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### PHCA Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7:30 pm Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Avenue

A representative from Fluor Daniel Corporation will talk about their plans to build High Occupancy Toll "H.O.T." Lanes on the Beltway.



### PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY NEWS

The *Dispatch* is a bit thin this month. We don't have a PHCA meeting to report

because the February meeting was cancelled due to snow. It was the first time in a long time that we had to cancel a meeting. Fairfax County schools were closed that day and since we meet at the Pimmit Hills School, our meeting site was closed. We posted the cancellation on our website, PimmitHills.org.

The **Red Cross presentation**, "Together We Prepare" will be rescheduled to the May meeting.

At our Tuesday, March 2 PHCA meeting, a representative from Fluor Corporation will speak to us about proposed "H.O.T." (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes on the Beltway. These are lanes that are open to carpools, vanpools, transit and tollpaying solo drivers – as a means of reducing congestion. The Fluor Daniel plan would add four HOT lanes to 14 miles of the Beltway -between Springfield and the Dulles Toll Road. Carpoolers and buses would have free HOT lane access. The costs to single drivers would range between \$1 to \$4 for HOT lane access. The \$630 million project would be paid for almost entirely by tolls. Come and learn more about this project at our meeting. On our website, there are links to various articles about HOT lanes

Our April meeting PHCA meting will feature our own **Pimmit Hills Gardener, Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis**, who will be talking about gardening in Pimmit Hills and will be answering your gardening questions.

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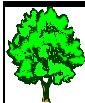
The next **PHCA Clean-Up Day** will be **Saturday**, **May 1** at the PHCA House on Pimmit Drive. The weekend before on **Saturday**, **April 24**, we will have our annual**PHCA Community Yard Sale**.

This year, we plan to do things a little different. We know it's hard to lug all your stuff over to thePHCA House if you have a lot to sell. While spaces there will be available for you to sell stuff, we'll also be advertising to let people know where other yard sales in the community are that day.

This will be a truly communitywide yard sale day with everyone bringing out their stuff to sell either at their homes or at the PHCA House. Please contact PHCA via email (PHCA@PimmitHills.org) or call an officer to let us know you want to participate in this event and where you plan to be.

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We're always looking for home and community-oriented articles for the *Dispatch*. Anyone want to be a "reporter" and write articles on our community and its people? Contact Dispatch@PimmitHills.org or call the editor.



# Pimmit Hills Citizens Association **MEMBERSHIP**FOR YEAR: September 2003 to June 2004

Open to all owners and renters living in Pimmit Hills

### Your membership dues of \$12/person go towards:

- Printing and mail delivery of the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* (which costs about \$2 per house <u>per month</u>--10 month schedule equals \$20)
- PHCA <u>Membership</u> Telephone Directory to be published in June 2004 BUT ONLY FOR PHCA MEMBERS (non-members must pay \$20 for the directory)
- PHCA representing the community to Fairfax County and its officials
- Access to community events like Clean-Up Day, Community Yard Sale (no paying for a table), Donation Day (we're planning two of each this year!)
- Projects like building entrance signs to Pimmit Hills
- Running monthly meetings where community business is conducted that affects you; having special speakers come to our meetings like our elected leaders, transportation and development topics
- Being a part of the McLean Citizens Association which gives us an even stronger voice in Fairfax County
- Helping PH citizens with problems and complaints; working with Fairfax County on serious property concerns, an official PHCA membership card, AND MORE!

### **PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM** Pimmit Hills Citizens Association 1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

Name(s) of PHCA Members in Household:

Street Address:

Falls Church, VA 22043

Home Phone:

E-Mail Address: (for PHCA to contact you; email will not be listed in Directory)

I'd like to volunteer to help out with PHCA activities  $\Box$  yes  $\Box$  no

□ I do NOT want to be listed in the PHCA<u>Membership</u> Directory

Dues Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$12 per person )



By Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellís, Hortículturalist

iming is everything and it's time to start your seeds. Well, not all of them just yet. Certain plants must be started early so they will have plenty of time to grow before being planted outside. Others are best saved for direct sowing into the ground once it has warmed up.



sults can be had under broadspectrum artificial lights.)

