

County Wants to Redevelop Barn Property into Group Home

he Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) will be holding an important meeting and vote on Tuesday, March 6 concerning the proposed Fairfax County redevelopment of the barn property on Cherri Drive to be a group home run by the County's Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB).

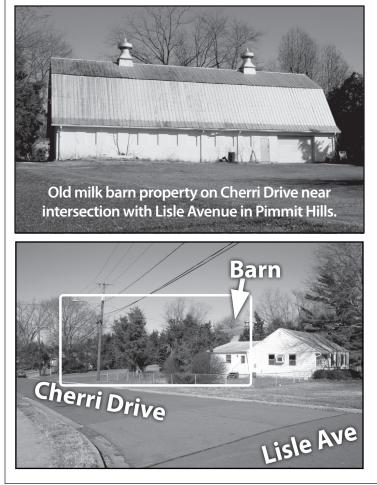
The PHCA meeting will start at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills Center on Lisle Avenue. According to PHCA Bylaws, you must be a current, paid member of PHCA to be able to vote on this issue.

Fairfax County Park Authority owns the barn property and no longer has need of it. Before they put it up for private auction, they decided to ask if Fairfax County wanted it.

The County's Community Services Board put forth a proposal to build a six bedroom group home for aging County residents who need accessible, universally designed housing. It would be a permanent home for people who require daily support and assistance and professional staff would be onsite 24/7.

The County and CSB held a meeting on January 11 for Pimmit Hills residents at Lemon Road Elementary to discuss the proposal and answer questions.

PCHA President Matthew Martz was in attendance and his notes from the meeting are on the PHCA



website, PimmitHills.org.

Martz said at the meeting that CSB's presentation should be given at the next PHCA meeting so that more residents could hear about their proposal, discuss the plans and then take a community vote on whether or not to sup*port* this group home proposal.

District Supervisor John Foust, who represents us, was at the

to be able to vote on

this issue.

meeting and told Martz that he will support paid member of PHCA which ever way our community votes. If the vote is yes, Foust will

give the go ahead for the project. If the community votes an overwhelming no, then Foust will dismiss the proposal. The Park Service may then put the land up for private auction.

This issue has caused controversy and the March 6 PHCA meeting is sure to be well-attended because a family, who lives across the street from the barn property, has been actively opposing the group home. The family has written two lengthy opinions on why they oppose it, and you can read these on PimmitHills.org.

One of the issues is the mission of the Community Services Board which assists "Fairfax-Falls Church residents with or at risk of development delay, intellectual disabilities, mental illness, and alcohol or drug abuse or dependency."

The CSB's 2011 Housing Needs Report "describes the critical need for housing for people with mental illness, substance use disorders and intellectual disabilities in the Fairfax-Falls Church community. Nearly 1,650 individuals receiving CSB services are without secure, affordable housing," according to their report.

Links to the CSB website

and this report can be found on PimmitHills.org, along with their proposal entitled, "A Good Neighbor: Proposal for Pimmit Barns Site, 1845 Cherri Drive, Falls Church."

Their proposal states the group house will not be a treatment facility nor will it house people receiving services for mental illness or substance use disorders.

During the You must be a current, January 11 meeting, CSB representatives said that there would only be a "small chance" of the

home later housing people with substance abuse because of the "demand for accessibility housing for aging County residents." Also, CSB said they would inform our community before changing the type of residents living there.

The proposal says the "residents will include people who have lived and worked in our community for years. Due to their disabilities and increasing age, they require in-home support and assistance."

"There will be minimal impact on neighborhood parking. Residents will not drive. One van and two staff cars will park in the driveway."

CSB says that they would be good neighbors and that the property would be well maintained. The house would be a 4,000 sq ft energy efficient ranch-style home that would blend in architecturally with the community.

Read the pros and cons of this issue on PimmitHills.org and come to the meeting to learn more, ask questions, discuss the issues with courtesy and respect towards your fellow neighbors, and vote (if you are a PHCA Member) on whether or not to support this group home proposal.



Matthew Martz PHCA President

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association President's Corner



Mark Kinnane



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county affect your daily living and the best way to voice your opinions, concerns and get questions answered is through the PHCA.

We are constantly in contact with our District Supervisor, John Foust and his office to voice Pimmit Hills' views on matters.

Also, if you are a paid member of the PHCA, you are able to vote on hot issues when the Association takes a position for the community.

There are so many more benefits to being a member of the PHCA and I hope that you will take this chance to get more involved with the community and be a part of the great work that we are doing.■



■ Tuesday, March 6, 2012

- Tuesday, May 1, 2012
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Meetings start at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue. All homeowners and renters welcome.

