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PHCA TOWN MEETINGS:

Oct 5, 2004
Nov 2, 2004
Dec 7, 2004
Jan 4, 2005
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April 5, 2005
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June 7, 2005
July/August—
No 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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■ OCTOBER 2004 ISSUE

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Pimmit Hills DISPATCH



What to do with all those leaves?

Don't spend all your valuable time bagging leaves!

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PHCA Community News

September Dispatch

No, you didn't miss the September issue of the *Dispatch*—it was not published for a variety of reasons including the inability for the editor to get her act together in time. Sorry!

Dispatch Volunteer

The *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* is a volunteer effort and the editor is desperately looking for help in doing once-a-month billing and payment monitoring for *Dispatch* advertisers. You need to have a computer, email and a fax to send out the invoices. Thank you for your much-needed help! This will enable PHCA to receive ad funds in a timely manner. Call the editor at 703-734-0402.

New Pimmit Hills Sign

The second Pimmit Hills entrance sign has been installed at the Route 7/Pimmit Drive intersection. Great thanks go to PHCA First VP Joan Naleppa for all her hard work in getting it done and battling the Fairfax County permit maze. She has given a lasting gift to our community.

Sidewalks

The Pimmit Hills community is a GREAT place to take walks with your kids, family, friends and/or pets. Many Pimmit Hills citizens who like to walk, though, have frequently raised the issue of overgrowth along the sidewalks of some houses. Please inspect the sidewalk in front of your house and trim any bushes, trees or other plants blocking the way.

Membership Drive

We start the new PHCA "year" with its annual membership drive. You probably know of people who live in communities where they pay \$55 to \$120+ PER MONTH in association dues! That makes our citizen's association dues of \$12 PER YEAR seem like nothing. But your dues add up and helped pay for the two Pimmit Hills entrance signs. This took a big chunk out of our funds so this year your dues are even more important. We have 1,637 homes in Pimmit Hills. Imagine if each of those homes—lived in by owners or renters—paid \$12. We'd have a lot more money to do other improvements in the neighborhood!

Volunteer Opportunities

PHCA is looking for volunteers to help out with various events and projects. Please contact a board member if you can help:

- ✓ Bake food for Election Day Bake Sale/Membership drive Nov 2
- ✓ Sit at our table for an hour or two that day to sell baked goods or take memberships
- ✓ Be a judge for the Christmas decorating contest
- ✓ Assist in planning Pimmit Hills wine/microbrew tasting fundraising event
- ✓ An excuse to get out and meet your neighbors: participate in our door-to-door membership drive by signing up for a block or two
- ✓ Participate in the Membership Committee with ideas to increase PHCA membership. ■



PHCA Officers

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA)

1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

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

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is one of the largest and oldest community associations in Fairfax County and represents a community of 1,637 homes in the Pimmit Hills area of Falls Church, VA. Pimmit Hills was first established in May 1950. The PHCA monthly *Dispatch* newspaper has been published since 1952.

PHCA Officers for September 2004 to June 2005:

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PHCA Membership

FOR NEW YEAR:

September 2004 to June 2005

Open to ALL Owners and Renters living in Pimmit Hills

Your yearly membership dues of \$12 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 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 the useful & always popular Clean-Up Day
- Special projects like the 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 (PHCA)
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 yes no

I do NOT want to be listed in the PHCA Membership Directory

Dues Enclosed: \$_____

PHCA Meeting Notes

By Sarah Rock, PHCA Secretary

Hello Neighbors! Here's what was discussed at the September PHCA meeting:

The Treasurer presented a report detailing expenses incurred over the summer months. There was a significant decrease in funds due to the welcome sign project. The welcome signs at Lisle and Rt 7 and Pimmit and Rt 7 cost over \$9,000.

Dispatch Editor Cindy Kwitchoff is seeking a volunteer to assist with advertisers and billing.

Director Pete Collat is working to identify the owner of the little house at the intersection of Lisle and Magarity. The little house is the backdrop to one of the new Pimmit Hills welcome signs.

