

PIMMIT HILLS



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

PHCA OFFICERS 1959-1960:

Wayne E. Comer, President

Douglas E. Glass, Vice-President

Mrs. Gail Wilson, Secretary

Laurence A. Short, Treasurer

ASSOCIATION MEETING - The first general meeting of the 1959-1960 session of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held at 8:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL. Members and non-members alike are cordially invited to attend.

Highlights of the OCTOBER meeting include:

Candidates for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors -- personal appearance.

Success Story - The birth of a recreation center - Wade Hansborough, representing the McLean American Legion Post 270 and the McLean Citizens Association community center committee will detail the successful struggle to establish their fabulous recreation center - playground on Balls Hill Road, McLean.

Amendment to PHCA By-laws - the following amendment was approved at a regular meeting of the executive committee and will be formally moved at the general meeting: That section 2, subsection b, of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association By-laws be abolished and the following words substituted in their place: The members present at any duly constituted meeting as defined in Article VI of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Constitution be authorized to do business and there shall be no other requirement by way of a quorum.
Presentation of the 1959-1960 budget.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR 1959-1960

To refresh our memories after the long summer the following is a list of your current Association Officers:

President - Wayne E. Comer, 425 Leonard Rd.,
TW 3-7675

Senior Vice President - Douglas E. Glass,
409 Lisle Ave., TW 3-9527

Secretary - Mrs. Gail Wilson, 218 Burfoot
St., TW 3-9311

Treasurer - Laurence A. Short, 314 Lisle Ave.,
TW 3-9438

V-Pres. Region A - Mrs. Conrad Ritchey,
303 Pimmit Dr., TW 3-7242

V-Pres. Region B - Jack N. Miller, 1930
Pimmit Dr., TW 3-9319

V-Pres. Region C - Leonard P. Miller, 2123
Cherri Dr., TW 3-7536

V-Pres. Region D - Albert E. Partridge,
110 Lisle Ave., TW 3-7787

V-Pres. Region E - Mrs. David A. Flester,
405 Lisle Ave., TW 3-7616

V-Pres. Region F - Sgt. James E. Haney,
607 Lisle Ave., TW 3-7172

ONE THOUSAND POLIO INOCULATIONS TO PIMMIT HILLERS

The high points of an otherwise quiet summer season for the Association were the two polio clinics sponsored by the Association. These were held on July 30th and August 27th. Upwards of a 1000 arms felt the needle in this campaign.

Heading the operation was Bobbie Flester, (Vice president Region E) and assisted by Iris Hermsier, June Wright, Mary Glass, Peggy Printzenhoff, Matt Monohan and Wayne Comer. Also, our hats are off to the ladies of the Fairfax Lay Health Association for their work in the project.

TEEN CLUB SKATING PARTY

The Teen Club held a roller skating party on September 18th at the Alexandria Arena. We don't have the details yet but we are sure that the Teens made a great success of

the affair as usual. The Club will continue to hold Saturday night dances this year at the Pimmit Hills School. Anyone wishing to volunteer as an adult advisor may contact John Shacochis, TR 3-8589.

NEWSLETTER STILL NEEDS EDITOR

Having received no response to our plea for a successor to Ex-editor, Jim Herby, and likewise with respect to a replacement for the advertising manager, your newsletter is forced to curtail some of its operation and particularly the scope of news coverage. If the present lack of manpower continues, we may be forced to resort to a quarterly publication.

In such event, it is recommended that we keep an eye on the Virginia newspapers and particularly on the "weeklies" since we will necessarily rely on them to a greater extent for news coverage.

PRESIDENT'S PRELUDE

by Wayne Comer

As a new year begins for the Association, it is customary for the incoming President to peer into the future months and comment upon what is in store for us. I see some very formidable obstacles in my crystal ball, but this does not prevent me from feeling enthusiastic over the prospects for accomplishment.

This is also a good time to take stock of ourselves as an organization. We frequently hear someone ask "just what does the Association do anyway"?

I like the way Henry Lee approached this question in the December, 1953 issue of Better Homes & Gardens: "in another few years will your neighborhood be the same pleasant place it is today? Or will there be run-down eye sores scattered here and there with, perhaps, the beginning of a commercial intrusion? Whether you realize it or not, from the moment you take title, you are committed to a war against the sly insistent encroachments of time, business interests, and gradual neighborhood deterioration."

I must agree with Mr. Lee and I feel that the Citizens of Pimmit Hills are committed to a war. The enemy is not always easily recognized. He wears a confusing variety of disguises, but the effect of his deprivations is always the same. Your street, block, or your neighborhood has skidded ever so slightly downward. This foe may take on the form of a trashpile in the lot overgrown with weeds, an overloaded sewer plant, an outbreak of vandalism and a thousand other forms. Sometimes the enemy may have powerful financial and political backing as for example the zoning disputes.

Obviously, a single individual cannot hope to cope with such an enemy. This war calls for an army complete with privates as well as generals.

Our Citizens Association must be such an Army and as such we can not only be a defensive unit. In some areas we must not only roll back the enemy but we must reconstruct, rebuild, and improve our position even when the enemy is temporarily out of sight. We must take the offensive in reference to the urgent need for parks, playgrounds, landscaping of our vacant areas, and many other matters.

During periods of quiet between battles, we must maintain an organization which has the basic weapons and know-how in constant readiness. The enemy often strikes swiftly and unexpectedly.

Unfortunately, there are no monuments erected to glorify the victories. These are soon forgotten but an occasional dragon escapes and lives on to become a monument to a defeat -- a landmark which is constantly pointed out.

"Why the Association?" The best way to find out is to see your nearest Association recruiter and sign for a hitch. The membership drive begins October 4th.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

We are planning several dances this year and are badly in need of a chairman. Volunteers please contact Wayne Comer or Douglas Glass

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MEMBERSHIP - SUDDEN LIFE DAY

Sudden Life Day represents a new concept in a membership drive. Past membership chairmen have reported that one of the greatest problems in running membership drives has been a lack of urgency and a tendency by representatives to put off their work until some "sunny day in the future".

This time we have decided on a ONE DAY "do or die" campaign. All tickets (membership cards) will be dispensed at 2 P.M., Sunday, October 4th at the home of the President, Wayne Comer. After a short briefing, all salesmen will depart to their chosen areas and commence selling. The membership cards and money will be due back at the same place at 5:30 p.m.

Then, refreshments will be served and a general discussion of the results will take place.

There will be a \$10.00 cash prize for the top salesman for the day and a \$5.00 prize for 2nd place. Teen Club members may assist and will be eligible for the prizes.

A feature of this drive will be that we will have no membership committee as such. Rather every person who has been an active member of the Association will be called upon to assist even though they may be able to spare no more than an hour or two.

Thus, where several workers live in the same block they will all be able to participate by choosing different areas for solicitation.

Mark Sudden Life Day on your calendar right now and don't wait for a personal invitation! Plan to be present on October 4th, ready to sell!! If you can't come out that day with us, at least have your money (\$1.00 per adult) ready when a representative calls at your door.

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