a motion to dispense with the reading of the monthly minutes as long as they are published in the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report as Treasurer Kim Rollen was absent. Several residents were upset that no report has been provided in several months.

Dispatch Report: Editor Cindy Kwitchoff needs some volunteers to help with the monthly *Dispatch*. Beginning in March, the printed *Dispatch* will only be published bimonthly. Please call, e-mail, send a carrier pigeon or just contact her if you are interested.

Director's Report: Director Pete Collat had no update regarding the blighted little "house" at the intersection of Lisle, Magarity and Rt. 7. 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. First Vice President Joan Naleppa noted that Supervisor DuBois was also going to look into the problem with the property in case her office could lend support. ■

NEXT MEETINGS:
7:30 pm Tuesdays,
March 1 and April 5
Pimmit Hills School



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Noise complaints/Barking dogs (late night/early morning)	703-691-2131
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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 1/2 acre	703-324-1950
Abandoned/blighted properties	703-246-5179
Dilapidated, unsafe, unsanitary properties	703-246-2300
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TYSONS-PIMMIT REGIONAL LIBRARY NEWS

By Janice Kuch,
Associate Branch
Manager

Tysons-Pimmit Library transformed! Imagine the Library as a glittering Las Vegas casino. . . as it will be on Saturday April 16 at 7 pm. On that evening, the Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library are sponsoring **Mystery Night: Murder on the Strip**, an intriguing

program certain to be savored by those amateur sleuths in our community. If your enjoyment of mystery novels has ever led you to wish that you, too, could solve a murder, here is your chance to be the detective of your dreams.

Participants will meet colorful Las Vegas characters, mingle with the suspects, gather clues, and figure out "whodunit." Plan to join the acclaimed cast of **Murder on the Strip** for a sparkling evening of mystery that will begin with the discovery (gasp!) of the corpse of Wally "Magic Fingers" Literace, the flamboyant pianist, entertainer, and librarian during a ritzy party on the Las Vegas strip. This free program is for adults and space is limited; sign-up begins on April 2 so mark your calendar.

Our Children's Librarians have planned a wonderful month of programs for children in April to celebrate the arrival of Spring. On Saturday April 9 at 3 pm the Silly Socks Puppets will present **The Sky is Falling**, an engaging

tale of a chicken, a wolf, and a hog who learn the value of working together to reach a goal. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday April 13 at 11 am our Time for Twos program will be **Springtime Fancies**, stories and activities

for children ages 24 to 35 months with adult. Wednesday April 20 brings **Wonderful Ones**, story time fun for children ages 10-23 months with adult at 11 am. On Wednesday April 27 at 11 am we invite children from birth through age 5 to come to **Stories for Everyone to Welcome Spring**

with an adult. April draws to a close with **It's Storytime: Bunches of Bunnies**, stories and activities for children ages 3-5 with adult on Thursday April 28 at 11 am. Registration for Library Programs (by phone or in person) begins two weeks before the program date. ■



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Dranesville District Town Meeting

TOPIC:
FY2006 Budget

HOSTED BY:
Supervisor Joan DuBois

WHEN:
Saturday, March 19, 2005
9 am-10 am

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10 am
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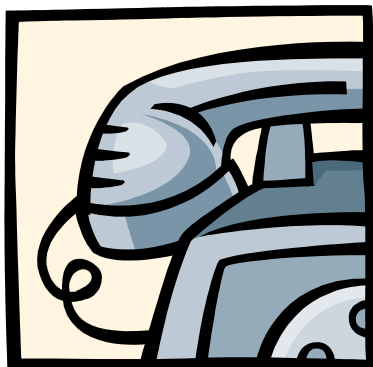
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gic counsel and policy analysis on business issues. Since 1997 Geny has been a public affairs consultant specializing in strategic advice to domestic and international corporate clients, and is currently Director of Community Relations for SAIC, one of the county's largest employers and a sponsor of Celebrate Fairfax, the Fairfax County fair. ■

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HORTICULTURALIST

PIMMIT HILLS GARDENER

We started off the year with lovely, warm weather and little purple crocuses blooming in the front yard. Then Old Man Winter woke up and delivered cold and frost and snow. Well, that's what winter 'round here is all about, right? And I'll gladly sacrifice the earliest crocuses for a brief preview of spring in January.