Since the rest of our plants are grown in 4-inch pots and will not be needed until the tulips are finished blooming (early to mid-May), we wait until February to get really serious about sowing seeds. Retail

But how to know when to begin?

At work, we start sowing Pansy seeds before Christmas. By March these plants are ready to go into pots of tulip bulbs that have spent their long winter's nap in a cold room. (Our fall planted pansies, the same varieties we sow for spring, went into the beds right after the tulip bulbs were planted last fall.) The Geranium seeds follow just before the New Year. This early start gives us nice big blooming plants in 6inch pots by May. (Our greenhouse allows us to grow plants through the dark days of winter; similar reseed packets will give you a good idea of when to start, but generally speaking, the smaller the seed, the earlier it must be started. Dust-like Begonia seeds need a good 12 weeks or more to grow into good-sized plants ready for the garden.

Miniscule Petunia, Flowering Tobacco (Nicotiana), and Snapdragon seeds are sown a couple of weeks later. At the other end of the spectrum, giants, like Marigolds, Zinnias, Moon Vine and Sunflowers, are best left for a mid to late April start indoors, or sown directly into the *continued on page 6* 

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soil once the weather warms for good. And around here that's usually early May. (I've always found that although Moon Vines grow quickly, nicking the seed coat and starting them two or three weeks ahead indoors gets them blooming much earlier in the summer.)

Some seedlings never perform well in pots and do much better when sown directly into the garden. Two that come to mind are Cosmos and Spiderflower (Cleome). And most vegetable seeds also fall into this category, especially large-seeded, fastgrowing cucumbers, squash and melons. Although these are offered as young plants at the garden center, they quickly get pot-bound and can take too long to recover.

Cole crops (such as Broccoli, Cabbage, Kale, and Brussels Sprouts), Tomatoes, Peppers and Eggplants, however, should all be sown indoors six to eight or more weeks ahead of planting out. The cole crops want to be planted out early; they prefer the cooler weather and will bolt (bloom and go to seed) in summer's heat. Transplanting the rest should wait until the weather and soil are good and warm. Tomatoes will sit and sulk in cool soil and chilled Eggplants will give you the evil eye for the rest of the summer.

Those vegetable seeds that are sown directly should be sownin two phases: as soon as the soil is workable in early spring or when the soil is warm enough to set out tomatoes and peppers. Peas, Lettuce, Radishes, Beets and Carrots are cool season crops and need an early start to reach harvest before the summer nasties arrive. Beans, Melons, Squash and Cucumbers will rot in the ground if sown too soon. This difference in sowing times allows for greater yields when early Peas are pulled out in July and followed by Beans, or Tomato plants are set in between rows of waning Lettuce. So get your seeds out and get ready to sow!■

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis lives on Leonard Road

Have a garden question for Deanne? Send it to Dispatch@PimmitHills.org



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## The Joys of Remodeling

#### Part 2

Every Pimmit Hills home started off basically the same, but over the past 50 years, various owners have modified the layouts in different ways. That's why it feels strange to go in another person's PH house– you recognize it because it's sort of like your house but its own unique configuration throws you off.

Previous owners of my house combined the front two bedrooms to make a large bedroom. They took part of the space to make a front entranceway closet, a bedroom closet and a powder room. This created a little hallway to the main bathroom, and I began thinking that it was wasted space.

Our original Pimmit Hills bahrooms are quite small and I thought that if I took out the closet in the back room, I could use that space and the small hallway portion to expand the bathroom.

Watching too many home improvement and decorating shows on TV and thinking can be dangerous to your wallet. During Hurricane Isabel, when there was nothing else to do because the electricity was out, I decided to go ahead and knock out the closet wall to make way for the expansion of my bathroom. Maybe you can't build or fix things, but everyone can demolish things. It's kind of fun to take a big sledge hammer and begin pounding away. By Cindy Kwitchoff, Dispatch Editor

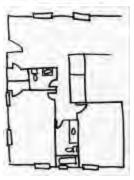
The dotted lines show where the wall between the two bedrooms and second door was on the original house. Previous owners merged the two rooms into one and had room to add a 1/2 bath.