PHCA Events

- Earth Day Pimmit Hills Park
- Cleanup, April 21
- Dumpster Day, May 12
- PHCA Board Elections, June 5

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t seems like just yesterday that the new board was being voted in and getting straight to work for the community.

It has been almost 10 months now and we have accomplished so much, but we still have much, much more we'd like to do. That being said, I want to take a moment and talk about the benefits of being a paid member of the PHCA.

The first reason is to get better acquainted with your fellow neighbors. There is no easier way to say "hello" and meet community members than at our meetings and community events.

We have socials and parent groups with tons of information that you might be looking for.

along the lines of giving back to our wonderful community by volunteering. We are always looking for more people to get involved and help organize, run and participate in events for the community. This year's board is extremely

The second reason is more

dedicated to "Pimmit Hills Going Green" and we want to get everyone involved as possible.

I ask you, even if you have as little as one hour or as many as ten hours, please get in touch with me or another board member and we will get you involved as much as you'd like.

The third reason is being an active participant in community matters. Whether you are a renter or an owner, decisions from the

PHCA Volunteer Opportunities

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) has many events and activities that need your help.

If you have ever wanted to get involved with the community but worried that you didn't have the time, there are volunteer opportunities of all sizes, whether you have one hour or one day.

Like the outdoors? Enjoy walking/playing in Pimmit Hills parks? Be a part of the new Pimmit Hills Environment and Parks Committee. We're looking for lots of volunteers to help clean our parks on Earth Day Cleanup on April 21.

Is American Pickers your favorite TV show? Help out with Dumpster Day on May 12 as Pimmit Hills residents unload their big pieces of junk for the County to haul away. Their trash may be vour treasure.

Do you feel strongly about keeping the residents and children of our neighborhood safe? Be a part of the Neighborhood Watch and help run our National Night Out event in August.

Like planning parties? Join the

Events Committee and help plan Pimmit Hills Day in September. We also need 4 or 5 volunteers to set up, run games, call bingo and make baked goods. Also help plan and organize National Night Out.

Like baking? We need cakes and cookies for cake walks at National Night Out and Pimmit Hills Day.

Have a knack for sales? We need help selling advertising to support the cost of printing and mailing the Dispatch.

Like to talk on the phone? We need volunteers to help fill spots in a phone tree to communicate with residents without email.

Interested in having an impact on our community? Consider volunteering to be on the PHCA Board for one year. All officers are volunteer positions who serve one year terms (except for the 3-Year Director). The Board meets once a necessary, just a willingness to serve the

Have an idea for a new Pimmit Hills committee or event you'd like to help out with? We'd love to help support your idea or passion for our neighborhood to make it a better place.

PHCA via PimmitHills. Sarah Rock, Director@ PimmitHills.org.■

neighborhood.

If you would like to help out with any of the above, please contact org. To sign up as a general volunteer, email

Pimmit Hills needs YOU! month. No experience

Pimmit Hills Environment & Parks Committee First Annual **Earth Day Clean-Up** Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 am to Noon Meet at Olney Park in Pimmit Hills Register at PimmitHills.org/phca-environment-group





Keep Pimmit Hills Parks Clean

Dear Neighbors,

Please join us in celebrating Earth Day by picking up trash, litter and other debris from our neighborhood parks in Pimmit Hills. This is a great opportunity for us to work together to make our community cleaner, our parks prettier, and our neighborhood a better place to live and play. We will gather at Olney Park and send teams to other parks throughout the neighborhood as man power allows. The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is happy to be able to offer trash and recycling disposal supplies for this

event, as well as thank you gifts for volunteers. If you would like to serve as a site leader or offer additional assistance for this event, please contact me at Secretary@PimmitHills.org. I hope you'll consider spending this Earth Day doing something for our neighborhood!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Hall, PHCA Secretary Pimmit Hills Environment & Parks Committee Secretary@PimmitHills.org





By Mark Kinnane, PHCA Representative to the McLean Citizens Association

It's been a busy start to the year for the McLean Citizens Association (MCA).

The Transportation Committee, on which the PHCA sits, passed a resolution opposing the construction of the so called "Outer Beltway" at the expense of badly needed funding for Tysons Corner infrastructure.

Developers in Tysons Corner have been more than reticent to fund infrastructure improvements, instead opting to pass on costs to the government and therefore the taxpayer.

It is imperative then that Richmond does not divert funding from important NoVa projects, such as the redevelopment of Tysons Corner, to those which are less pressing and almost universally opposed by local government, such as the Outer Beltway.

Weekly reports to the Transportation Committee from the HOT Lanes project indicate that HOT Lanes construction is progressing in a timely manner thanks in part to the lack of wintery weather this season.

