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Clean-Up Day

Saturday, June 28, 8 am-Noon

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PIMMIT HILLS NEWS



Pimmit Hills
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Don't miss the last PCHA meeting of the year (until September) this Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue. Various state and local candidates for election will speak and answer your questions/concerns. Also, we'll be voting for next year's PHCA officers, and we'll be dishing out ICE CREAM for everyone.

This meeting will be the last President **Joe Baker's** will preside over as his term is up. He has done a really fantastic job and the entire Association thanks him and wishes him well. Joe will continue to work on committees of the McLean Citizens Association.

PHCA needs a new President. If you care about this community we live in and can serve from Sept 2003 to June 2004, please contact the PHCA right away and come to the June meeting. The job won't take up a lot of your time and you will get to know neighbors and this neighborhood better while leading the PHCA. *Thank you!*



We have another popular PHCA "Clean-Up Day" on Saturday, June 28 from 8 am to Noon. **Please note the NEW location:** the PHCA House at 1927 Pimmit Drive. We are going to start holding more events at the site. There is a circular driveway where you can pull in, drop off your junk and then pull out. Fairfax County will have large garbage trucks there to take it all

away. See our website, www.PimmitHills.org for photos and information.

You must be a **PHCA member** to participate. Take advantage of our special membership discount for June: only \$10 per person instead of the normal \$12 and it covers the Sept 2003 to June 2004 upcoming new year. See the next page to send in your membership, or sign-up/pay on our website or PHCA will be at the Clean-Up Day taking memberships.

We **need neighbors who have trucks** to volunteer to help elderly neighbors who don't have a way to get large items to the PHCA House. If you can help out that morning with your truck or if you need help, please call PHCA Second VP Lee Rock at 703-760-7181.



Upcoming PHCA Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, June 3, 2003

No meetings in July and August – see you again on September 2!

The meeting begins at 7:30 pm 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.

Correction: Last month's *Dispatch* incorrectly spelled Josh Kuper's name. He owns a sign company and we thank him for helping us with the Sign Project



The September 2003-June 2004 Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) Membership Drive has begun! \$12 dues are discounted to only \$10 if you pay in May or June 2003.

Your membership dues go towards:

- Printing and mail delivery of the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* (which costs about \$2 per house *per month*--10 month schedule equals \$20)
- PHCA Membership Telephone Directory to be published in June 2004
- PHCA representing the community to Fairfax County and its officials
- Access to community events like Clean-Up Day, Community Yard Sale, Donation Day (we're planning two of each -- fall/spring -- this year!)
- Projects like building entrance signs to Pimmit Hills
- 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
- 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
- *And more!*

Please show your support of your community by becoming a member!

NEW: pay dues online at our website, www.PimmitHills.org!

PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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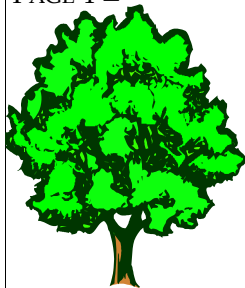
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I'd like to volunteer to help out with PHCA activities yes no

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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting NOTES

By Sarah Rock, PHCA Secretary

Hello neighbors! We had a special guest speaker at our May meeting, Officer Lucas of the Fairfax County Police Department. Officer Lucas spoke to us about Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out (see related article) and other safety resources.

What is **Neighborhood Watch**? Neighborhood Watch is simply being observant about what happens around Pimmit Hills and contacting law enforcement personnel if you notice suspicious activity. All residents of Pimmit Hills are part of our local Neighborhood Watch. All calls to Neighborhood Watch can be anonymous. To report something or someone suspicious, use the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.

The Fairfax County Police Department offers a wide range of free **crime prevention services** to citizens. These services are free and appointments may be made by calling our local district station in McLean at 703-556-7750.

Officer Lucas also noted that mediators instead of the police might handle some problems. George Mason University sponsors the Northern Virginia Mediation Service, which offers **free mediation** to residents for neighbor to neighbor dis-

putes, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer/merchant disputes and more. Call the community mediation coordinator at 703-993-3656 or e-mail nvms@gmu.edu.