So the earliest crocuses are finished for the year, but the later ones will fill the front yard with color before too long. Every year the early spring bulbs start poking up out of the ground way before spring is scheduled to arrive. As long as their petals are tight in the bud, no harm is done by the remnant cold of winter. But once the flowers split their bud sheaths and begin to show color, I pay attention to the weather forecast. If the weatherman predicts temps below 28 degrees, I'm out with the pruners, cutting any Daffodils that are revealing petals. These will continue to open indoors, filling the house with spring. Those buds that are still sheathed will weather the cold, no problem.

If your yard is naked of spring-blooming bulbs, make it a point to search out mail-order companies that specialize in "Holland bulbs". Either shake the mail-in postcards out of a gardening magazine or search the inter-

net. And do it now while inspiration abounds. The bulb companies will ship your order in the fall when it's time to plant. (I've found that buying bulbs out of those help-yourself boxes at the gar-



den centers often disappoint come spring when they don't bloom true to name and picture.)

If you're into veggie gardening, don't wait too late to plant the cool-season crops, such as peas, lettuce, spinach, root crops and cole crops. These will put up with the cooler soil temps of early spring and most should be finished by the time summer gets in full gear. If you plant your peas and lettuce in May they

will mature in hot weather, making for a bitter harvest. Spinach is hardy enough to be sown in August and wintered-over for a huge harvest through the spring. By the time the summer solstice arrives, this day-sensitive plant is more interested in blooming than producing thick, succulent leaves for salads. So as soon as the weather begins to warm and the soil is dry enough to work, let's get the garden ready.

Tomatoes, eggplant and peppers all need as much time in the garden as possible, but should not be planted out (as little transplants) until the weather and soil have warmed up for good. I like to

wait until the middle of May to set out my tomatoes. If the soil is not yet warm, the little plants will just sit and sulk and it may take them a while to get over the nasty shock of cold feet. (Tip: remove the lowest leaves on your tomato transplants and mulch them as soon as they are in the ground. Bare soil can harbor disease spores that can splash onto the lower leaves.) To make the most of your garden space, in early spring sow some radishes, lettuce and green onion sets where the tomatoes are to go; they'll be done before the tomatoes need the space. To have quick warm-season vegetables such as bush beans, cucumbers and summer squash all summer, plant a first crop as soon as the soil

warms and then sow a second crop after the peas, spinach and lettuce are done – these cool-season crops should be yanked out as soon as their productivity of drops.

All this talk of garden fresh vegetables is making me hungry! If only I had a couple of acres.... ■

*Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis
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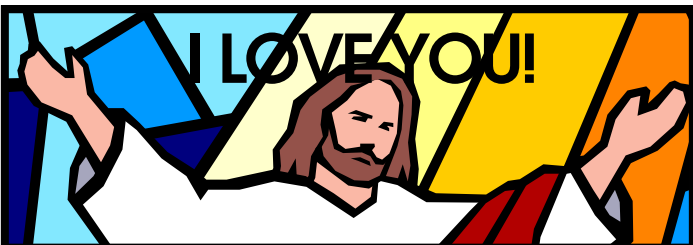
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Gerry is a dedicated community leader, and his leadership and common-sense approach to community issues marked his term as Mantua Citizens Association (MCA) president and his two terms as president of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, the premier nonpartisan citizen organization in Fairfax County. (He was the first president to be re-elected in the Federation's 54-year history.)



The Star-Texaco storage facility oil

spill at the Pickett Road tank farm was discovered during Gerry's tenure as MCA president. Under his leadership, the community and officials from Fairfax County, the state, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Fairfax City began working together to resolve the devastating problem. Gerry's cool leadership under great stress allowed the Mantua community to come together and heal.

In 1992-93, Gerry served on the Fairfax Government Reorganization

Commission, chaired by former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton. In addition, he was the Providence District representative to the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee.

Gerry received a B.A. in Literature from Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and an M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard University in 1979.

After graduating from Harvard, he began a 10-year career with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. His ability to grasp and manage a wide range of complex issues led to his managing committee oversight of international economic issues, international narcotics control, and United Nations and Middle East policies. He wrote numerous published reports, notably on U.S. policy in El Salvador, Central America, Israel, and the Persian Gulf region. During his tenure with the U.S. Senate, Gerry developed a reputation for pragmatism and the ability to reach out to Democrats and Republicans alike to get things done.

