

Pimmit Hills Dispatch

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA)

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Silver Line Update: Parking Lot at New McLean Station

An interim commuter parking lot will be built next to McLean Metro Station.

This privately-run, pay lot will offer about 711 spaces for commuters, so they can easily access the Silver Line. This lot is a "bridge" solution to encourage ridership on the new rail line during its early years.

CityLine will own, manage and operate the lot, including setting parking rates.

For up to the next 10 years at least, Silver Line riders will be able to park their cars next to the McLean Metro Station when it opens.

In August, the Board ratified an agreement with developer CityLine to provide an interim, commuter parking lot.

Located at 1820 Dolley Madison Boulevard, this surface, pay lot will offer about 711 spaces.

As part of the agreement, the public will be able to park in this privately run lot on weekdays between 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. At any other time, CityLine may use the lot for other purposes. Cityline may allow weekend parking as well.

Of the total number of



Map showing location of planned parking lot.

spaces, up to 10 percent may be set aside for commuters who pay for reserved parking, and up to another 10 percent may be dedicated for car-sharing services. Like

Metro's lots, the reserved commuter spaces will be open for anyone to park in after 10 a.m.

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McLean Senior Source: Finding the Free Resources Available to McLean Residents

By Kay Bransford

Many residents who are over 55 are unaware of the variety of information and services available to help them stay in place, stay informed and stay connected within the Pimmit Hills and broader McLean community. In May 2013, the Dranesville Supervisor's office

hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the McLean Community Center, launching the McLean Senior Source (MSS).

After spending the past year navigating the system on behalf of my parents, I wish this resource had been available to me

when I needed it.

MSS gives neighbors a friendly, informative resource to learn about the services that they may need but often don't know exist.. All McLean residents can contact this wonderful resource which can provide

information to answer questions like:

I can no longer drive. Who can I call for transportation to my doctors and to do my grocery shopping?

What activities & groups

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The reason I wanted to get involved in this Association is because I believe that voluntary Citizens Associations like this one are the life blood of our democracy. You and I, working together, have much more power to change our neighborhood for the better than politicians in DC or Richmond, or even Fairfax County. I'm always impressed to hear what the PHCA has accomplished in the past, and if we keep working together, I have high hopes for making Pimmit Hills the slice of paradise that each of us call home.

Making our neighborhood a better place through this Association is an active partici-

pation in the freedom that we have as Americans. Seeing my neighbors at the Association meetings makes me proud of my neighborhood and proud to call myself an American.

My vision for the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association in the coming year is to live up to the ideals of democracy and freedom that we hold as Americans.

A critical component of that vision is to be a model of courtesy and respect during our meetings. We come from different backgrounds and have sometimes conflicting ideas for how to make our neighborhood a better place,

but we share this space and we all deserve to voice our opinions in a way that respects each other's dignity and time. I ask that everyone who attends our meetings raise their hand and wait to be called on before speaking, and that all participants allow the speaker to finish before responding.

I hope to embark on a number of projects with you as I learn what is most important to you. Please don't hesitate to send me ideas to our mailing address or to president@pimmithills.org. But let's always remember that whatever we do, it is in a spirit of neighborliness, courtesy, and respect.

Primer on Parliamentary Procedure, Part 1:
Don't Call That a Friendly Amendment - There's a Motion for That!

The board is introducing a regular column by our secretary, Connie Cordovilla, to help PHCA members learn the basics of Parliamentary Procedure as defined in Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order governs all PHCA meetings.

Anyone who spends time in meetings of any size has come up against "Robert's Rules"- some may even cringe at the thought of the seemingly complex and

inscrutable set of procedures and wish that Mr. Roberts would take them back.