Note the small hallway leading to the bathroom.

The closet in the back bedroom was removed and the bathroom expanded. Another closet will be added when renovation is done.

PH homes can be reconfigured in many different ways.

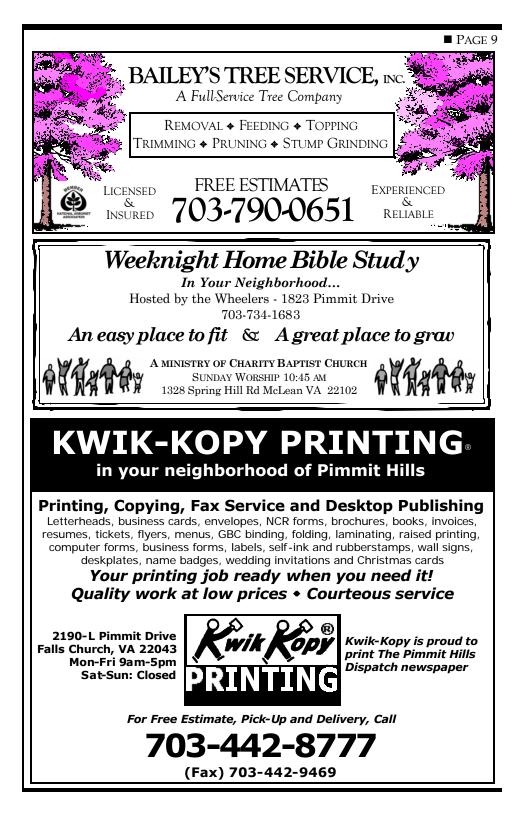




Trading Spaces, where a room is changed in two days, you begin to get a skewed vision of what it takes to get something done.

After taking down drywall, doors and some framing and carpet, I thought: now what? This thought lasted for nearly two months. You could say I had one of those "open" bathrooms. But then I learned that I might have family coming for Thanksgiving and they probably would want at least a door on the bathroom. I needed some drywall and framing for a door fast. I called a local handyman, long time Pimmit Hills resident Kenny Shrader, for help.

When you watch shows like



A woman once told me that wives would sooner give up their husbands than give up their handyman, I suppose meaning how valuable it is to have someone around who actually knows how to build and repair things. In this modern day, not too many men and women have these skills. Handymen are in high demand and a couple of years ago I had a handyman, since moved away, who was booked 4-5 months in advance he was so busy with jobs. In addition to Kenny, Steve Burcham and Doug Hartnett are handymen who advertise in the *Dispatch*. Doug did an excellent job building a pre-fab shed for me in two days. One day had high winds and the other day had intermittent cold rain. Talk about going above and beyond.

Kenny framed out the door and put drywall on the walls and celings (after I had an electrician do the electrical work). The commode and bathtub were a weird avocado green and the tiles around the tub were a tan color. Nothing matched that green and I was glad to see it go. I decided to switch the plaœment of the sink and commode and Kenny's friend, plumber and Pimmit Hills resident Donnie Newton did the plumbing (see photo).

I had gone to our favorite Merifield Home Depot to order Master-Bath cabinets and a sink countertop. You order the modular cabinets that you want based on the size of your bathroom and your desired configuration. Don't believe the "14 Day Delivery" promise and



son your order gets lost because it ended up in the garden(?) department, the cabinets are already put together and really great. Kenny picked up the order, including the Corian sink countertop, and then installed the cabinets, the new faucet and commode.

Let me back up a little. Before he could do that, he had to plaster the seams of the drywall. Wanting to learn how to do some of this kind of stuff, I decided to sand the dried plaster and put on the finishing coat and then prime the walls with paint. Kenny was happy to have me do this and now I know why. Drywall plaster dust is really nasty and bad for you to breathe. It's extremely fine (make sure you have a dust mask on) and gets everywhere. My vacuum cleaner broke when I unwisely used it to cleane up

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the dust. I've learned that it's a good idea to have a professional prime the walls after THEY do the plaster sanding because the paint shows all the places where the sanding wasn't done right. My first crack at this was okay, but Kenny had to fix it. I then painted the bathroom a base coat, waiting for spring and fresh air before I try a decorative paint technique (I like to paint).