In 1989, Gerry joined SRI International (formerly Stanford Research Institute) where he served as the vice president of the Washington Office. He managed a 100-member staff and was responsible for an annual multi-million dollar budget and for guiding SRI relations with senior federal government officials. Gerry's ability to tackle a broad range of issues led to his responsibility for research projects on economic policy, trade, investment, and general oversight of Washington legislative and regulatory developments. During his eight years at SRI, Gerry worked closely with Fortune 500 and business leaders throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Gerry also helped found the Washington International Corporate Circle program, a specialized program that provided international corporate executives from major European, Asian and North American companies with strate-

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BIOGRAPHY

The biography of the guest speaker for the March PHCA meeting, Gerry Connolly:

Gerry Connolly and Cathy, his wife of 28 years, live in Mantua and have been residents of Fairfax County for the past 24 years. They have a 13-year-old daughter, Caitlin Rose.

Gerry was elected Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2003. He began his term on January 1, 2004. Previously, Gerry served nine years as the Providence District Supervisor. As Chairman of ten

members of the Board of Supervisors, Gerry oversees a budget of \$4.5 billion and a county that, based on size, would make it the nation's 13th largest city, 12th largest school district, and 6th largest office market.

He serves as the Chairman of the County's Legislative Committee and is Vice-Chair of the Economic Advisory Committee. Gerry is a member on the Boards of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) where he is past Chairman and has

served as a key member of the region's Emergency Preparedness Taskforce.

Gerry represents Fairfax County on the Board of the Virginia Association of Counties (VaCo) where he serves as President. He is on the Board of Directors for the Executive Committee of the Foundation for Virginia, an entity that seeks to educate the public and policy makers about unmet funding needs in core government services.

Gerry also serves on the Boards of Directors for the following groups: Fairfax Partnership for Youth, the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Washington Initiative Board of Trustees, the Medical Care for Children Partnership, the Institute for Regional Excellence and the University of Virginia - Virginia Institute of Government.

In 2000 Gerry received COG's Scull Award, the region's highest award for leadership, for his work on promoting telework/telecommuting throughout the Metropolitan Washington Region.

In 2002, he received an environmental achievement award from the Hunter Mill Defense League and Fairfax Trails and Streams has announced that Gerry is receiving an award for his role as "father" of the 38-mile-long Cross-County Trail.

He has been recognized by the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations for his authorship of the County's Value Engineering program that has saved taxpayers millions of dollars, and by the Fairfax Firefighters for his role in improving public safety. In 2005 Gerry received an award from Catholics for Housing for outstanding political leader.

Gerry's career as a public official began on March 28, 1995 when he was overwhelmingly elected as the Providence District Supervisor to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and was re-elected to a four-year term in November that same year. Gerry was unopposed for re-election in November 1999.

Pimmit Hills Restrictive Covenants

Pimmit Hills resident George d'Angelo has brought up the issue of the old community restrictive covenants to see if the three story dwellings going up in our neighborhood are legal (according to the covenants, they aren't). He has gone to Fairfax County and found that the covenants are technically still valid.

PHCA is a citizen's association, not a homeowners association, so it is not in the position of enforcing these covenants. However, we can take steps to update them to be more relevant for the 21st century. One example of this is that number 11 states that only chain link or picket fences are allowed. Times have changed because now we actively encourage people to get rid of the old, dated, rusted chain link fences.

What is your opinion on these covenants? What should be changed, deleted or added? Should they somehow be enforced? What do you think if someone enforced them with a neighbor? Please let us know by mailing or emailing your opinion to the editor. D'Angelo will keep us informed of what he finds out about these covenants:

Dear Gene and Dispatch,

On the Covenants issue, my preliminary finding is that they appear to be alive and well. Nothing on file at the court land records would indicate otherwise. I am now waiting for the opinion of the legal counsel at the office of the Board of Supervisors. If validity is confirmed, I would expect that the PHCA bulletin avoid statements to the contrary. I think homeowners should be aware of their rights and then decide for themselves which option to pursue. In fact, I think they should be given a copy of the covenants as used to be the case when people bought homes here many years ago. Will keep you posted. Thanks and regards, **George d'Angelo**

