



Pimmit Hills Calendar of Events:

- Tuesday, **November 7**: Election Day, PHCA Bake Sale and Membership Drive all day at the polls; PHCA meeting at 7:30 pm. Guests: Metro officials will be talking about metro plans for the area.
 - Tuesday, **December 5** at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting. Winner of Pimmit Hills slogan contest announced and given a free HoneyBaked ham. McLean District Station Police Officer Darryl Stokley will present a program on crime prevention.
 - Tuesday, **January 2, 2001** at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
 - Tuesday, **February 6, 2001** at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
 - Tuesday, **March 6, 2001** at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
 - Tuesday, **April 3, 2001** at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
 - Tuesday, **May 1, 2001** at 7:30 pm: PHCA meeting
- Send community events to the Dispatch editor*

Traffic Calming Study

As some of you may know, Fairfax County has now approved Pimmit Drive and Lisle Avenue for the traffic calming program. The next step is to canvass **EVERY HOUSE** in Pimmit Hills and get one signature from each house, whether owner or renter, and whether they approve of or object to the program. We need volunteers who will canvass their block, or a few blocks, to accomplish this task. Signing the petition does not obligate us to anything; it simply tells the County that we are interested in taking the next step, i.e., getting a recommendation on how it proposes to "calm" the traffic in the Hills. The County has

set aside \$80,000 for this process, and it would like to have our petitions back by early winter. We must have a 75% approval rate before the County will go any further. If you are willing to volunteer an hour or two of your time to do something positive for our community, please contact PHCA First Vice President Linda Rose.

Many of you have complained about the traffic and speeders in our neighborhood for decades. Now is your chance to finally do something about it.

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2000



The Pimmit Hills Dispatch

Courtesy of the
Pimmit Hills
Citizens Association

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Metro officials will be speaking

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association meeting:

Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 pm

Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church



PHCA News

Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day and the PHCA meeting in the evening. When you vote at the Pimmit Hills School, stop by and buy a goodie at the annual **PHCA Bake Sale**. It's also a great time to sign up for PHCA membership. Only \$3 per person covers dues from September 2000 to August 2001. That evening at 7:30 pm, come to the November PHCA meeting where **Metro officials** will be there to talk about plans for Tysons Corner and the ever-present parking issue.

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Win a HoneyBaked Ham at the December 5th meeting of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association! PHCA is holding a **contest for the best slogan describing our community**. The winner will receive a ham courtesy of our local HoneyBaked Ham store. The winning slogan will be used in the *Dispatch*, on the website and on signs. Submit your entry to president@pimmithills.org or mail your entry to PHCA, 1927 Pimmit Drive. Pimmit Hills residents only. You need not be present at the meeting to win.

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PHCA will be holding a **holiday decorating contest**. Watch the website for details.

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The *Dispatch* needs people to **deliver the newspaper** every month. Get some exercise, meet your

neighbors and see different houses while you help out the community. Contact PHCA First VP Linda Rose if you can help.

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See the back page of the *Dispatch* for an important announcement regarding the **traffic calming study**.

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PHCA is planning a **community home and garden tour** for late April/early May to raise funds for the Association. Would you like to show your garden and/or your home? Great for architects, landscape designers and contractors to show off their stuff and great for residents to get ideas for their own home and garden. Contact phca@pimmithills.org.

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Anyone missing a dog? A resident found a **lost beagle** in the Hills and brought it to Old Dominion Animal Hospital. Call 703-356-5582 to claim the pooch.

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Long-time Pimmit Hills real estate broker Bill Bolinger and his wife had a baby girl, **Abigail Paige**, at 6:53 pm on October 9. She weighed 7 lbs, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches. Congratulations to Bill and his family and to grandma Kitty Bolinger. ☞



Pimmit Hills



Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043
email: phca@pimmithills.org



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MEMBERSHIP

in the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

September 2000 – August 2001



Pimmit Hills
Your Community

It's time to renew your yearly membership in the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. Membership is still a bargain at only \$3 per person. Your support of your community helps the PHCA to have a stronger voice with the government of Fairfax County. Important: the information you provide below will be incorporated into the next PHCA Directory. Please be sure it is accurate.

Mail form with your yearly dues to:
Pimmit Hills Citizens Association, Inc.
1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

Name (s)

Street Address

Falls Church, VA 22043

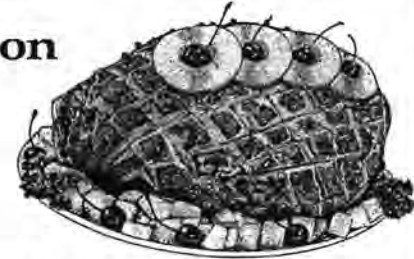
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Harvest Dinner

Pimmit Hills residents are invited to the annual Harvest Dinner held at the St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 11 from

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
7628 Leesburg Pike (Pimmit Hills)

Adults: \$10

Children 12 and under: \$5

Turkey, ham and all the trimmings plus pumpkin and apple pie!