Kenny had prepared the floor for the "EuroTiles" I bought. These are high-quality peel-and-stick tiles that look like slate or stone. I found them at Home Depot and installed them myself. I love the way it looks and it was very easy to do.

Re the avocado bathtub with its tan tiles, it was basically in good condition and too much of a hassle and expense to take it all out. So I called Bath Fitters. After careful measurements, they create a perfectly form-fitted acrylic bathtub to go over your existing one. They also create acrylic tub (or shower) surround to go over the existing walls. Everything is sealed and the walls look like tile, but no grout to deal with. They even trim out the window in the bathroom with the acrylic. In just one day the avocado was gone and I had a "new" bahtub. The two-person crew was professional, quick, courteous and did a fine job.

What I haven't added here was the cost of remodeling the bathroom mainly because, well, I didn't really plan everything out ahead of time, I was essentially my own contractor on the job hiring other people to do what I couldn't do, and mostly, it's amazing how things can add up. A faucet here, cabinet door knobs there, you know how it is Home Depot gets richer, your wallet gets thinner. And Lowe's I might add. It's worth the trip to drive out to the incredible Dulles Town Center Lowe's. Don't you wish we had one closer and give Merrifield Home Depot a little needed friendly competition? But I would say to expect to spend \$7,000 to \$10,000 on basic remodeling of a Pimmit Hills bahroom. Taking out the bathtub and gutting the room would cost more. I heard there is a \$22,000 remodeled bathroom in Pimmit Hills! All I know it doesn't take \$1,000 and two days as Paige Davis claims on TLC's "Trading Spaces." But at least I don't have painted gold cabinets and bright silk flowers stapled all over the wall (you have to see the show).

Good news to report regarding last month's article on the dreadful installation of my front door: the door has been replaced by the Home Depot At-Home Services contractors and now it closes and locks perfectly. They also put back the storm/screen door and that works better than it had previously. The contracting company brought their best installer, Travis, to fix the damage and do it right (well before last month's article appeared).

Next month — the main remodel has started.■

Let us know about your remodeling experiences and what you've learned. Send a note to Dispatch@PimmitHills.org



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### **Pimmit Hills High School Activities:**

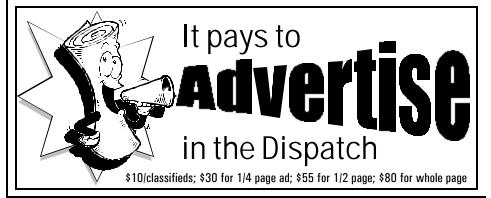
March 4: ILC Meeting March 5, 12, 19, 26: Administrative Team Meetings March 8: English 11 SOL Writing Multiple Choice March 9: English 11 SOL Writing MC Make-Up March 9: Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Meeting March 10: SOL Direct Writing March 11: SOL Direct Writing Make-Up Week of March 15: SOL Expedited Retakes March 22: FAC Meeting March 23: PLC Meeting March 24: Opportunities Day March 27-29: VAEA Conference (Virginia Alternative Education Conference)



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### **Types of Remodeling Professionals**

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#### **Course of Action**

If DIY is not for you, where should you turn to find the best professional for your project? There are many types of professionals within the home improvement field that could come to your aid.

The General Contractor: Many home improvement projects do not require professional design services and can best be handled by the experienced contractor whose knowledge of materials and methods has been gained by years on the job.

Again, be sure to deal with a professional. Even though the job may be relatively small, its successful completion is important to you. Small jobs also need careful planning and attention to detail. General contractors are also the right choice for your project if you have had your project designed by an architect or designer and you now need someone to manage the construction of those designs.

