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February issue deadline: Jan 10

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates:

Jan 7, 2003

Feb 4, 2003
Mar 4, 2003
Apr 1, 2003

May 6, 2003

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

January
2003

The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

Our Neighborhood,
Our Home

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PIMMIT HILLS NEWS

Happy New Year!

Many thanks to all who baked and brought cookies to the December PHCA meeting for the cookie swap.

The winners of the Pimmit Hills Holiday Decorating Contest will be announced during the January PHCA meeting and posted in the February *Pimmit Hills Dispatch*.

There are two notary services available in the area if you're ever in the need of a Notary Public. Martha Duggar of Tillman Drive can be contacted at 703-356-6508. And the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9274 and Ladies Auxiliary at 7118 Shreve Road in Falls Church can be reached at 703-790-8221. Leave a message with two preferred dates and time; after hours are available and it is offered free as a community service.



Upcoming PHCA
Meeting Date:

**Jan 7,
2003**



Pimmit Hills
Our Neighborhood
Our Home

Our meetings are at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Ave. All **homeowners and renters** are encouraged and most welcome to attend meetings to meet your neighbors, learn more about your community, voice your concerns, and participate in votes.



Ads (classified and display), articles and other submissions for the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* are due the Friday after the monthly PHCA meetings.

PHCA Meeting	Dispatch Deadline
Jan 7, 2003	Jan 10 for Feb
Feb 4, 2003	Feb 7 for March
Mar 4, 2003	March 7 for Apr
Apr 1, 2003	April 4 for May
May 6, 2003	May 9 for June
Jun 3, 2003	July/Aug: <i>Dispatch</i> is not published



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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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Pimmit Hills 2002-03 Membership Drive

The annual Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) Membership Drive begins September 2002 and ends June 2003. Dues are only \$12 per person. Please show your support of your community by becoming a member!

Your membership dues go towards:

- Printing and delivery of the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* (which costs about \$2 per house *per month*--10 month schedule equals \$20)
- PHCA Telephone Directory
- PHCA representing the community to Fairfax County and its officials
- Special community events like clean-up day, annual yard sale, holiday socials, picnics, holiday decorating contests, etc
- Projects like building *Welcome to Pimmit Hills* signs at the entrances to PH
- Sunshine fund--cheering up neighbors who are ill or who've lost loved ones
- 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
- Participating in the McLean Citizens Association which helps give us an even stronger voice in the County
- Helping PH citizens with problems and complaints; working with Fairfax County on serious property concerns
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Please send in your dues or bring them to the next PHCA meeting and show how much you care about your community!

Mail this Membership Form with your YEARLY dues to:

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1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043**

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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting

NOTES

By Sarah Rock, PHCA Secretary



Happy New Year neighbors! Have you made your New Year resolutions yet? If not I've got a great, easy resolution for you. Come out the first Tuesday of every month and meet your neighbors at the PHCA meetings. We would love to meet you!

As I'm sitting here my yard is covered with snow. Did you know that the Virginia Department of Transportation clears about 15,000 miles of state roads in Northern Virginia alone during a single winter storm? You can call (703)383-VDOT for information about snow removal. Unlike other counties in the Washington D.C. area, Fairfax County does not require snow shoveling after a storm. However it is a great courtesy to your neighbors if you are able to clear a path.

We covered a lot of business in a short amount of time at the December meeting and we shared many tasty cookies. Thanks to all who baked and shared with us at the meeting.

In transportation news, the Metro Orange Line extension project is moving forward. The Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) was submitted to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation in late November.

You can view the LPA and find updates on the project at www.dullestransit.com.

President Baker alerted the Association that the West Group has requested re-zoning for land off Colshire Drive so that they may build 1,354 apartments. While this land falls in the Providence District, it is merely a hop, a skip and a jump away from our neighborhood. Unlike other developers planning projects near our neighborhood, the West Group never approached PHCA to share news of their plans. After discussion, PHCA passed a motion to join the McLean Citizens Association in opposing this re-zoning and development. PHCA feels that West Group is offering compensations that fall short of the burden on schools and other county services that this development will cause. Incidentally, the Planning Commission voted to approve the re-zoning at their November 21 meeting. Commissioner DuBois, who represents the Dranesville district, opposed the requests.

In other development news, Lerner Enterprises re-zoning hearing for Tysons II was deferred till January 16, 2003. Lerner Enterprises presented their plans to PHCA at

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the October meeting. Their plans include many improvements that benefit the community and county at large. Lerner plans to donate land for Metro expansion, build pedestrian bridges from the proposed Tysons Metro to all Tysons II buildings and across Rt 123 to Tysons Corner Center, and build a park and permanent amphitheatre near the Ritz Carlton. After discussion, PHCA passed a motion to support Lerner's re-zoning request for the Tysons II land.

The issue of Pimmit Hills welcome signs was raised at the meeting. Kathy Devine, Joan Naleppa

and John Quick volunteered to form a sign committee. Do you have suggestions or resources that might help with the welcome sign effort? Join us at the Pimmit Hills School January 7. Your participation in neighborhood and civic organizations is more important now than ever. ■

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Next PHCA Meeting:
Tuesday, January 7
7:30 pm
Pimmit Hills School

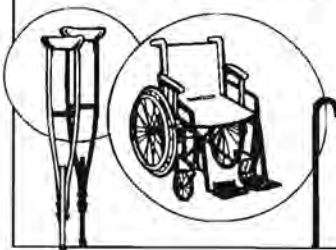
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The commonplace White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) is anything but commonplace when it reaches adulthood. This long needled pine is known for its almost perfect cone shape in youth, but, as it reaches its ultimate height, it develops a strong asymmetry to its branching pattern. When I was a student at Virginia Tech (Go Hokies!) there were a number of very tall White Pines on campus, each branching with an artistic air that reminded me of a Japanese watercolor. Some of our older White Pines in the neighborhood are just beginning to grow out of their youthful symmetry and take on this lovely, uneven form. Unfortunately, too often these pines are planted as screens, a poor choice since these guys lose their lower branches at a fairly early age, thereby losing their landscape value. But when planted as a specimen with plenty of space and time, these common conifers become uncommonly beauty.