Section 1 & 2 Recorded in Deed Book 812, Page 348, October 30, 1950
Section 3 Recorded in Deed Book 872, Page 329, May 25, 1951
Section 4 Recorded in Deed Book 860, Page 530, April 13, 1951
Section 5 Recorded in Deed Book 860, Page 538, April 13, 1951
Section 6 Recorded in Deed Book 960, Page 446, April 9, 1952
Section 7 Recorded in Deed Book 1161, Page 341, March 10, 1954
Section 2, Orchard Crest, Recorded in Deed Book 1522, Page 157, January 25, 1957

This is what was given to Pimmit Hills residents when they bought their homes back in the 1950s and 60s:

PIMMIT HILLS RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

The complete text of the Restrictive Covenants applicable to Pimmit Hills property is provided for your information and guidance. The covenants are applicable to Sections 1 through 7 of Pimmit Hills, as recorded in the official land records of Fairfax County as follows:

1) No lot shall be used except for residential purposes. No building shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any other lot than one detached single family dwelling not to exceed two stories in height and a private garage for not more than two cars.

2) No dwelling shall be permitted on any lot at a cost of less than \$5,000.00 based upon cost levels prevailing on the date these covenants are recorded, it being the intention and purpose of the covenant to assure that all dwellings shall be of a quality of workmanship and materials substantially the same or better than that which can be produced on the date these covenants are recorded at the minimum cost stated herein for the minimum permitted dwelling size. The ground floor area of the main structure,

exclusive of one story open porches and garages, shall not be less than 800 square feet for a one story dwelling, nor less than 400 square feet for a dwelling of more than one story.

3) No building shall be located on any lot nearer than 40 feet to the front lot line, or nearer than 40 feet to any side street line. No buildings shall be located nearer than 15 feet to any interior lot line, except that no side yard shall be required for a garage or other permitted accessory building. No dwelling shall be located on any interior lot nearer than 25 feet to the rear lot line. For the purpose of this covenant, eaves, steps and open porches shall not be considered as a part of a building, provided, however, that this shall not be construed to permit any portion of a building on a lot to encroach upon another lot.

4) No dwelling shall be erected or placed on any lot having a width of less than 60 feet at a minimum building setback line nor shall any dwelling be erected or placed on any lot having an area of less than 10,000 square feet.

5) Easements for installation and maintenance or any utilities and drainage facilities are reserved over the rear five feet of each lot.

6) No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.

7) No structure of a temporary character, trailer, basement, tent, shack, barn, garage or other outbuilding shall be used on any lot at any time as a residence either temporarily or permanently.

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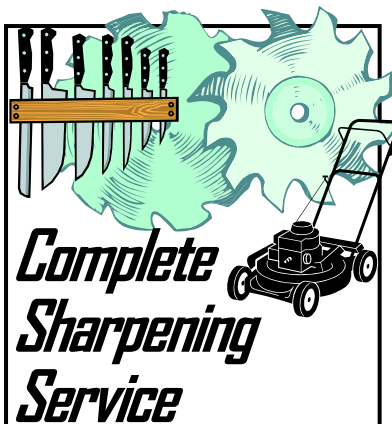
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9) No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purposes.

10) No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean sanitary condition.

11) No fences shall be erected on any lot except of open wire, picket or hedge

type. No solid board fences shall be erected on any part of any lot. No fence shall be over four feet in height.

12) These covenants are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them for a period of twenty-five years from the date these covenants are recorded; after which time, said covenants shall be automatically extended for successive periods of 10 years unless an instrument signed by a majority of the then owners of the lots has been recorded agreeing to change said covenants in whole or in part.

13) Enforcement shall be by proceeding at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any covenant either to restrain violation or to recover damages.

14) Invalidation of any one of these covenants by judgment or Court Order shall in no wise affect any of the other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