For design services, your options include:

The Architect: Major remodeling projects require construction drawings for the purposes of defining a contract and procuring permits. In cases where your professional remodeler does not provide design services, you may wish to seek the assistance of a professionally trained architect. It is best to work with an architect experienced in remodeling-he or she will be more sensitive to the special challenges that remodeling presents. Architects are licensed by the state and have formal education and experience. They have overall knowledge of design; however, many architects do not accept smaller projects.

The Designer: Another option to obtain those construction drawings is to hire a certified or licensed designer. Designers may have expertise in specific areas of the home, such as: kitchens, interiors, baths, space design, etc. They often specialize in particular types of projects and may be the best choice for a targeted project.

The Design/Build Contractor: If you prefer to hire only one company for design and construction services, your best bet may be to hire a design/build firm. Design/ build is a concept developed to benefit the remodeling homeowner by providing both quality design and construction services within the same general contracting company.

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### PHCA Community-Wide Yard Sale Saturday, April 24



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The following Saturday, May 1, we'll be holding our popular PHCA Clean-Up Day at the PHCA House. You need to be a paid member of PHCA to throw away your big stuff at this event. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to help out.

**DID YOU KNOW** that these extremely well-known companies, many who have been around for a long time (Coca-Cola is 118 years old!), spent this much money in advertising for ONE year—2003? (Source: Annual Ad Age Megabrand report).

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Redeemer Lutheran Church 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean 703-356-3346 Pastor George Evans Asst. Pastor Jeffrey Wilson Sunday school 9:45 am Sunday services 8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00 am

हञ्ख St. Luke's United Methodist Church "The Church on the Hill" 7628 Leesburg Pike (Pimmit Hills) Rev. Gretchen A. Miller 703-893-9220 Sunday school 9:30 am Worship service 11:00 am

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### **Pimmit Hills School**

7510 Lisle Avenue FRONT OFFICE PHONE: 703-506-2344 FAX: 703-506-2397 To report safety, parking or behavioral concerns: 703-506-2318 Beverly R. Wilson, Principal PHONE: 703-506-2315 EMAIL: beverly.wilson@fcps.edu

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

#### Most Requested Numbers

Area Agency on Aging, 703-324-5411 Athletic Service, 703-324-5533 Animal Control, 703-830-3680 Audit Hotline, 703-876-0526 Cox Cable, 703-378-8422 Clerk-Board of Supr, 703-324-3151 Consumer Affairs, 703-222-8435 Dept of Health, 703-246-2411 Dept of Motor Vehicles, 866-368-5463 Disabilities Svc Board, 703-324-5421 Dept of Public Works Environmental Svcs, 703-324-5033 Site Inspections, 703-324-1950 Electoral Board, 703-222-0776 Fairfax County Public Schools, 703-246-2502 Gas Leaks, 888-223-9452 Human Services, 703-222-0880 Office for Children, 703-324-8100 Office for Women, 703-324-5730 Park Authority, 703-324-8700 Pimmit Senior Center, 703-734-3238 Planning Commission, 703-324-2865 Police (non-emergency) 703-691-2131 Tax Administration, 703-324-8234 Trash Collection/Recycling, 703-324-5040 VDOT Maintenance, 703-383-VDOT Virginia Power, 888-667-3000

### Zoning Enforcement (Suite 829)

Phone: 703-324-1300 Fax: 703-324-1343 – Investigates complaints of alleged violations of the Zoning Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance – Reviews and approves sign permits **More Zoning Information:** www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/ocp/ zoningordinance



### **1927 PIMMIT DRIVE, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22043** EMAIL: PHCA@PIMMITHILLS.ORG WEBSITE: WWW.PIMMITHILLS.ORG

### PHCA Officers for September 2003 to June 2004:

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The Pimmit Hills Citizen Association

1927 Pimmit Drive Falls Church, VA 22043

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### April issue deadline: March 6

PHCA TOWN MEETINGS: **March 2, 2003** April 6, 2003 May 4, 2003 June 1, 2004

No July or August meetings



PHCA Town Meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue. *ALL Pimmit Hills homeowners and renters are welcome and encouraged to attend!* 

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