



NEWSLETTER

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A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

PHCA Officers 1957-58:

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FEDERATION TAKES STAND ON COUNTY BUDGET

Each April the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen's Associations takes a stand on the proposed County Budget. This year was no exception.

The school budget claimed major attention of Federation members who are dedicated to a vigorous program of school improvement. The Federation supported the proposed decrease in elementary school pupil-teacher ratio, the capital outlay proposals for school construction, and the proposed increase in teachers salaries (including the controversial longevity steps provision). The last point was passed only after a heated debate. The longevity provision was passed because, in principle, the Federation cannot afford to place itself in opposition to measures which benefit the school system of the County.

The members of the Federation have long ago faced up to the fact that, if we want improvements in county services, we have to be willing to pay for them. Therefore, the Federation supported the proposed plans for construction of a library and police headquarters buildings in the county. By the same reasoning, the Federation strongly urged that the County buy land now for future park needs.

The group also came out for a sound and a more conservative fiscal policy. It recommended that short-lived expenses should be strictly on a pay-as-you-go basis and that the County should borrow money only for long-range capital items.

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ASSOCIATION MEETING

The ninth general meeting in the current session of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held at 8:00 p.m. TUESDAY, MAY 6 in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL.

The meeting will be a four-barreled affair. Feature topics will be election of the Association's officers for 1958-59, a discussion of Fairfax County recreation by A. Claiborne Leigh, a merchandise auction, and discussion of a proposal for Association sponsorship of an AAA class little league baseball team. Details on each of these items are outlined below and elsewhere in the Newsletter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FCR 1958-59

Another Association year has about come to an end, and with it we are once again privileged to select our officers for the year ahead. The Association's May 6 meeting is, therefore, a particularly important one--one which all of us who are interested in our future community leadership and civic improvement should be sure to attend.

The Nomination and Elections Committee under chairmanship of Floyd Flasher has worked long and hard during the last two months drawing up a list of well qualified candidates. Starting with a list of nearly sixty names suggested by the committee's eight members, a survey by both mail and personal contact was made to determine each individual's avail-

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TALK ON RECREATION in COUNTY
SUPERVISOR LEIGH RESCHEDULED

The discussion of recreation in Fairfax County originally scheduled for last month's Association meeting had to be postponed at the last minute because of illness of the speaker, Mr. A. Claiborne Leigh. Mr. Leigh represents our district on the County's Board of Supervisors.

Latest information from Mr. Leigh is that he is now much better and again plans to speak on this subject at our Tuesday night meeting. Mr. Leigh is expected to make particular reference in his remarks to the recent report and recommendations on Fairfax County recreation made for the Board by the National Recreation Association.

ASSOCIATION TO RUN
MERCHANDISE AUCTION AT NEXT MEETING

The third feature item on the agenda of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association's meeting next Tuesday will be an auction of over \$100 worth of merchandise. All items to be auctioned were donated by Mr. Frank Bruffey, proprietor of the recently-opened Broad Street Hardware store near the West End Shopping Center. This the third unsolicited donation of this type Mr. Bruffey has made to the Association in the last three months in an effort to stimulate good will for his business among Pimmit Hills residents. His store is open 9 to 9 daily and 10 to 2 on Sundays.

Here are the items: 200 lbs. fertilizer, 5 lbs. grass seed, trash can, ironing board, trash burner, 1 gal. outside white paint, 5 gal. latex flat wall paint, \$5.00 gift certificate, 50 ft. garden hose, lawn sprinkler, charcoal grill, and barbecue tools.

Other items include a mail box, hammer, hand saw, square, plane, hand drill, pipe wrench, flashlight, dust mop, oven cleaner, 1 gal. Bluko, 1 gal. floor wax, 8 qts. wall paint (misc. colors), and

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ability and to secure additional information as to his qualifications. Finally, the slate presented below and covering all but one of the Association's ten offices was arrived at and approved by the current Executive Committee.

Formal nomination and election will be conducted at next Tuesday's meeting. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor at the same meeting.

The list of candidates is as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT (one candidate):

Mr. Douglass E. Glass, 409 Lisle Ave. Mr. Glass is married and has three children. He has resided in the Hills for five and a half years and is currently employed by the Department of the Air Force as a Cartographic Engineer. Mr. Glass has contributed many fine illustrated posters, cards, banners, etc. for use by various civic groups in the area. He has been frequent and active in his participation in Association meetings, offering many valuable suggestions and ideas for the group's consideration.

