

MEMO

Oct. 1952

TO: All residents of Pimmit Hills
FROM: Pimmit Hills Citizens Association
RE: Membership Drive

Your Citizens Association must have community support if it is to be an effective organization. We are asking every resident of Pimmit Hills to show his support by joining the Association, attending meetings and participating in the many activities underway.

Here are a dozen reasons why the Association merits your support:

1. Roads: The Roads Committee has worked diligently to get better roads for Pimmit Hills. It has established effective liaison with Mr. Aichel, the resident highway engineer. At our request he has patched streets on numerous occasions. He has agreed to resurface Pimmit Drive and Cherri Drive before winter. He has further agreed that when curbs and gutters are installed, he will extend the pavement to the curbing throughout the community.
2. Curbs and Gutters: A survey clearly established that a substantial majority of the residents want curbs and gutters. Various methods of achieving this objective have been investigated. Our attorney advises that no compulsory method is feasible at this time. He recommended that we try to do the job on a voluntary basis. A non-profit corporation, capable of dealing with this problem, is being organized. Its directors will present a plan of action to residents as soon as possible.
3. Schools: The School Committee has studied the school problem and has met with school officials to make them aware of the urgent need for an elementary school in Pimmit Hills. We have learned that our hopes for a new school hinge on the passage of a new school bond issue to provide necessary funds. For this reason, the School Committee is circulating a school bond petition and is cooperating with other groups which are working for better schools in Fairfax County. If the bond issue passes, we should have a new school in about two years.

4. Street Signs: The officers of the Association met with Mr. Offut on this problem and he agreed to install attractive metal signs throughout Pimmit Hills. The signs were ordered in May, but did not arrive here until August 27. They are being installed as rapidly as possible. At our request, priority has been given to the areas which do not yet have mail delivery since the post office will not start delivery until the signs are up.
5. Voting: Since we all know that our elected officials are more likely to listen to registered voters the Citizenship and Public Affairs Committee conducted a drive to get residents registered so they could vote. Poll taxes were collected and receipts delivered to residents. Arrangements were also made to have the registrar come to Pimmit Hills on four evenings during March, April and May so that it would be convenient for everyone to register. Result: More than 200 people registered during the first drive.
6. Street Lights: A survey showed that there was considerable interest in street lights, but the method of handling payments has been a barrier to getting them installed. Lights will cost only \$27.00 a year for each light, which means only \$3-\$4 a year for each household. When the Pimmit Improvement Corporation is established, it should be possible to do something about this project if residents are willing to bear the cost.
7. Social Activities: A square dance group and a bowling league have been organized by the Social and Recreation Committee. This committee sponsored a very successful community picnic and fireworks display on July 2 at Vienna Park. About 100 families attended.
8. Construction Complaints: In order to help home owners to determine whether or not their complaints about construction defects were justified we obtained copies of specifications filed by the builder with the Veterans Administration. These have been reproduced and distributed to all home owners. Residents have been invited to prepare letters specifying their major grievances. When these letters have been analyzed, a decision will be made as to the appropriate course of action.

9. Safety: The Roads Committee tried to get a blinker light installed at the intersection of Pimmit Drive and Leesburg Pike but the State Highway Department recommended that a 25 mile an hour speed zone be established. If this does not work, we may still get a light.

To warn motorists about children at play, the Association has purchased and installed signs at various points in Pimmit Hills. The Safety Committee is following up with some good AAA literature.

To cope with the problem of speeding within the development, the Association has arranged with the Fairfax County police for follow-up action on all reported violations of the 25-mile an hour speed limit in Pimmit Hills. Residents may help stop speeding by turning in the license numbers of violators to their District Representative.

A rifle club, affiliated with the National Rifle Association, has been formed by Sgt. Orcutt to teach youngsters the elements of fire arms safety.

10. Water Supply: The Association learned that the Pimmit Service Corporation had requested permission to extend its water lines to the new section. To insure that the addition of 500 new homes to the existing water system would not in any way jeopardize our water supply, a member of the Executive Committee appeared before the Fairfax Count Board of Supervisors and succeeded in having approval of the application held up until the Public Utilities Commission had made a thorough investigation. Approval was granted only after the study showed the water supply to be adequate.
11. Community Guide: An attractively printed guide containing a map of Pimmit Hills and a great deal of information of interest to residents has been prepared by a special committee. It will be distributed free to all residents within the next few weeks. The cost of this booklet has been met through advertising revenue.
12. Transportation: Because bus transportation to Falls Church is inadequate, a pick up station has been set up near the entrance of Pimmit Drive where residents may wait for rides to Falls Church. A similar station will be established in West Falls Church.

We are presently negotiating with the bus company for better service to Pimmit Hills. If a suitable turn-around and lay-over point can be provided, the bus company will probably make Pimmit Hills a terminal.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

Enclosed is my check for \$2.50 covering dues to September 1953.

Your name _____

Wife's name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please indicate on which of the following committees you or your wife would be interested in serving.

_____ Roads - Curbs and Gutters

_____ Schools

_____ Social and Recreation

_____ Public Utilities

_____ Citizenship and Public Affairs

_____ Street Signs

_____ Housing and Gardening

_____ Any Committee

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