While great age is easily recognized when it is accompanied by great size, sometimes the oldest trees are hiding inside less than awesome trunks. The Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus aristata*) of the arid Southwest is considered to be one of the oldest living plants on the planet with trees as old as 4 to 5 thousand years of age being documented. Yet the largest Bristlecone Pines are less than 80 feet tall. (By comparison, the tallest Redwood tree on record was 378 feet tall.) An Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virgin-*

iana) that used to stand in front of the country club where I work, not far from the street, is a good example of age without spectacular size. This scraggly old tree managed to survive numerous road renovations, and, no doubt, was a good-size tree when the first automobile rumbled by. When it fell a few years ago, the base of the tree was a good foot below ground level. Rot resistant as cedar wood is, it's amazing that it stood for so long with years of road construction piling so much earth around its trunk.

A few years back I acquired a rare conifer that had been on my "gotta have" list for quite some time: the Japanese Umbrella Pine (*Sciadopitys verticillata*). The prime reason for the rarity of this handsome evergreen tree is its positively snail-like growth rate. Mine has been in the ground for just shy of five years and stands no more than two feet tall. But its large, stiff, flat needles arranged in spoke-like fashion around its twigs and its neat, conical shape, make it a wonderful addition to the landscape at any size.

So now, during these not-so-green months, while the deciduous trees take time off, notice the evergreens, especially the old ones that have managed to survive all these years. This is their time of the year to shine and to remind us that life is not gone from the landscape. Have you hugged your conifer today? ■

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Road Map to Health

This check list will lead to a well-balanced diet! Controlling portion sizes is the best diet for weight control and overall health. Often people find calorie restriction is not completely necessary once whole foods are incorporated into the diet and processed foods are taken out. Any weight loss program that is undertaken should not be just restricting diet, but modifying behavior as well. Once this plan is put into practice your energy level is sure to **double!**

- ✓ Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, preferably fresh or steamed. Fruits and vegetables travel/pack well for snacks!
- ✓ Follow the Food Guide Pyramid.
- ✓ Pay attention to portion sizes.
- ✓ Record, Record, Record! This will make you aware of what you are eating. Many times people are not aware of what they actually eat in a day. Also, this is a motivational tool once you get that good streak going!
- ✓ When you feel a craving, do something other than eating for at least ten minutes. Frequently this will be enough time for the craving to pass. Why are you eating? Bored? Tired and trying to stay awake? Think before you eat!
- ✓ Adopt a regular exercise pro-

gram. The Stroll For The Soul walking group is a great opportunity to get these healthy habits started! See below for our free walking club information.

- ✓ Eat slowly. Talk while eating or lay your silverware down between each bite. This will allow you to eat less before the feeling of fullness (satiety) kicks in.
- ✓ Drink plenty of water. Add a squeeze of lemon, lime or orange if you do not like plain water. Avoid flavored waters, these often contain sugar and may be high in calories.

You are invited to participate in the Stroll For The Soul Walking Club hosted by Metro Run & Walk. **Just show your Pimmit Hills Dispatch when you participate in Stroll For The Soul and receive a complementary Stroll For The Soul t-shirt!** Our walking schedule start times are as follows: Monday-7:30 & 9:00 AM; Tuesday-6:30 PM; Wednesday-7:30 AM. Metro Run & Walk is located next to Trader Joes in The Tyson's Station Plaza. For directions and additional information please visit: www.runwalklive.com. Please register by calling 703-790-8452 or email TishN@runwalklive.com. ■



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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer,
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It was a late fall -- so late that piles of fallen leaves were covered with the first snow before they were picked up. (Well, it was an early winter too.) And it was a spectacular fall with the usually-early Tulip Poplars still hanging onto some of their yellow-gold foliage as the perpetually-late oaks rapidly took on earthy shades of russet-red, orange-tan and umber. But, as beautiful as our autumn is, it always passes much too quickly and then we're left without much evidence of life in the landscape. Thank goodness for conifers! And now starts the season to appreciate these needled evergreens, especially those that have managed to survive for decades and grow into elegant additions to the landscape.

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting a very large, very elegant old Deodar Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) growing in the yard of a grand, mid-19th century house in Falls Church. I'm not sure how old the Cedar was, but it was in the company of a number of rather large boxwood shrubs, a very large Tulip Poplar, and the remains of the big-

gest Sweet Gum tree that I'd ever seen. About 35 years ago my parents planted a Deodar Cedar in our front yard, and it grew into a gorgeous specimen, with its gray-green needled branches traveling out with an upward curve then drooping earthward nearing the tips. Every Christmas Dad strung the multi-colored lights on it's branches. In the spring a Mockingbird would build a nest near the trunk, then use the supporting branch as a runway in and out of its spiny hide-away. And each Easter we posed in front of the Cedar while Dad took our picture with a Polaroid camera. As the tree grew, so did the family. Unfortunately, this Deodar Cedar didn't live long enough to see all of us leave home. And it seems that most Deodar Cedars in this area are not in the habit of living very long: 10 to 20 years is a good run according to Michael Dirr in his *Manual of Woody Landscape Plants* (the plant nut's bible). So, you see why coming upon this graceful old Deodar Cedar in the middle of Falls Church really got my chlorophyll racing.

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