Did You Know?

By Jennifer Baker, PHCA Secretary

Here's what happened at the last Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) meeting in October:

Hello Neighbors! I was traveling, so I had to miss the October PHCA meeting; however, I understand that the featured speaker - Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn - was well received. Thanks to Martha Duggar for handling my secretarial duties while I was away.

Thanks also to everyone who has written and called with feedback about the monthly meetings. Your Board of Directors is trying to make the meetings interesting and productive. We are always open to ideas, so if you have suggestions, please let us know. You can call us or reach us via email through the PHCA Web site - www.pimmithills.org.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks go out to Joan Naleppa who continues to make the meetings extra special by supplying fresh hot coffee and delicious homemade goodies.

Remember, whether you want information about what's going on in the community, or just a chance to mix and mingle with your

neighbors and enjoy an evening treat, the PHCA meeting has something for everyone. And, at just \$3.00 per person, membership's a steal! So take a moment right now to reserve the first Tuesday of every month to spend some time with your neighbors at the PHCA meeting.

The Association now has a web site - www.pimmithills.org - it's an excellent resource for Pimmit Hills residents. Check it out!

The search for a Pimmit Hills slogan is on. A committee has been formed to find the perfect tag line to describe life in the Hills. If you have any slogan suggestions please send us your ideas via mail or email.

The PHCA will once again hold a holiday decoration contest in December. Further details about the contest will be provided at the November meeting.

Thanks to Gary Samples who filled in for Bill Niland and reported on Neighborhood Watch activities in Pimmit Hills. The Neighborhood Watch is an important program and your participation is needed in order to ensure

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Visit the Church of Your Choice

McLean Presbyterian Church

1020 Balls Hill Rd, McLean
Pastor John Hutchinson
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Adult Education classes at 9:30 and
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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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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8:00 am and 12:00 noon;
Saturday 8:00 am, Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
and 12:30 pm. 6:00 pm service is in
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Send your news items, articles, advertisements, etc for *The Pimmit Hills Dispatch* to Cindy, the editor:
EMAIL: Dispatch@pimmithills.org
PHONE: 703-734-0402
FAX: 703-734-0779
or drop it off at her house,
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Falls Church, VA 22043
Checks for ads should be made out to
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MOTHER'S DAY OUT

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FOR THE LATEST NEWS see the new community website: pimmithills.org

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SLOGAN CONTEST—Think of a winning slogan for Pimmit Hills and win a free HoneyBaked ham on December 5. Send entries to PHCA President.

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Like to write?

Be a reporter for the *Dispatch* and write articles on the community, people, events, etc.

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that it remains viable in the Hills. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about Neighborhood Watch should contact Bill Niland directly at 703-356-8240. For more details about this program, please also see Bill's article in this newsletter.

Volunteers are needed to circulate the petitions required as the first step in the Traffic Calming Program. Please contact Linda Rose at 703-442-8375 to sign-up. Please note that this initiative was undertaken in an effort to address resident concerns about speeding and cut through traffic in the neighborhood. So please, consider contributing just a little bit of your time to this project. Many hands make light work, so if we can get a number of people on each street willing to help, it will be an easy task to accomplish.

Remember to Vote on November 7th. Voting is something we shouldn't take for granted. Many people have died to ensure that you and I can cast our vote freely. Our democracy needs the active participation of the people if it's going to continue to survive in the 21st Century. This election is crucial. The control of the Congress hangs in the balance and the two presidential candidates have very different philosophies about the role of government and the direction the country

should head in. Whether you're a Democrat, Libertarian, Republican, Reform or Green Party adherent, make no mistake - your vote does count. Gandhi once said, "**Be the change you wish to see in the world.**" I came across this quote recently and feel that it captures a very important truth. So often we lament things - the erosion of community, the increase in violence and seeming self-centeredness among our youth, and the passing away of values and civility in public life - but do nothing. Voting is one way, one easy and simple way, that each of us can do something to impact the future course of our community and our country.

Final Reminder! Every Election Day, the PHCA holds a bake sale and membership drive at the Pimmit School Polling Station. Baked goods are needed. If you would like to contribute something to the bake sale this year, please drop off your goodie at the home of either Martha Armstrong or Mary Ellen Dick the day before Election Day (Monday, 11/6) or up at the Pimmit School early on Election Day (Tuesday, 11/7). Also, if you need to renew your PHCA membership do it on your way to or from voting.

We look forward to seeing more friends and neighbors at the November Meeting!