FOR SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (one candidate):

Mr. Gail A. Wilson, 218 Burfoot St. The Wilsons have three children and have lived in Pimmit Hills for five years. He works at the Office, Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army and has been active locally in scout work.

FOR SECRETARY (one candidate):

Mrs. Frederick E. Chapman, 404 Fisher Dr. Mrs. Chapman, housewife and mother of three, has resided in the Hills for six years. She was previously active in the Citizens Association and is currently a committee chairman with the Green Thumb Garden Club.

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7 qts. Semi Lustre (also misc. colors).

All the donated items will be auctioned to the highest bidders, and all proceeds will go to the Association's treasury for future use in connection with community projects.

MAY DANCE TO BE HELD
BY ASSOCIATION IN FALLS CHURCH
AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Largely because of the fun had and the unusual success of the Association's Valentine Day dance this past February, plans have been completed for another to be held Friday, May 23.

The place, once again will be American Legion Post #130 at 400 N. Oak Street, Falls Church. The time is 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and the price is \$1.00 a head for Association members and non-members alike. Tickets may be bought now from Dance Committee Chairman, Mrs. Philip DeVaughn, 2112 Cherri Dr. (TW 3-9555). Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the dance.

The affair will feature a fine five-piece orchestra. Those who don't abstain and can't take beer will have to bring their own, but set-ups and food will be available across the counter at reasonable prices.

With the larger and (we understand) talented orchestra on hand, the evening promises to be even more enjoyable than the last. So, once again, ring up the baby-sitter, mark your calendar, and plan to be there!

GREEN THUMB PLAN
GARDEN SHOW

The local Green Thumb Garden Club will hold a garden show and contest at Pimmit Hills School from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 10. The theme of the show will be "Mother's Garden." All residents are invited to enter exhibits and to attend. Those wishing to participate are
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FOR TREASURER (three candidates):

Mr. David Legge, 308 Dexter Dr. Mr. Legge is married and the father of two. He has lived in the community for six years. He works for the District Government as an auditor and is a graduate of the Strayer College of Accountancy.

Mr. Robert E. Dickson, 2210 Storm Dr. The Dicksons have two children and only recently moved to the Hills. However, they have lived in the area for 20 years. Mr. Dickson is a graduate of Duke University and is employed as an accountant. He is a member of the Marine Corps Reserve and recently served on the special committee for revision of the FHCA constitution. Mr. Dickson lists among his aims the desire to "promote Pimmit Hills as a desirable community in the County worthy of the respect and good will of all County citizens."

Mr. Arthur D. Steele, 412 Fisher Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Steele have lived in the Hills for one and a half years and have three children. He is employed as an engineer, is active in boys club and in little league work.

FOR SERGEANT AT ARMS (three candidates):

Mr. Everett S. Clark, 2316 Gilson St. Mr. Clark is married and has two children. The Clarks have resided in the community for three and a half years. He is employed by the Washington Concrete Sales Co. as a sales representative. Mr. Clark is a member of the Northern Virginia Building Association and a past president of the Pimmit Hills Bowling League.

Mr. Jake Scott, 2105 Hileman Rd. The Scotts have one child and have lived in Pimmit Hills for three years. He is a security officer with the Department of Defense.

Mr. Edward H. Lane, Jr., 510 Lisle Ave. Mr. Lane is married and the father of four. The Lanes have been residents of
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asked to bring in their entries between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. the day of the show.

Additional information and schedules of the various classes for entries may be had by contacting Mrs. Frederick E. Chapman at 404 Fisher Drive (TW 3-7759).

WRONG NUMBER?

Out of 80 telephone calls made to adults, only 4 would volunteer to help with the Cancer Crusade. Next followed 60 telephone calls to teenagers and all 60 volunteered. THANK YOU TEENS, without you Pimmit Hills would not have been covered!

So who's delinquent?

SOAPBOX SERENADE

While we are on the soapbox and the subject of adults shirking their responsibility, the following is brought to your attention:

Recent observations have indicated that some boys and girls attending the club's Saturday night dances have been leaving early (some without the knowledge of their parents).

The Teen Club wants it known that it keeps complete records of the arrival and departure time of each member at each of the dances and that these records are available to parents upon request, should the parent feel their child is not trustworthy.