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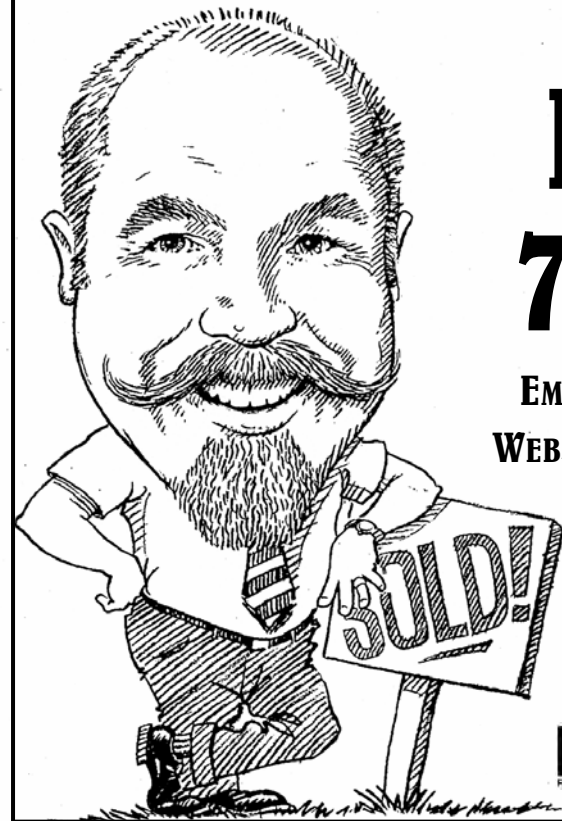
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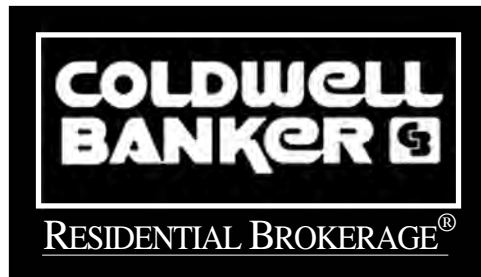


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The “Mega-Church” in McLean

By Cindy Kwitchoff, Editor

If you've ever encountered a huge traffic jam early Sunday mornings going west on Route 7, you've probably wonder what was going on and what all these people are doing on a Sunday morning. Shouldn't they be home reading the paper or watching Washington's version of “must-see-TV”: the Sunday talk shows? It turns out most of these people are headed for our local area's mega-church: the McLean Bible Church (MBC) which recently opened its new building on Route 7 at the western end of Tysons Comer just past the Toll Road .

The non-denominational McLean Bible Church has been around since the 1960s, but kept outgrowing their buildings. The main auditorium in their newest building seats 2,400. They have eight to eleven thousand people attending five services during the weekend. What's their appeal when attendance at many churches are dwindling?

Having attended traditional churches all my life—the ones with sanctuaries, pews (wood benches), choirs, hymns, steeples, etc—a mega-church is quite a shock at first. MBC sort of looks like the façade of Tyson's mall complete with a two-story parking garage that holds 2,500 cars. It has a beautiful waterfall feature at the main entrance that spans the two story building. Right next to that is the dedication cornerstone that reads, “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it,” (Psalm 127:1) and, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord,” (Zechariah 4:6).

As you make your way to the main auditorium on the second floor, you feel like you are entering a concert hall. Large video screens are everywhere helping people way up in the stadium seating to get a good view of what is happening on the stage. The live video

feed also plays throughout the church building on screens so you can even watch the service while eating in their cafeteria. The pastor uses PowerPoint with words, images and video to go along with his sermon. The screens also display the words to all the songs.

The music is a big part of what draws people to MBC. Each Sunday is different: kid's choirs, bell ringers, orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands or soloists. The music is mainly contemporary Christian music which is taking the country by storm (hear it on WGTS 91.9FM). If you like more traditional hymns, they have “MBC Classic” worship service at 9:00 am in a smaller auditorium. If you like the latest and hippest contemporary Christian music, they have “The Edge” worship service at 10:45 am in the same room. Both services have large screens that show the pastor live when he's giving his sermon at the regular 9 am and 10:45 am services upstairs.

The pastor is Lon Solomon whose interesting story includes growing up in a conservative Jewish home and tripping out as a hippie while in college in the early 1970s where he used and pushed drugs in his fraternity. To find some kind of meaning in his life, he searched out different religions including his own, but finally found peace in believing in Jesus. He is now on the board of Jews for Jesus. Pastor Solomon certainly isn't milquetoast and he's not shy about speaking the truth. After reading the Bible passage for his sermon, his trademark is having the audience say, “So What!?” He then goes on to show how the passage is very applicable to today and your life. In fact, making the Bible and belief in God relevant to your entire life—work, family, friends—is the major thrust of the church. I've been impressed by how it has really reached people who other-

wise had no interest in attending church. MBC's stated main goal of “Impacting Secular Washington for Jesus Christ,” must be working.