A Brief History

In fact Parliamentary pro-

cedures are much older than our country, having evolved in the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the 1500s, through centuries of disorder-

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PHCA
CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 10
▶ PHCA Meeting, 7:30pm
PH School, 7510 Lisle Ave

Saturday, September 14
Pimmit Hills Day
Olney Park, 11am-3pm

Saturday, October 5
Fall Clean Up
Olney Park, 9am-11:30am

Late October, TBD
Halloween at the Barn
Sponsored by the Pimmit Barn Friends Group

Tuesday, November 5
Election Day
PH School, 7510 Lisle Ave

Tuesday, November 12
▶ PHCA Meeting, 7:30pm
PH School, 7510 Lisle Ave

Tuesday, January 7
▶ PHCA Meeting, 7:30pm
PH School, 7510 Lisle Ave

Tuesday, March 4
▶ PHCA Meeting, 7:30pm
PH School, 7510 Lisle Ave

Saturday, April 12
Earth Day Clean Up
Location TBD

Saturday, April 19
Easter Egg Hunt
Location TBD

Proud to Call “the Hills” Home? Celebrate Pimmit Hills Day on September 14



The Tysons Lions Club serving lunch at last year's Pimmit Hills Day.

Calling all Residents, Alumni, Businesses & Organizations:

Come celebrate our community at our annual Pimmit Hills Day for all residents, alumni of the Hills as well as local businesses and organizations.

Pimmit Hills Day will take place from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at Olney Park on September 14. Parking is very limited so we recommend walking to the park.

This year we're having a Moon Bounce for the kids in addition to other fun and games, like Bingo, a kids table and the ever-popular Cake Walk game where

winners get a homemade cake or baked goodie.

The Tysons Lions Club will be serving sodas and their delicious hamburgers and hot dogs.

Local businesses, organizations, clubs, arts-n-crafters and hobbyists are invited to bring a table and let your neighbors know about your products and services. Contact Us to let us know you'll have a booth so we can let everyone know.

Pimmit Hills Day is way of celebrating our favorite neighborhood, meeting other neighbors or reconnecting.

Lots of volunteers are needed to make Pimmit Hills Day happen. You really get to meet your neighbors by getting involved rather than just attending. If you can help out for an hour send an email to Director@PimmitHills.org. See you at our celebration!



Details

What: Pimmit Hills Day

Who: All residents, alumni, local businesses & organizations

When: September 14, 11:00am—2:30pm

Where: Olney Park

Why: Fun games, meet your neighbors, and celebrate our neighborhood!

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Pimmit Barn Event Likely in October

After a petition signed by many neighbors, the 1937 dairy barn that stands at 1845 Cherri Drive (near the corner of Cherri and Lisle) will survive beyond its 75th birthday, and with any luck, live to be 100 or more years as a historic landmark in our neighborhood.

Supervisor Foust met with the organizers of the Pimmit Barn movement and expressed his support for keeping the last surviving dairy barn inside the beltway intact.

Why is there a barn in our neighborhood? According to local history expert Paul Kohlenberger, Anne Magarity sold 80 acres to Lisle Smith,

an Assistant Attorney General, for \$10 (or about \$155 today). Smith built the barn and operated a dairy farm until the land was developed into Pimmit Hills neighborhood.

The barn remained, as the neighborhood was not yet connected to the public water system and the barn site housed a well that provided water to the neighborhood.

For a time, the Fairfax County Water Authority owned the site, and since 1997, it has been a property of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Now, McLean Youth Athletics uses it to house athletic equipment for hundreds of children, including our

neighbors (McLean Youth Athletics sports are open to children in Pimmit Hills; check

their web site for information on activities and registration).

What's next? Neighbors are forming the Friends of Pimmit Barn, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the barn for the benefit of the community.

The first fundraising goal is

\$2,000 for a marker that will tell the story of the barn for all to read. The group is planning to hold the 2nd Annual Halloween at the Barn, which may include a 5K fun run.

If you would like to help, please contact Pimmit-Barn@gmail.com.



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Advertising Information

Thank you for your interest in advertising in the Pimmit Hills Dispatch, the official newsletter of the Pimmit Hills Citizens' Association (PHCA).

The newsletter is published quarterly and is mailed to all 1,642+ homes/6,000 residents of Pimmit Hills neighborhood. Your ad will reach a targeted audience who frequent local businesses in Falls Church, McLean, Tysons Corner and Vienna.

The newsletter is approximately 8.5"x11" and up to half of each page

can filled with advertising.