The Education committee has passed a resolution urging Virginia to authorize local school boards to select school start dates. This measure is almost unanimously supported by all levels of government from the governor to local district representatives.

The MCA Planning and Zoning Committee are monitoring the developments of the Pimmit Barn property redevelopment closely and are providing information and support for the PHCA.

A nomination committee for MCA Executive Board members will be formed at the next meeting of MCA Executive Board scheduled for the first Wednesday evening in March (see McLeanCitizens.org for details).

Anyone who is a member of the MCA can nominate for a position on the Executive Board and membership is open to residents of Pimmit Hills.

The PHCA already has one designated (and filled) seat on the MCA Executive Board so any nomination from our neighborhood for the Executive Board will be considered an "at large" board member with full voting rights on MCA resolutions. The designated PHCA seat will be open for election during our PHCA midyear board elections.

If you have any concerns that you would like raised with the MCA or would like information regarding MCA board membership then please contact me at Treasurer@PimmitHills.org.■

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By Deanne Eversmeyer, Horticulturist

Well, here we at the start of another growing season, though this winter was so mild, it seems that the garden never stopped growing!

Out back a couple of daffodils were up and in full flower in early January and the fall-blooming 'Autumnalis' cherries blossomed right on through the winter.

There's still time to get to your winter pruning. Start with the evergreens and deciduous trees, but don't prune the spring

finished.

If you prune for winter pruning. sythia, azaleas and

others that bloom before Memorial Day now, you'll be reducing the floral display; summer bloomers, such as crape myrtles and rose-ofsharons, set buds on new wood and should be pruned now.

An exception to the pruning rule is the rose bush. Prune roses after the worst of winter has passed but before they start leafing out.

Reduce the heaviest canes to a foot or so, shorten other strong growth and remove the weaker growth completely.

This may seem drastic, but by

reducing the number of potential buds (stem buds, that is), you'll get stronger growth and better flowers.

And use a good set of hand pruners, loppers and a handsaw. Save the shears for topiaries. After repeated shearing, shrubs develop a shell of foliage and a naked interior – not a healthy way to grow!

Try to open the interior to sunlight by removing larger pieces here and there; new growth will

come from inside the bloomers until they're **There's still time** shrub, not the tips. And when removing limbs, don't leave stubs!

> Sometimes spring gets ahead of us and plants we intended to dig and divide/move get away from US.

> Hostas and peonies are two such plants that sprout out quickly and can take a spring move poorly if attempted too late.

> I will take a shovel to these plants as soon as they poke out of the ground and sever the roots, but then leave the plant in the ground to be relocated later.

> The sooner I can get them replanted, the better - growing roots prefer cooler soil temperatures.



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Pimmit Hills Calendar

Tuesday, March 6

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Town Meeting

7:30 pm

Pimmit Hills Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board will give a presentation on their proposal to build a group home on the site of the barn property on Cherri Drive. The issue will be discussed and voted on by PHCA members.

Saturday, March 10

Pimmit Hills Neighborhood Coffee

9:30 am - 11:30 am

1823 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church

Join Pimmit Hills neighbors past, present and future for coffee and some sweet treats. Special topic for March: Spring Cleaning Tips. For more information, contact Linda Wheeler at 703-475-5347 or lindawheeler79@ hotmail.com.

Tuesday, March 13

Ledo's Pizza Night

Ledo's Pizza, 7510 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church

Help raise funds for our local Tysons Corner Lions Club that services Pimmit Hills. Eat at Ledo's Pizza that night and Ledo's will donate money for the Tysons Corner Lions Club.

Thursday, March 15

Tysons Corner Lions Club Meeting

7:00 pm

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 7628 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church For more information or to join, contact Tysons Corner Lions Club President Marie Davis of Griffith Road in Pimmit Hills at 703-790-8561 or email misjenny1@verizon.net.

Saturday, March 17

Lemon Road Elementary School Fun Fair and Silent Auction 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lemon Road Elementary School, 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church Tickets for games and activities will be available at the door. Games, food, and prizes will be on-going and are suitable for all ages. Funds raised go back to the school in the form of assemblies, field trips, teacher grants, and various supplies and equipment. We are asking past Lemon Road alumni to come and sign a memory book for Dr. Carolyn Miller, our Principal of 19 years, who will be retiring at the end of March.