Traffic Safety Watch is another safety program that allows citizens to anonymously report reckless or aggressive driving and other safety violations involving vehicles. When you see an unsafe driver on the road, take note of the violation and location and fill out the Traffic Safety Watch Report. You can find more information and fill out the form online at <https://www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/police/trafficwatch.htm> or e-mail trafsaf@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Park Watch is similar to Neighborhood Watch, but specifically for public parks. If you see a problem in a park or on a trail call 703-PK-WATCH. You are encouraged to observe and report illegal or suspicious activity, vandalism and other park safety issues.

First Vice President Bill Niland reminded the group about the need to watch out for summer pests such as mosquitoes and ticks. Fairfax County has collected and tested a sufficient number of dead birds to determine that the presence of West Nile Virus is in our bird population.

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Baby Back Ribs



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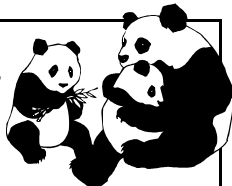


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Further collecting and testing of dead birds is not necessary. The Health Department will continue to accept reports concerning the location of dead birds as part of the Public Health surveillance, but it is no longer collecting dead birds. To dispose of a dead bird use gloves, put the carcass of the bird into double plastic bags and place the wrapped carcass of the bird in a garbage can. Avoid bare-handed contact when handling any dead animals. If you have further questions, call the Health Department at 703-246-2300

Second Vice President Lee Rock reported about the **Fairfax County Citizen Corps**. This offers opportunities for citizens to volunteer for four programs designed to help communities prepare for and respond to emergency events. Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), the Medical Reserve Corps, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Neighborhood Watch programs bring together local leaders, citizen volunteers and first responders to build a stronger community. Fairfax County recently launched a new Web site at www.fairfaxcountycitizen corps.org where citizens can register to volunteer for Citizen Corps programs. Interested volunteers call Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3460, TTY 711 to register for one of the Citizen Corps programs.

President Joe Baker shared news from the **sign committee**. The committee is currently exploring addi-

tional design options to ensure that the sign is not used as a seat or stool. We have received a great deal of support from residents for the sign project. Hills resident Lisa Gibbs donated her time and creativity to make yellow ribbons to raise funds for the sign project. If you would like a yellow ribbon for your house, contact President Baker. D&D Landscaping also has several connections to the Hills. D&D owners are former residents of the Hills and still have family living in the Hills. Thanks to all who have donated to the sign project.

In other news, Treasurer Kim Rollen reported that the Association made well over \$100 at the April Yard Sale thanks to donations, table rentals and refreshment sales. She also highlighted the membership discount running through June. You can renew your membership for the 2003-2004 year by the end of June for only \$10. You will also receive a PHCA membership card. As you can tell it was a very busy meeting! Thanks to Bill Niland and Officer Lucas for the wealth of crime prevention and safety information.

Looking forward, we have invited candidates running for office to speak at our June meeting. Do you have questions about taxes, transportation, local education, the environment or other issues? If so please bring your questions to the June meeting where you can ask candidates how they stand on issues important to you. PHCA will be holding annual elections at the June meeting. Hope to see you June 3! ■ **secretary@pimmithills.**



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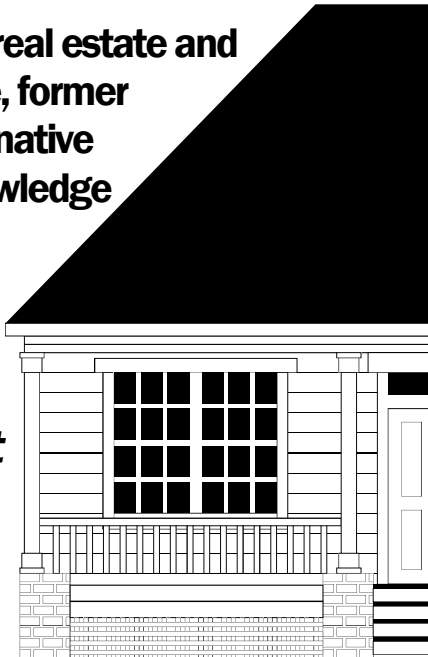
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"I just can't take it anymore, this NOISE is driving me nuts!" What can I do about it?