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Good Neighbor

Last month was the first run for this periodic feature, in which we will be providing tips and reminders to help us all be good neighbors. In response to the reminders about the importance of "scooping the poop" and properly restraining our pets, a resident called to note that doing these things aren't just neighborly, they're the law. Of course, this resident is right. There are many laws on the books about what we can and cannot do to our property and our neighbor's property and we certainly agree that people need to comply with the law of the land in all cases. With this said, it is our hope that people will try talking with their neighbors before taking the step of calling in the authorities. We also hope that by providing friendly reminders, people will be encouraged to do things not just to be in compliance with the law, but because they are the right things to do.

PHCA Secretary Jennifer Baker

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For the front of the garden plant Hardy Candytuft (*Iberis sempervirens*), Sweetbox (*Sarcococca hookerana*), Lilyturf (*Liriope muscari*) and Monkey Grass (*Ophiopogon*); all have true evergreen foliage under a foot tall.

Fruits! Plants that carry brightly colored fruits into the months of short days can enliven the landscape. One of the showiest is the Beautyberry Bush (*Callicarpa dichotoma*) with its gaudy, purple-beaded branches. Unfortunately, these do not last as long as the Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), a deciduous shrub holly that decorates its limbs with big red berries right on through 'til Spring. (Be sure to plant a male Winterberry nearby to ensure a fruitful female.)

For the combination of fruits and evergreen foliage try Heavenly Bamboo (*Nandina domestica*) or the female Japanese Skimmia (*Skimmia japonica*). The former drapes its lacy branches with grape-like clusters of red berries, while the latter tops her dwarf form with clusters of maraschino cherries.

Flowers! We must have flowers - even in winter! We'll get a jump on the season and start off with the Hardy Cyclamen (*Cyclamen hederifolium*), a diminutive cousin of the florist's pot plant. Dainty pink-purple flowers pop up out of the bare ground beginning in September, often continuing through

snowfalls; beautifully marbled foliage follows.

Next, the Gold and Silver Chrysanthemum (*Ajania pacifica*) comes into color with clusters of gold buttons right into December. Looking for a small tree with glossy evergreen foliage and delicate pink or white flowers starting in fall and continuing into early winter? Have I got the tree for you! Look for the Ackerman Camellias (*Camellia oleifera* hybrids); with chilly names like 'Snow Flurry', 'Winter's Interlude' and 'Winter's Star' they're easy to distinguish from their more common but less hardy sisters. If you've got a little room near the door, plant a Hellebore, aka Christmas/Lenten Rose (*Helleborus niger*/ hybrids). If you don't have room, make some! These evergreen perennials begin producing white to pink to burgundy blooms in the middle of winter and don't stop until summer. As a winterphobic, I will never be without one by the front porch!

So hurry along now to the nursery and pick out a few treats to help you through the winter. And be sure to site them so that they can be seen from the window -- just because the garden's in bloom, doesn't make it Spring! ☺

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer lives on Leonard Road. To see photos of her garden this summer, go to pimmithills.org.



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Community Neighborhood Watch Program Seeks Volunteers

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) is the organization chartered to provide a forum with the goal of providing procedures and activities that help to benefit our community.

One of the activities of PHCA is the Neighborhood Watch Program consisting of volunteers who patrol within the boundaries of Pimmit Hills and report on witnessed abnormalities that affect our daily lives. These abnormalities are: crimes and misdemeanors; pot holes and blockages of our streets and walkways; missing street and traffic signs; malfunctioning traffic lights; gang activities; and other such things.

Although the Watch started out during the 1960s as a deterrent to crime and consisted of only a few scheduled volunteers, it was effective. Now I think that in addition to the scheduled patrols, we should expand the program and enlist all residents who hear or see any abnormality and report it.

So, I am asking for volunteers for the scheduled watches – drivers,

walkers, joggers, contractors, repairmen, grass cutters and any other individuals who spend time in Pimmit Hills. When I receive a reasonable number of names, I will arrange to have a member of the Crime Prevention Unit at the McLean District Station who will provide training.

If wish to help your community, call Bill Niland, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, at 703-356-8240.

In the interim, the following telephone numbers should be called:

- Burned out street lights:
703-335-0500; 888-667-3000
- Pot holes:
703-383-8368
- Abandoned cars:
703-691-2131; 703-323-4500
- Missing street signs:
703-934-2840
- Malfunctioning traffic signals:
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*By Bill Niland,
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator*

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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer

Fall is a beautiful time of the year and there is a certain invigorating element to the air, but I still find the changing of the foliage rather depressing. The trees shed their leaves. The neighbors retreat from the porch to the comfort of a heated house. The perennials retreat into the ground. Even though I know both the neighbors and the plants will reappear with the first inkling of Spring, I will miss them.