Size	Inside Page	Back or Front Page
1/8 page	\$60	\$80
1/4 page	\$120	\$160
1/2 page	\$240	\$320

To start the process, fill out the advertising request form at <http://pimmithills.org/dispatch-advertising>

We will contact you for a soft copy of your ad creative and copy.

Once we have confirmed your size and location we will send an invoice with payment instructions.

Your advertisement will not be printed until we receive full payment.

This square is only \$60

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Deadline for the December issue is October 1.

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Silver Line Update

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The agreement comes at no cost to the county because the developer will build, own, run and maintain the lot. The new lot will be built at the site of the Cleveland Building, which was part of the old West Gate office park. City-Line will tear down this three-story office and expand the existing 293-space parking lot next to the building, adding another 418 spaces.

McLean Senior Source

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could my parent join to meet people in their age group, and volunteer with, in McLean?

Where can I go to improve my computer skills?

Housed at the McLean Community Center, the three ways to reach MSS include:

- 1) Phone: 703-300-1751
- 2) Email: McLeanSeniorSource@gmail.com

3) Visit: the McLean Community Center lobby during operating hours, Tues, Wed, Thurs from 10 am to 2 pm.

MSS provides information on a wide variety of existing resources that include: greater community involvement, daily living solutions, aging education, entertainment & enrichment choices, financial help & management, health & wellness, housing solutions,

health insurance, legal resources, recreational facilities, social connections, and transportation & accessibility. Resource referrals are for services provided by Fairfax County government, faith-based, and other nonprofit organizations.

I hope you will give this new resource a try!

Primer on Parliamentary Procedure, Part 1

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ly, sometimes ineffective and often contentious meetings.

America's greatest contribution to the running of orderly, effective meetings came at the hands, mind and pen of Henry Martyn Robert, an engineer and Brigadier General in the US.

He was alarmed at the lack of uniform definition of what parliamentary law was and what might be correctly done by groups such as churches and social clubs that was defined as legitimate. Originally he conceived of a short publication but the 11th edition tops 700 pages.

Speaking the Language

Making a Motion - A motion is the way that business is brought before any meeting body. It is normally done by rising, getting the attention of the chair/presider and saying "I move that..." Motions must have a second – indicating to the presider that the body is interested in considering it. It may be debated (sometimes with time limits and order rules as to how many and what order the pro and con sides can speak).

Debate is closed either by running out of time, speakers or patience – often by "calling the question", leading to a 2/3s vote, stopping the dis-

cussion. Once the debate is closed, the presider calls for a vote, normally by voice or, if that is indecisive, by standing. A simple majority is required most commonly but motions do fall into classes and some require 2/3 of the body.

Amendments (Friendly and Otherwise) - Amendments to a motion can always be offered. Sometimes they are phrased as "friendly" because the motion maker and the amender agree it is necessary or an improvement.

But while people often think it is simple enough to ask the maker of the motion if they accept the change, it is

not proper procedure. It should be voted on by the body, like any other amendment would be.

The only friendly amendment is the change suggested to the maker **before** the motion is placed and then it is included in the motion before it is made. So there are no friendly amendments - only motions that need a vote!



Remember to Vote! 2013 is a Virginia Election Year



The State General Election for Virginia will be held on November 5, 2013. This fall we are voting for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General as well as local district candidates for the state legislature. There may be other local issues such as bonds.

Most of us who live in Pimmit Hills vote at the Pimmit Hills Alternative High School at 7510 Lisle Ave in the Senior Center Area. The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

If you are not registered to vote, you must do so by October 15 to vote in this election. See the box to the right for details on how to register to vote.

Going to be away on November 5? Download an absentee ballot application at the same site as the voter registration form or call 703-324-4735 and have one sent to you. Once you complete it, mail it to the Electoral Board address shown in the box with voter registration details as soon as possible.

As long as it is received by 5:00 pm of the Tuesday prior to the Election Day, you will get a mail ballot. That mail ballot has to be completed and in the hands of the elections office by the day of the election. You can also vote Absentee In Person at the local elections office up through the Saturday before November 5.