By Rick Marcos

If you are dealing with a series of chronic noise issues, take it upon yourself to make some improvements in the neighborhood quality of life by taking action. Explore the county noise ordinance, how it can be enforced and how to get the police and Fairfax County Zoning to take action. It to be rewarding when quiet finally comes. So, if you can't take it anymore--take action and do something about it and be a responsible and responsive neighbor.

Fairfax County has a modern and comprehensive noise ordinance that addresses everything from barking dogs, to loud stereos. It is available on line at the county's website, but we've included the important parts here that address the types of daily issues here in Pimmit Hills. Section 108.5 is the section on Nuisance Noise. The first section 108.5.1 states it is unlawful for anyone to make a noise disturbance within Fairfax County. The second section, 108.5.2 parts a and b, addresses operating anything that makes noise heard past a property line boundary between 11pm and 7am and owning an animal or animals which frequently or habitually howls, barks, meows, squawks or makes other such noise as to be audible across property boundaries. So if you have a situation like this, you can get it addressed!

Please don't assume that dogs

that bark all the time are happy and healthy. Dogs that bark are often indicating that they may not be getting enough exercise, are aggressive or even may be mistreated. During the summer months, people often leave their dogs out without water or shelter to get out of the heat. Be aware and help address both the noise and the health of our canine companions.

1. You can talk to the person making the noise and ask them to quiet down.

2. You can call Fairfax non-emergency 703-691-2131 and ask the police to come deal with the situation. The dispatcher will ask for your name and address, you don't have to tell them if you are uncomfortable. If you wish to speak to the officers they will stop by and talk with you. If you are uncomfortable with them coming to your residence, you may also choose to meet them elsewhere such as the District Station or a local park. However, if you don't make personal contact with the police (beyond speaking with dispatch) they are less likely to take the situation seriously. If your situation is really bad, it will take some personal involvement and a commitment to be a court witness if necessary.

3. You can also ask that Zoning at 703-324-1300 or Animal Control

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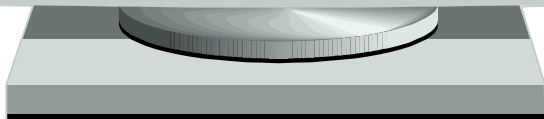
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at 703-830-3680 to address the problem.

Both the police and the Fairfax Zoning Enforcement can assist you with your problems. It helps to know what is defined as noise or a noise disturbance under the ordinance.

Noise shall mean any sound which may cause or tend to cause an adverse psychological or physiological effect on human beings.

Noise Disturbance shall mean any unnecessary sound which annoys, disturbs, or perturbs reasonable persons with normal sensitivities; or any unnecessary sound which reasonably may be perceived to injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of any person.

The Fairfax County Police Department's General Orders for their officers state: that "if a violation occurs that the owner or person responsible for the noise should be established." "And that the person responsible for the noise should be advised to discontinue the noise and that any further violation will result in a summons being issued. If the noise continues after an initial summons is issued, the person who received the summons should be arrested and transported to a magistrate."

Violations of the noise ordinance are fines up to \$1000.00 and 30 days in jail for each violation. ■

CHAPTER 108 1 - Noise Ordinance

ARTICLE 5. Nuisance Noise.

Section 108-5-1. Loud and unnecessary noise.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue to make, or cause to be made or continued, a noise disturbance within the County of Fairfax. (7-17-68, § 17-4; 24-75-16A; 1961 Code, § 16A.5.1.)

Section 108-5-2. Specific prohibitions.

The following acts, are declared to be noise disturbances in violation of this Chapter, provided that the acts so specified shall not be deemed to be an exclusive enumeration of those acts which may constitute a noise disturbance under Section 108-5-1, and provided that the acts so specified in Subparagraph (a) below may still constitute a noise disturbance under Section 108-5-1 independently of the hours of day said acts take place.

(a) Operating or permitting the use, or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, television, phonograph, or any other device for the production of sound between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. the following day in such a manner as to be plainly audible across property boundaries or through partitions common to two persons within a building or plainly audible at fifty (50) feet from such device when operated within a motor vehicle parked on a public right-of-way or in a public place.