First Vice President Joan Naleppa was absent as she was in the hospital. Many residents were concerned and wished her well.

President Gene Lesser announced several confirmed speakers for future meetings including Congressman Moran and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Connelly. A guest speaker will discuss the Fairfax County bond referendums at the October 2004 meeting.

He announced other activities this year such as the annual Election Day bake sale and the Holiday decorating contest.

The First Annual Pimmit Hills National Night Out event was held August 3, 2004. Pimmit Hills residents gathered at the Pimmit Hills Senior Center. Thanks to Rick Marcos and

Terri Varona for working to organize the event.

Dianna Hashemi alerted residents to poorly patched pavement on Pimmit Drive resulting from the recent water main replacement work. Residents who wish to voice concern regarding roads in our neighborhood can contact Mr. Gaby Hakim of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-383-2427.

Ideas for increasing membership were discussed. One suggestion was to bring your neighbors to the next meeting. Another suggestion was a "welcome packet" for new residents, including a coupon for discounted PHCA dues. If you are interested in working on a membership committee or have suggestions, please contact any PHCA board member.

The PHCA Board is seeking volunteers and ideas for fundraising. The neighborhood welcome sign project has severely strained the association treasury. Several fundraising ideas included: a wine tasting, a beer tasting, bingo, bake sales, flower bulb sales. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please contact any PHCA board member.

Please come to our next PHCA town meeting on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue! Bring your concerns, ideas, input, etc as well as meet your neighbors! Send your email address to Dispatch@PimmitHills.org if you would like to be reminded of the meeting by email. ■

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October 9

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In my home in Pimmit Hills. I can take care of infant and toddler, F/T or P/T. For more information, please call Connie at 703-288-0229 or 703-609-0194.

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Pimmit Hills stay-at-home mom looking to provide F/T, P/T, hourly, before/after school care in her home for your children. Experienced teacher/nanny. CPR trained. Reasonable rates, excellent references, Fairfax County licensed. Please call Lisa at 703-893-7192.

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■ 8 hybridizing. This lavender-pink flowered variety grows to only about three feet and develops bronze-red fall foliage. Even smaller, 'Pocomoke' comes in at 20 inches tall and is covered with deep rose-pink flowers. Check the Arboretum's website for a listing of all two dozen hybrid introductions.

Crape Myrtles are easily grown in full sun and well-drained soil. Keep in mind that they are one of the last plants to sprout leaves in the spring—we're not dead, just slow to wake up! And Crape Myrtles are fast growing. This trait often leads to them being butcher pruned each spring. This cutting back to large stumps leads to a proliferation of new shoots that end up weak and leggy. Pruning should be done only in late winter or spring, never earlier, and should be selective rather than wholesale. Remove entire branches back to the main trunk. They can even be kept to a single trunk, though this is against their multi-trunk nature. If your Crape is too big, the best bet is to replace it with one of the new varieties that attains the desired size (check your nursery or garden center's *Dirr* manual under *Lagerstroemia*). Starting with the appropriate variety and then properly pruning from an early age will result in a Crape Myrtle that fits the available space. I grow a couple of the dark cherry-red 'Victor' Crape Myrtles in a perennial bed—at four to five feet in height, they fit right in. Try the dwarf 'Pocomoke'

Crape in front of the mounding and evergreen 'Soft Touch' Japanese Holly for a tough, colorful and low shrub border. One of the taller varieties such as 'Choctaw' will become a colorful, high canopy, shading the patio nicely through the summer.

On another subject, the brown branch tips on your trees are the result of the cicadas. What a show they gave us! My husband, a Michigan native, was fascinated by his first encounter with the newly emerged critters: all pale gold except for their beady red eyes! This was my third time and I took the time (finally) to appreciate these marvels of nature ... at least until the dog started eating them like they were kibble! Anyway, the egg-laying process caused the branches to die and we're left with the clean up job. The trees will recover, but if yours weren't in the best shape to start with, consider creating a good sized mulched area under the tree this fall using the fallen leaves. (Run them through the lawn mower to chop them up if you like or top them with a thin layer of wood chips.) The leaves will break down and leach nutrients and organic matter into the soil very quickly and are much better than chemical fertilizers. Organic matter rules!■

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis lives on Leonard Road.