What about ID? You are required to have some form of identification at the polls (and for in-person absentee). It can be any of the following:

Virginia voter registration card; Valid Virginia driver's license; Military ID; Any Federal, Virginia state or local

government-issued ID; Employer issued photo ID card; Concealed handgun permit; Valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; Current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter; For a state election, your Social Security card.

Voting- Machine or Paper? Fairfax County is moving toward an all paper voting system. Why you may ask? Two reasons - it is actually quicker to mark the paper ballots in most instances, and most importantly, because having paper ballots allows the county to be able to recount if needed.

Information about the election issues from non-partisan sources: The League of Women Voters in Virginia will offer information about candidates and their backgrounds. The newspapers often run candidate questions

Register to Vote
Deadline: October 15
Online:
www.vote.virginia.gov
By mail:
Obtain a voter registration form from a library, a DMV office, or download a blank voter registration form online from www.sbe.virginia.gov/BecomeARegisteredVoter.html. Mail to:

Electoral Board
12000 Government Center
Parkway, Suite 323
Fairfax, VA 22035
Questions?
Call 703-324-4735.

and answers and of course you can always call the candidates themselves.

Take a friend to the polls with you- do you have a neighbor who might have a hard time getting there – ask if you can take them when you go!

USEFUL NUMBERS (all numbers are area code 703 unless otherwise noted)
Police (non-emergency) 691-2131, TTY 204-2264
Fairfax County Emergency Information: 817-7771
Dominion Virginia Power: 1-866-366-4357, TTY 711
VDOT: 1-800-FOR-ROAD, TTY 711
Washington Gas: 1-800-752-7520 or 750-1400
Fairfax Water: 698-5800, TTY 698-7025
Animal Control: 691-2131
Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance
Phone: 324-1300, Web: fairfaxcounty.gov/code
Dranesville Supervisor - John Foust
dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov
703-356-0551, TTY 711
McLean District Police Station
Phone number: 556-7750

Join the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association!

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) is a civic organization dedicated to making Pimmit Hills a great neighborhood.

We track issues facing our community - from development, education, crime and transportation. We have 5 community meetings a year with guest speakers and host 5 -7 community events a year: National Night Out, Pimmit Hills Day, Clean-Up Days, Community Yard Sale, and-Dumpster Day.

Yearly dues are \$20 per resident (\$40 per couple). Membership dues help the fund community activities, this Dispatch newsletter, and the PimmitHills.org website with members-only forums.

In addition to the events

that the Association organizes, the PHCA is a great place to come if you have ideas for improving our neighborhood. The PHCA does many things:

- Keeps in touch with local, county and state government officials and politicians to ensure our voice is heard.
- Keeps track of local and state plans that directly affect our community. Officials go to PHCA as their point of contact.
- Prevented WMATA from canceling the 3T bus service in Pimmit Hills.
- Prevented hundreds of school buses being parked at the former Pimmit Hills School as a garage where the County was
- Installed four-way stop signs at key intersections in the neighborhood in 2010 to help alleviate speeding on Griffith and Lisle.
- Lobbied for the Tysons-Pimmit Library.
- Convinced the County to



The playground at Olney Park is a result of the PHCA's efforts going to maintain and fix the buses. PHCA worked to prevent this from happening AND keep the baseball fields intact.

create many parks in Pimmit Hills and install playground equipment at some of them. We now have more park space than many other communities.

So what's in it for you to be a member of PHCA? A lot. Even if you can't get actively involved in PHCA, you can still show your support for your community and its well-being by becoming a member. Join now!

PHCA Membership Form - Join or renew online at www.pimmithills.org

Resident Membership: \$20/person		Non-Resident Supporter: \$25	
Name:		email:	
Spouse/Partner:		email:	
Street address:			
Phone:		Alt Phone:	
I would Like to Volunteer or Help			
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment & Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> General Volunteer	
Mail checks and donations to: PHCA, 1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043			

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Community Website: PimmitHills.org
Email: PHCA@PimmitHills.org

Thinking About Buying or Selling a Pimmit Hills Home?



Now is a great time to buy or sell a home! Mortgage interest rates are still near historic lows, home prices have moderated and there are many tax advantages to owning a condo.

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