Saturday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day Open House in Pimmit Hills

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

2001 Griffith Road, Falls Church

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the home of the President of the Tysons Corner Lions Club, 2001 Griffith Road in Pimmit Hills from 10 am to 4 pm. We will have an Open House with four vendors: Lia Sophia (jewelry), Pampered Chef (kitchen items), Mary Kay (cosmetics) and Tastefully Simple (food items). A raffle will take place and samples will be available. Come and enjoy talking to your Pimmit Hills neighbors and meet new people. For more information, contact Marie Davis, President of the Tysons Corner Lions Club, at 703-790-8561 or misjenny1@verizon.net.

Saturday, March 24

Student Symphonic Orchestra of Fairfax Concert 7:00 pm

Redeemer Luther Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean Attend a free concert by the renowned Student Symphonic Orchestra of Fairfax, conducted by our own PHCA President Matthew Martz. The performance is entitled, "An Evening of Overtures & Classics."

Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15

Tysons-Pimmit Library Used Book Sale

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Tysons-Pimmit Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church Sponsored by the Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Library to help support the library. Donate your used books and DVDs to the library.

Thursday, April 19

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Saturday, April 21

Pimmit Hills Earth Day Clean-Up 9:00 am to Noon Meet at Olney Park

Celebrate Earth Day by picking up trash, litter and other debris from our neighborhood Pimmit Hills parks. Sponsored by the Pimmit Hills Environment & Parks Committee. Register on PimmitHills.org/phca-environment-group so enough supplies can be ordered. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hall, Secretary@PimmitHills.org.

Sunday, April 29

Electric Sunday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Tuesday, May 1

Pinmit Hills Citizens Association Town Meeting 7:30 pm

Pimmit Hills Center, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church

Saturday, May 12 PHCA Dumpster Day

8:00 am - Noon

Pimmit Hills Center parking lot, 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church Formerly known as our annual Cleanup Day, this is your chance to get rid of large items and pieces of junk that Fairfax County dumpster will take away. You must be a PHCA Member to participate. More information at PimmitHills.org/dumpster-day.

See More Events on PimmitHills.org

Submit your events to Dispatch@PimmitHills.org

March/April 2012

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association MEMBERSHIP

Show your support for your community by joining the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA). Yearly dues are only \$20 for homeowners and renters living in Pimmit Hills; \$25 for non-residents.

Sign up and pay your dues quickly and securely on our PHCA membership website, PimmitHills.org. Or, you can fill out this form, mail us a check, and we'll enter your information and payment into the database on our membership website. I

IMPORTANT: To be able to vote on community issues at PHCA meetings, you must be a current, paid member. Your dues help fund neighborhood events, activities, projects, the membership website and the printing and mailing of the Pimmit Hills Dispatch.

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PHCA MEMBERSHIP REPORT	Dec 2011	Feb 2012	Change
Paid Resident Memberships	131	156	11111111111111111111111111111111111111
Paid Non-Resident Memberships	9	9	-
TOTAL	140	165	↑25
Contacts in Database		497	
Homes in Pimmit Hills	1,642	1,642	

Pimmit Hills News Emails

February 9, 2012 Email: 466 recipients, 20 email failures, 446 emails successfully sent, 218 people opened email (49% open rate), 185 people clicked on a link (26% click-through rate)

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Due Date for Ads, Articles, Events & Info for the May/June 2012 issue:

Friday, April 6, 2012



FAQs From our Contact Form

Are there any restrictions about building a fence around my property?

Pimmit Hills does not have its own community restrictions/regulations but Fairfax County regulations do apply. According to the County, fences may be up to 4 feet tall in front yards and up to 7 feet tall in rear or side yards. Building permits generally are not required to build fences, unless they are taller than 7 feet. Masonry walls/fences require building permits prior to construction. For further information, see Fairfax-County.gov/code/lots-land-use/.

We saw a Pimmit Hills bumper sticker and would like to purchase some for our out-of-state (but still Pimmit Hills proud) children. Where can we get these?

Go to the "Shop Local" tab on our website, PimmitHills.org, then click on Pimmit Hills Store. There are PH bumper stickers for sale, as well as PH mugs, t-shirts, hats and stickers. PimmitHills.org/store

We are looking to build a new house in the Pimmit Hills area and heard about some convenants. I need more information on these and if I'm at risk if I construct a new two-story modern house.

The Pimmit Hills community does not have property convenants nor does it have a homeowners association that has rules on what you can or can't do with your property. PH is known as a "property-rights" neighborhood and we have a voluntary citizens association. The property rules you do have to follow are Fairfax County regulations: FairfaxCounty.gov/living/landuse/.

When does my PHCA Membership expire? One year after you joined. Log on to PimmitHills.org and click on View Profile at the upper right-hand corner to see when your membership expires and to renew your dues.■

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NEXT PHCA MEETING:

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Photos from the **January Park** Cleanup

Pimmit Hills Environment & Parks Committee





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