Churches have evolved in the past 2,000 years and the 21st century church may be the mega-church like MBC. They've adapted to the faster, multimedia, contemporary way of life people relate to and as a result, people pay attention. In a world that encourages wishy-washiness, people are drawn to these churches which don't water down the truth but present it in a direct, relevant yet non-threatening way. MBC says it's not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners.

Because of their size, the churches have hundreds of communities for all ages, tons of volunteer opportunities, plus they encourage joining a small group to connect to one another.

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Area School Events

Pimmit Hills High School

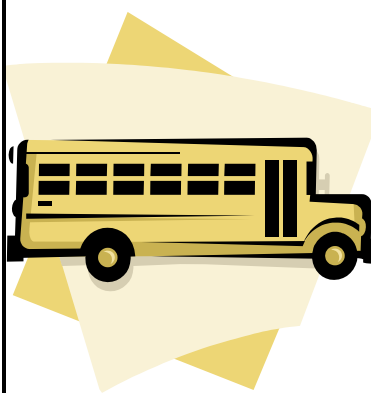
- March 4: ILC Meeting
- March 7-10: SOL Testing Window
- March 9: PLC Meeting
- March 22: FAC Meeting
- March 23: PLC meetings
- March 24: Opportunities Day
- March 27-29: VAEA Conference (Virginia Alternative Education Conference)
- March 5, 12, 19, 26: Admin Team Meetings.

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**.

Lemon Road Elementary

- March 8: PTA Meeting - FUN FAIR Planning, 7:00 pm
- March 11: Career Day, 9:00 am-2:00pm
- March 21- 25: Spring Break - School Closed



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The Best Kept Secret of Pimmit Hills

By Ed Pickens, Fairfax Trails & Streams

Did you know that one of the area's largest natural resources starts right here in the Pimmit Hills area? The Pimmit Run Watershed, the largest in the McLean area, starts in Pimmit Hills. This watershed drains most of Pimmit Hills and all of McLean south of Old Chain Bridge Road. The watershed consists of a main branch approximately 10 miles in length with over 50 miles of side streams in 12 major tributaries.

1990's. However, starting in the late 1990's, a group named Fairfax Trails & Streams adopted Pimmit Run under the Virginia Department of Conservation and Resources "Adopt A Stream" program. Since adopting the stream, Fairfax Trails & Streams has been actively pursuing the development of the Pimmit Run Trail and the cleanup of Pimmit Run.

"One can walk from Olney Park in the Pimmit Hills area all the way to the Potomac River at Chain Bridge."

There is a defined trail from Chain Bridge up to Olney Park. The trail is still not signed yet and has incomplete sections between Old Dominion Road downstream to Brookhaven Road. and from Bryan Branch Road through the Potomac School properties. However, if one knows where the trail is, one can walk from Olney Park in the Pimmit Hills area all the way to the Potomac River at Chain Bridge. The trail can be accessed

The headwaters of this 8,000 acre watershed are in the Pimmit Hills area. The source of Pimmit Run is actually a small lake just across Interstate 495 in back of Marshall High School. From this source, Pimmit Run runs through south McLean and enters the Potomac River near Chain Bridge.

A significant portion of the stream valley in this watershed is publicly owned land that is accessible to the public. Do you know how to access this natural resource right

in two places in the Pimmit Hills: out of Olney Park or on the south bank of the Run opposite the Fairfax County Park Authority Maintenance Yard on Pimmit Drive. From the Olney Park parking lot, go south across the open area, take the trail that heads south into the woods, at the intersection of trails, turn left, go about 50 yards, turn right on the trail that goes sharply downhill to Pimmit Run, cross the Run on the stepping stones and you are on your way to Chain Bridge and the lovely Pimmit Run Trail. ■

The Pimmit Run Trail is a 7+ mile long natural surface hiking/walking trail that goes from Chain Bridge/Glebe Road along Pimmit Run and Little Pimmit Run up to Olney Park in the Pimmit Hills area. This trail has been on the Fairfax County Master Trail Plan since the early 1980's; however, little was done to make it a reality in the 1980's and

Pimmit Run Watershed Cleanup Day Saturday, April 2 9:00 am

Fairfax Trails & Streams holds cleanups of the Pimmit Run watershed twice each year. Their next cleanup is on 2 April as part of the Greater Potomac Watershed Cleanup and Fairfax County Watershed Cleanup Day.