(b) Owning, keeping, possessing, or harboring any animal or animals which frequently or habitually howl, bark, meow, squawk or make other such noise as is plainly audible across property boundaries or through partitions common to two(2) persons within a building. (24-75-16A: 1961 Code §16A.5.2;34-76-108)

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Tyson-Pimmit Library News

By Chris LaMarca
Associate Branch Manager

Spring has sprung, and the library is busy planning for an active summer season. This year's Summer Reading Program begins June 20, the last day of school, and ends on August 30. Not only are a host

of great programs planned, but students will again get to "wolf down" favorite books and record their reading on a specially designed reading log. *"Wolfin' Down Books at Your Library"* is the statewide theme of the 2003 SRP, which will be sponsored in part by the Library of Virginia.

Among the Tyson-Pimmit lineup of activities for June will be a cartooning workshop for six to twelve year-olds, on Monday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m. Larry Hunt will present an amazing theatre production using elaborate masks on Wednesday, June 25 for children aged six to twelve. Look forward to many other activities for children of all ages, and adults too, which you can find out about by calling the library, or viewing the listings in the current issue of "This Month." Please re-



member to reserve space in a program by calling the library, and that reservations will be taken beginning two weeks before the program date.

Tyson-Pimmit continues to offer personalized inter-

net training. You can familiarize yourself with the web, or increase your computer skills, by scheduling a one-on-one session with one of the library's expert tutors. Tutoring sessions are conducted on Wednesday mornings and evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Learn exactly what you need to know by calling the library for more information. ■

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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer,
Horticulturalist

They say our drought is over. There's no denying that after our snow-packed winter. But what will the summer bring? More specifically, how much rain will the summer bring? We could end up dragging the hose and sprinkler around the yard like last year. Or we could end up slogging around in moldy socks. Who knows!

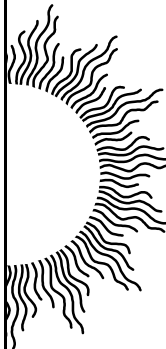
Either way, I'm prepared. I just ordered something called a "noodlehead sprinkler" from a gardening catalog. The hose screws into a round base which sits on the ground. From this sprout a dozen short, bendable tubes that spray water in whatever direction they are pointed. Seems like a neat idea for getting water right to where you need it with a lot less waste. From the same catalog I also ordered a recoiling garden hose. It curls up like a 15 inch "slinky" when not in use, but stretches to 25 feet. This one will be great for watering the pots on the deck -- no more dragging a regular garden hose across the patio and up the steps and around the deck furniture and then back out again. Can't wait for my order to arrive!

Oh, yeah, I've ordered from garden catalogs before -- plenty of

plants, bins of bulbs, scads of seeds. What's unusual about this catalog order is that I am not a gadget person. I'm a give-me-a-50-foot-hose-and-a-galvanized-metal-watering-kind of gal. And I've just ordered two new gadgets.

I guess last summer got me thinking about watering and how to make it easier. And there are some tricks to getting great growth in the garden even in a droughty year. One of my favorites is the water holding product called "Soil Moist." It "absorbs and releases water in soil," according to the package. It's a granular soil additive that's mostly (99.7%) a crosslinked polyacryamide, whatever that is. But whatever it is, it does a great job of retaining moisture in potting soil, making watering a less frequent chore. The trick to using this product is to completely hydrate the granules before mixing with the soil, otherwise your newly watered pot may erupt like a volcano, spilling plants and soil all over the place. Once it's the consistency of tapioca pudding, it's ready to be mixed into the bottom half of the pot. As the plants grow, their roots grow into this reserve of water and

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wilted Petunias are no more. The granules usually breakdown after a year or two. For immense Impatiens, magnificent Marigolds, and zowie! Zinnias try mixing the hydrated granules right into the soil of the flower bed.

One of the best investments that a gardener can make is the purchase of a good watering wand with a on-off valve at one end and a water diffusing head at the other. Those high-pressure nozzles are great for washing the car, but much too destructive when used in the garden. A wand and diffuser combination make it easy to deliver water right where it's needed without tidal-waving young plants. It's also very handy for watering-in newly planted trees and shrubs, providing a good shower of water over the entire root ball, and can even be left laying on the ground with the diffuser pointed up for a long, gentle soak.