Now, I know that a lot of our Springtime favorites such as the Daffodils, the Bleeding-hearts, and many of our native wildflowers did go dormant before summer went into high gear, but there were plenty of heat-lovers to fill-in and hide their absence in our gardens and in our memories. But winter leaves us with a lot of blank spots. We need to distract ourselves with hardy winter-lovers, plants that will occupy us with foliage, fruits and even flowers during the bleak months of winter.



Evergreens! Plants that keep their foliage through the winter are a must. And there are plenty to choose from. Aside from the usual pines, spruces and yews, there is the Southern Magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*), with its bold, ebony-green leaves; for a smaller garden try the "petite" form, 'Little Gem'. For unbeatable blue foliage look for the Arizona Cypress (*Cupressus arizonica*), 'Blue Ice'. This tall, upright conifer is native to the dry Southwest

but doesn't seem to mind my not-too-well-drained sideyard.

If you're bored with Azaleas and Rhododendrons try their cousins the Japanese Andromeda (*Pieris japonica*) or our own Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*). Both prefer a site that would make their relatives happy: moist, organic soil and some afternoon shade. As a plus, the Pieris carries tassels of buds through the fall and winter to bloom early in Spring.

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Jubilee Christmas Concert: St. Michaels Choir of Toronto, Canada

December 2 at 7:30 pm

December 3 at 3:00 pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
8601 Wolftrap Road
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Offer Expires November 30, 2000

Pimmit Hills had a busy day on Saturday, October 21. In the parking lot of the Commons Plaza, the Tysons Corner Lions Club held their annual Octoberfest with a big flea market, food, games and rides for the kids. The Lions Club mascot, who has been to Lions Club events all over the country, was there to greet visitors. Over at the Pimmit Hills School, tours began of their newly renovated facility as the school celebrated its Homecoming. Former teachers at the school, who went on the tours, remarked at how bright everything was, especially the hallways. At noon, a dedication ceremony was held in front of the school. Principal of the Year nominee Bill Harper made remarks followed by Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn and School Board member Janie Strauss. Then the school's "poet-in-residence," Hilary Tham, read excerpts from her book of poems interspersed with moving accounts of her life. For more photos of these two events, visit the Pimmit Hills community website at pimmithills.org.



Pimmit Hills resident Irv Poole with his Tysons Lions Club mascot at their Octoberfest. If you are interested in joining the local Lions Club that meets in Pimmit Hills, contact Irv at 703-356-4537.

Members of the faculty and staff of the Pimmit Hills School are recognized by Principal Bill Harper during the Dedication Ceremony. Be sure to stop by the school and see the remarkable transformation of this building.



Pimmit Hills Senior Center Activities

Here are some of the upcoming events going on at the Pimmit Hills Senior Center:

Friday, November 10

9:30 am to Noon:

Fairfax County Health Department Flu and Pneumonia shots
Flu Shot \$10 (Medicare Part B accepted), Pneumonia Shot \$20
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**Tuesday, November 14**

**10:30 am:**

Craft class with Marjorie:  
Turkey Centerpieces, cost \$12.50 (RR)  
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Wednesday, November 15

11:00 am:

Learn about Long Term Health Care Insurance
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**Friday, November 17**

**11:00 am:**

Thanksgiving party with Celebration Singers (RR)  
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Tuesday, November 21

11:00 am:

"Habits Over a Lifetime" with Margaret Kollay
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Three new dance classes start in January! Call for more information.

**P**immit Hills Senior Center offers a wide variety of activities such as ceramics, craft classes, exercise classes, guest speakers, blood pressure screenings, weekly shopping trips and various other programs. We also offer a daily hot lunch for a donation based on your monthly income.

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 and menu, or call Brenda Riley at 703-734-3338.

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.

The Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services. ☞



# Heard on the Grapevine

By Donnie Dick



There is something to say about the power of the press. In my September column, I mentioned a parking safety problem by the gasoline station on Paxton. Well, VDOT got right on it and installed a "No Parking" sign and so far it's being observed. I can't take complete credit because I heard that a couple of our civic-minded neighbors called VDOT to request the sign.

By the time you read this, the election will be on us and I hope all of you get out and vote. There are some important policy issues facing us and you should let your politicians know your views by voting.

I recently heard on TV that Octo-

ber 5 is the day of the year on which more babies are born than any other day. This had something to do with New Year's Eve and conception. Fewest births occur on May 22 and I have no idea why.

I missed the last Association meeting (my daughter's birthday dinner) and Mr. Mendelsohn's speech. I understand he fielded a number of questions and will get answers to some he was unable to respond to at the meeting. You folks who do not attend meetings miss a lot of important information and a chance to have an impact on your neighborhood. Plan to attend in the future.

*Donnie Dick lives on Nigh Road.*

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