One of the cleanup sites is at the parking lot in Olney Park. Cleanup volunteers will be meeting there at 9 AM to start cleaning up the area of Pimmit Run from the Dulles Access Highway up to Route 7.

Volunteers are always needed, so come out and help cleanup Pimmit Run and start finding out about this natural treasure in your backyard.

Contact us at our website: FairfaxTrails.org or call Ed Pickens at 703-448-0415, pickens_slim@hotmail.com.

PHCA News

Your Ideas Wanted

Our citizen's association is over 50 years old and since then, the nature of community in America has changed a great deal. The Pimmit Hills Community Association (PHCA) was formed when our community consisted (in general) of families with kids and only the father worked. People also didn't move as much so more people knew their neighbors. The main focus of PHCA was working to get curbs, sidewalks and street lights installed in the community.

Now in the 21st century, people move in and out, the community has become richly diverse, usually both parents work, there are many single homeowners and more renters. TV, the internet, the demands of work and long commutes in traffic all affect participation in the community.

Should PHCA still exist? Do you think our community needs an association? If so, what should it focus on in this new century? What kinds of activities should it be involved in? Out of a community of 1,642 homes, usually about 30 or 40 people show up at monthly meetings. Does this mean people aren't interested or Tuesday at 7:30 pm is not a good time to meet? About 25% of the community has paid the annual membership dues, a major source of income for PHCA to fund its activities. Fifty years ago the number was 98%.

We would really like your thoughts, suggestions and innovative, "out-of-the-box," creative ideas on all of these issues. What role should PHCA play in the community, if any? What kind of activities would be useful? How to get more people to volunteer with events and serve in leadership roles? Should we still have monthly meetings? What time would be best? What kind of speakers would be of interest and draw more in the community?

Please send your thoughts, suggestions and ideas to the editor at: Dispatch@PimmitHills.org or fax 703-734-1574 or mail, 1925 Cherri Dr. The future direction of the association, or even if it will still exist, depends on your input on these issues. Thank you!

Dog Park

So many people in Pimmit Hills have dogs and it's a great way to meet others in the neighborhood. A suggestion was made that it would nice to have a fenced-in dog park where PH'ers could go with their dogs to let them run around for a while with other dogs. It could become THE meeting place as dog owners get to know each other there. Does anyone know how to go about identifying a potential area in PH for the park and does it need County permission? Please contact PHCA to help out with this project.

Stray Cats

Recently Fairfax County Police sent around a flyer notifying our community of a cat with rabies in the area. PH has a lot of stray, feral cats that continually breed more feral cats. One citizen is looking into having PHCA work with an organization that captures these cats, gets them neutered/spayed, and then releases them back into the area they were found. This will help prevent the proliferation of cats and all their little kittens (cats apparently get pregnant every time they mate). Remember we found out that cat rescue organizations can't accept anymore cats because they don't have room to handle them all. Please contact PHCA to help out with this project.

Volunteers Needed for 1 Year

Do you have creative ideas, do you care about this community you live in? Do you like to get things organized and

meet others in Pimmit Hills? A small amount of your time and large part of your talent is needed to serve just one year in a leadership role as a PHCA officer and help direct the future of our community association. Our June meeting is the time we choose our new officers, so if you might even be the slightest bit interested, come to an April or May meeting and let us know you may be able to help out for just one year.

Neighborhood Watch

It's not an official officer position, but a vital one that needs filling. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator works with Fairfax County Police and Pimmit Hills citizens to help make our community safer. This person reports on crime and safety at the monthly meetings or in the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*. If you have talent and interest in security, please contact us.

Dispatch Editor

The current *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* editor has been publishing the monthly newspaper by herself since 1999, but now she needs a sabbatical. If you have a talent for desktop publishing along with the tools like a lot of fonts, clipart, graphics, fax, email and a good laser printer, please consider becoming the editor. The editor is an officer of the PHCA so you need to attend PHCA meetings and the occasional board meetings.

Maybe you can't be the editor but have talents in the following areas to help this person out: Advertising sales, ad design or ad billing; and writers or content contributors.

To help out, please contact Dispatch @PimmitHills.org or phone 703-734-0402. Thank you! ■