Other than making this information accessible to parents, however, the club feels that it cannot assume responsibility for the whereabouts or activities of its members before arrival or after departure from Pimmit Hills School where the dances are held. Neither is it feasible to control the teenagers' comings and goings, other than through maintenance of these records.

The club sincerely hopes parents will recognize this problem as a joint responsibility shared by themselves and their children. THE TEEN CLUB HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RELIABILITY OF YOUR CHILD!

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the Hills for five and one half years. He is employed by the Department of the Air Force as a management analyst. Mr. Lane has served in the PHCA as an officer and was the social chairman at one time.

Space does not permit background coverage for those named for the six Regional Vice President posts. Candidates for these offices are:

REGION A (one candidate):

Mr. John J. Barnes, 311 Pimmit Dr.

REGION B (no candidates)

REGION C (two candidates):

Mr. Mark R. Enger, 300 Kilgore Rd.

Mr. Joseph E. Williams, 2203 Cherri Dr.

REGION D (two candidates):

Ens. David L. Woods, 321 Fisher Dr.

Mr. Sailor W. Harlow, 207 Lisle Ave.

REGION E (one candidate)

Mr. Joseph J. Mahar, 505 Stanley Pl.

REGION F (one candidate)

Mr. DeForest Z. Rathbone, Jr.,

2314 Anderson Rd.

Incidentally, only Association members may vote, so we suggest you bring your membership card with you. Other community residents also are invited, and those who would like to become members and vote may purchase memberships at half-price (\$1.25) from the Sergeant-at-Arms before the meeting gets underway.

ASSOCIATION MAY SPONSOR
LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

The fourth major item on the Association's next meeting will be discussion of a suggestion that the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association sponsor the creation of a class (Cont'd on page 5)

FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT

GET A JOB!

LITTLE LEAGUE (Cont'd from page 4)

AAA Little League baseball team for the area.

We understand establishment of the team would cost the Association about seventy-five dollars and that, once under way, the team, like many activities previously started by the Association, would be a self-sustaining and independent organization. As we get it, Class AAA is for boys at the lower age levels in the Little League organization.

More details will be available at the meeting, and we hope all interested in this fine activity will be sure to be there.

WANTED - HELP ON PUBLIC
RELATIONS PROGRAM

As announced in last month's Newsletter, plans are being made for expansion and improvement of the Association's public relations activities. As part of this proposal, it is hoped that next year's public relations staff can be enlarged to provide for joint chairmanship--one chairman to handle external publicity concerning the community and its activities (through press releases to newspapers, radio, TV, etc.) and one chairman to handle the Newsletter.

Both chairmen would be assisted by a single staff consisting of about eight editors who would serve as collection points for news on broad areas of community activity and interest. Each editor, therefore, would establish contacts with and receive news items from the various community organizations and activities within his scope of responsibility and channel the items to the chairmen for release at appropriate intervals. The use of editors, rather than reporters is suggested to minimize demands on these people other than for editorial review and some re-write work.

In this way it is hoped that the Association's public relations organization can be of positive assistance to the entire community, rather than restricted to Association activity alone.

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In addition to consideration of the county budget, the Federation appealed to the County Board of Supervisors to find some regulatory ordinances to protect residents of the county from consequences resulting from construction and operation of utility lines and services.

In taking these stands, the Federation was performing one of its major civic services. It provided a democratic sounding board where the wishes of the people could be heard. Several members of the County Board of Supervisors were on hand to hear them.

The next meeting of the Federation will be on May 16th at the Annandale Elementary School. Visitors are always welcome.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Cont'd)

Present staffing needs are for the following: (1) Co-Chairman on publicity, (2) Secretary, (3) School and PTA Editor, (4) Church Editor, (5) Men's and Sports Editor, (6) Women's and Social Editor, (7) Fimmit Hills Citizens Assoc. Editor, and (8) Advertising Editor.

Indications are that, through inclusion of a reasonable amount of paid advertising, the Newsletter can be self-sustaining. Experience of other citizens associations confirm this. At present, however, the Newsletter represents a cost of about \$20 a month which must be paid for completely out of the Association's meagre revenues.

Accordingly, the need for an Advertising Editor is paramount. Recognizing that this job could be a back-breaking one if carried out on a personal contact basis, it is proposed that ads be solicited through a large-scale standardized mail order campaign with a minimum of face-to-face contacts.

If you are able to serve in any of the capacities outlined above, or others, won't you please call Jim Herby, Newsletter Editor on EL 6-3073.