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Scooters and Mopeds

From the July 12, 2004 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting:

.....Chairman Connolly stated that law enforcement today is facing the problem of the proliferation of small gas-powered mini-motorcycles known as "pocket bikes" and gas-powered scooters. Motorized scooters resemble the push scooter of old except for the engine mounted over the back wheel.

Existing codes prohibit children under 16 from operating these on public roads, but many parents are unaware of this law. There are children on County roadways operating these scooters in excess of 20 miles per hour. He asserted that this is dangerous for not only the operator, but also for pedestrians and other drivers.

Chairman Connolly said that the Police Department is developing a brochure which will present a comprehensive review of existing legislation so that stores selling mopeds and scooters, parents, operators, and police officers will be aware of the laws that govern their use.

Unfortunately, the police must deal with a myriad of often confusing and overlapping codes. He stated that the County needs legislation that is up-to-date, clear, consistent, and easily understood by buyers, dealers, and the police. ■

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No Place Like HOME

By Richard Ellis, Remodeler

New column about home improvement in Pimmit Hills by PHCA Second Vice President:

Since roofs are one of the most dominate features on homes, it's important that they not only look good for curb appeal, but they are doing a good job protecting the home. An old roof can let in water and insects (equals rot!), which can greatly damage a house. Signs to look for in a roof that needs to be replaced are curling of the shingles, mold and moss growing on the roof, shingles that are falling off and excessive amount of roof grit in the gutters.

Unless you see the above signs, you probably are nowhere near close to needing to get new roofing. But if you do get your roof professionally looked at, be sure to get at least three opinions. Ask friends and neighbors for word-of-mouth recommendations on contractors that they've used and been satisfied with.

Standard roofs, most common on Pimmit Hills homes, are three-tab shingles that have a 20 year guarantee. More expensive roofs can have a life-time guarantee. More homes in Pimmit Hills are starting to use architectural shakes which have a more depth than normal flat shingles. These add beauty and value to the house and last longer.

The most important part of getting a new roof—or making sure your existing roof has—is proper ventilation. Gable vents most common to Pimmit Hills houses are not good enough. Our attics get too hot and humid which eventually can reduce the life of the roofing material. Be sure your contractor installs eave and ridge vents to ensure constant convection. Ideally, roofs should have an overhang with venting. The overhang helps keep water away from the house.

Because we live in a neighborhood of wonderful large trees, often our roofs get stained by the leaves and debris. While it looks bad, the best thing to do is try to keep the roof generally free of debris if you can (if you can't, that's okay too), especially in roof valleys. Pressure washing the roof will only cause premature aging of the roof.

With all our trees, it's important to keep the gutters clean. Gutters full of leaves, acorns and debris will allow water to get up and under your roof and into the walls plus water will not drain properly through drain pipes but run down the siding of your house. And here's a helpful hint: a sign your gutters really need help is if you have trees and plants growing in them!■

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Type of Problem	Phone
Construction without required permits; Illegal removal of trees & clearing of land	703-324-1937
Too many unrelated people living in a home; Apartments in a single family home	703-324-1300
Inoperative vehicles on residential property - 5 vehicles or less	703-280-0587
Inoperative vehicles on residential property - more than 5 vehicles	703-324-1300
Vehicles parked on front lawn for longer than 48 hours	703-324-1300
Noise complaints (normal business hours 8:00 am - 4:30 pm)	703-324-1300
Noise complaints/Barking dogs (late night/early morning)	703-691-2131
Businesses conducted from a home	703-324-1300
Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on street	703-280-0550
Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on private property	703-324-1300
Junk and debris in yards	703-324-1300
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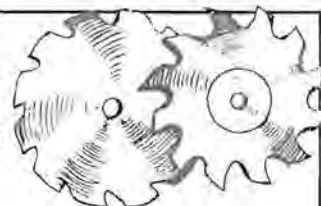
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