For vegetable gardens, narrow flower borders and lines of shrubs a soaker hose is just the ticket for delivering water right to the root zone. These perforated hoses are designed to lay on the ground and can be used under a layer of mulch. The water pressure should be kept low so that the water trickles out of the hose and does not spray out the tiny holes like hundreds of tiny fire-hoses. Along these same lines are the hoses with emitters located along their length. These come in kits and you decide how far apart to place the emitters. These are

good for more widely spaced plants like tomatoes and peony bushes.

One of the easiest methods of watering plants is to pipe your downspouts out to them. This works particularly well if you have a depression or swale that will retain the rain water for a bit after a good storm. (These gardens actually can filter harmful pesticides and fertilizers out of runoff before it gets into streams, rivers and then the bay.)

There are plenty of plants at the nursery that love a damp site. For a sunny swale garden try Hardy Hibiscus (*Hibiscus moscheutos* and hybrids) with huge plate-sized flowers, the elegant Japanese Iris (*Iris ensata*) and our native Blue Flags (*Iris versicolor* and *virginica*), or the impressive seven-foot tall Cup Plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*) topped with bright yellow daisies. For the shadier site try the lush Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*), a big, bold Hosta, the bright Japanese Primrose (*Primula japonica*), the red, red Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) or the cotton-candy flowered Meadowsweet (*Filipendula rubra*), among others.

Oh, hey! Thumbing through another catalog I found something else I could use: a meter to measure how many gallons of water are flowing through the hose! Neat! Where's my credit care? Hand me the phone! I'll take six!■

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer

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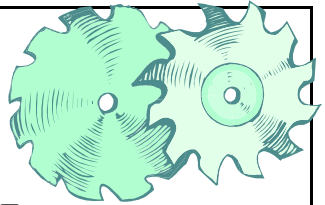
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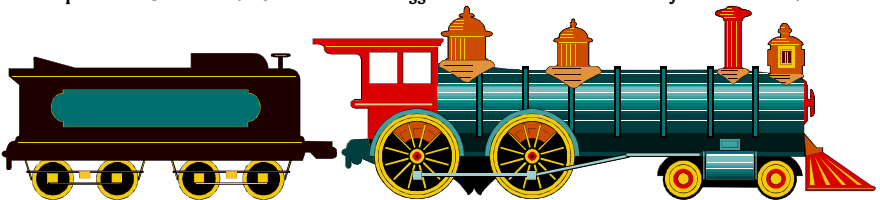
*The Center is operated
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Community and
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Pimmit Hills Senior Center

The Pimmit Hills Senior Center is open to everyone 55 years of age or older. It is located at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church, and its hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you would like to find out more about the Center, please stop by anytime to visit and pick up a copy of the monthly calendar with a complete listing of the daily activities

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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5

On Tuesday, August 5, neighbors throughout Pimmit Hills are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "20th Annual

National Night Out" (NNO). National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), will involve over 9,800 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. Over 33 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime' August 5.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate



support for, and participation in local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4)

Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on August 5th, residents in Pimmit Hills and across the nation, are asked to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

Interested in organizing a flashlight walk, block party or cookout to celebrate National Night Out? Join us at the June 3, 2003 PHCA meeting for more information. ■



**Westgate
Elementary
School
April
Activities**

June 5: Fashion Show, 2:00 pm
June 6: Field Day (raindate is June 13)
June 12: Talent Show, 1:30 pm
June 13: 6th Grade Social
June 20: Last Day

*For more information,
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Garfield Memorial Church

(Disciples of Christ)
1731 Great Falls St, McLean
Pastor Kenneth W. Collins
703-356-7878
Church school 9:30 am
Worship service 10:30 am

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McLean Presbyterian Church

1020 Balls Hill Rd, McLean
Pastor John Hutchinson
703-821-0800
Worship at 9:15 am and 11:00 am;
Sunday school for children and
Adult Education classes at 9:15 and
11:00 am

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Parish

8601 Wolftrap Rd, Vienna
703-938-2828; website: olgcv.org
Mass: Mon-Fri 8:15 am (12 Noon-
check website); Saturday: 8:15 am
thru June 14 then 8:00 am; Vigil 5:00
pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am,
12:45 pm and 6:00 pm (Spanish)

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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, 11:00 am

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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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The Baha'i Faith

703-556-3400
Embraces the Oneness of God,
Religion and Humanity as the
foundation of the truth of all
religions. The Bahai'is of McLean
and Falls Church hold gatherings,
called "firesides," open to all at 8
pm every Friday.

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Excerpt from President George Washington's prayer for the United States:

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that you will keep the United States in your holy protection, that you will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large."

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT

By Bill Niland, *Neighborhood Watch*
703-356-8240

Military separatees and retirees are being advised to avoid filing their discharge forms with their local county courthouse. It seems that scam artists are accessing the information to obtain names and social security numbers and other information, using it to commit credit fraud.

What do you do if your wallet is stolen? First, you panic because your identity has been stolen and you could experience a catastrophic financial loss. THEN, you do the following to limit the damage when this happens to you:

Cancel your credit cards immediately (you should have on file the cards with their telephone numbers).

File a police report as soon as possible in the jurisdiction where it was stolen.

Call the three national credit reporting organizations:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian: 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

As well as the Social Security Administration Fraud Line, 1-800-269-0271. Then say some prayers and hope for the best.

On the right is a way to report unsafe driving that you see in Pimmit Hills. Mail this form to: Fairfax County Police Department, Traffic Division, 3911 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003. ■

Traffic Safety Watch Report

I observed an obvious violation:

- Aggressive Driver** (driving in an unsafe and reckless manner; please note drivers actions below)
- Unbuckled Child** (a child under age four not protected by a child safety seat or child over age four and under age 16 not in a child restraint or seat belt.)

License Plate Number: _____

License State: _____

Vehicle color & style: _____

Date of observation ____ / ____ / ____

Time of observation: _____ am or pm

Location of moving vehicle (Street and City): _____

Aggressive Driver's actions:

- male driver female driver

Approximate age(s) of unbuckled child(ren)

- infant 1 yr-2 yrs 3-4 yrs
- 4-8 yrs 8-12 yrs 13-16 yrs

Number of unsecured child(ren):

____ front seat ____ back seat ____ other

Child(ren) sighted:

- sitting on passengers lap
- standing in vehicle
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- pickup truck bed
- moving around in vehicle
- sitting, but not secured
- other (please comment)

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**TUPPERWARE**—To receive your free catalog, host a party, or to learn more about what Tupperware can offer you, send an e-mail to Amy at allemoe@cox.net or call 703-917-9165.

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Pimmit Hills School

7510 Lisle Avenue
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FAX: 703-506-2397
To report safety, parking or behavioral concerns: 703-506-2318
Beverly R. Wilson, Principal
PHONE: 703-506-2315
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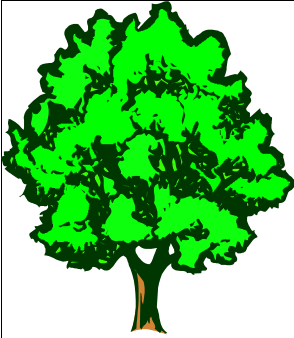
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Pimmit Senior Center, 703-734-3238
Planning Commission, 703-324-2865
Police (non-emer) 703-691-2131
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 703-324-5040
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Virginia Power, 888-667-3000

Zoning Enforcement

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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA)

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

EMAIL: PHCA@pimmithills.org, WEBSITE: PimmitHills.org

OFFICERS for September 2002 to June 2003:

****New officers will be posted on PimmitHills.org after June election****

President	Joe Baker	703-448-1394 president@pimmithills.org
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Second Vice President	Lee Rock	703-760-7181 secondveep@pimmithills.org
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Secretary	Sarah Rock	703-760-7181 secretary@pimmithills.org
Three-Year Director	Martha Duggar	703-356-6508 director@pimmithills.org

WHO TO CALL:

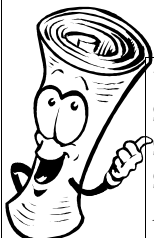
Neighborhood Watch	Bill Niland	703-356-8240
Fairfax County Police (non-emergency)		703-691-2131

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Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting Dates:

June 3, 2003

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September 2, 2003

October 7, 2003

November 4, 2003

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!*