

# PIMMIT HILLS



## NEWSLETTER

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### A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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#### P.H.C.A. MEETING

The P.H.C.A. will meet the first Tuesday of September in the Pimmit Hills elementary School at Eight O'clock P.M.

#### LABOR DAY PICNIC - SEPT. 4th

A gala family picnic is planned for Labor Day at the Pimmit Hills School from 2-4 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children with Fairfax Hospital being the benefactor. Come on out and meet the new folks in the Hills.

#### STATUS OF CONSOLIDATED CITY (as of August 1961)

1. Consolidation attempt failed because judge refused to place question on the referendum on the basis that Clifton was not "adjoining or adjacent" but part of the County.
2. After the courts decision became known the County Board of Supervisors decided to press their request for a City Charter for the County.

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3. Civic groups (Federation of Citizens Associations, League of Women Voters, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and a temporary group known as Citizens for Consolidated City) decided to capitalize on favorable opinion which had been generated in the County by presenting a petition at the polls on July 11th (which was signed by more than 12,000 citizens) to be presented to the General Assembly in support of the City Charter. The Federation and other civic groups plan to expand the petition this fall so that Republicans and others who failed to show up for the Democratic primary will have a chance to sign.
4. At the same time, a group of citizens in the City of Fairfax worked up another petition which requests the consolidation of the City of Fairfax with the County (which can be legally done since the City is now not part of the County), and presented this petition to the Circuit Court of the County of Fairfax. This action forces the City Council to negotiate with the County Board. However, if the City fathers take no action for 6 months the court must then appoint a committee, from among the petitioners to negotiate with the County Board. Any consolidation agreement reached by them would then be subject to a referendum.

#### DRIVER NEEDED FOR KINDERGARTEN

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

As a service to the PHCA members who are interested in home improvements, an agreement has been reached by this committee with the proprietors of the McLean Color Wheel, dealers in paints, wallpapers and sundries, for a discount to be given on these products. The discounts are available to PHCA members only and proof of membership must be given when purchasing. The McLean Color Wheel is located in the McLean Shopping Center. Their number is EL 6-9896.

As chairman, I am very happy with the interest that has been shown in this committee. I am disappointed to learn many of you think it is just a committee for women. It is not! It is for any person, man or woman, interested in home improvements, gardening, etc.

The first House & Garden committee meeting was held August 17. Agness Gwain was appointed as secretary. We voted to invite the Teen Club to send a representative to participate in our activities.

Messrs. West and Langland are working in co-operation with Dale Lumber Company in designing plans for an outdoor tool shed. It is planned the shed be suitable for the average Pimmit Hills home.

The possibilities of a Christmas Lighting Contest are being considered.

We have exhausted all known means of finding and replacing the shrubs that were removed from the left side of the Pimmit Dr.-Rt. 7 entrance. Committee volunteers have begun cleaning the right side of the entrance.

Doris Langland, TW 3-9339

### CONSTITUTIONAL STUDY GROUP—

This committee has a draft made of the Constitution & By-Laws for presentation at the next executive committee meeting (Tues., August 29)

### MEMBERSHIP—EARL POWELL

At present, there are 50 paid-up members and numerous prospective memberships. Memberships can be obtained by writing to me at 2007 Cherri Dr or calling me at TW 3-8637. Please make sure your address is legible so your membership card can be sent to the proper address.

## VOTING INFORMATION

YOU CAN VOTE NOVEMBER 7, 1961, IF:

You are registered, or register by Saturday, October 7, 1961;

You are 21 years of age, or older, on election day;

You are a citizen of the United States on or before election day;

You moved into Virginia by November 6, 1960, and into your county or city by May 6, 1961;

You have paid your poll taxes--if due--by May 6, 1961

IF YOU ARE IN MILITARY SERVICE YOU CAN VOTE HERE NOVEMBER 7:

Without paying any poll taxes; however, you must claim Virginia as your legal domiciliary residence, (but remember your wife must pay);

Without registering, though it is wise to register (again, your wife must register to vote);

But you must have moved into Virginia by November 6, 1960, and into your county or city by May 6, 1961, in order to vote here.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER REGISTERED IN VIRGINIA:

You may register now if you moved to Virginia by November 6, 1960, and into your county or city by May 6, 1961.

You may register with the General Registrar at your county or city courthouse.

In some counties you may also register, by appointment, at the home of any neighborhood deputy registrar.

If you moved into Virginia in 1960, you need take no poll tax receipts.

If you moved into Virginia in 1959 or before, you should take poll tax receipts. Actually, you may not need them as the registrar should have a list of those who have paid poll taxes, but these lists may have mistakes, and your name may be missing even though your poll taxes are paid.

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IF YOU MOVE FROM ONE PRECINCT TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY:

Write or visit your General Registrar or any deputy; report your old and new addresses; and ask to have your registration changed.

TO REGISTER:

Write, phone, or visit the General Registrar at the courthouse in your county or city. You may register there, or they will give you the name of your deputy registrar in your precinct, if there is one.

IF YOU MOVED TO VIRGINIA IN 1957 OR EARLIER:

You must have paid your poll taxes for 1958, 1959, and 1960 by May 6, 1961. It is not necessary to pay more than three back years.

IF YOU BECAME A RESIDENT IN 1958;

You must have paid your 1959 and 1960 poll taxes by May 6, 1961. You do not pay a poll tax for the first calendar year you live in Virginia.

IF YOU BECAME A RESIDENT IN 1959:

You must have paid your poll tax for 1960 by May 6, 1961.

IF YOU BECAME A RESIDENT IN 1960 BEFORE NOVEMBER 7:

You need pay no poll tax to vote this year.

IF YOU MOVED INTO VIRGINIA IN 1960 AFTER NOVEMBER 7:

You need pay no poll tax for 1960, but you will not be eligible to vote in 1961 because you will not have lived in Virginia one year by November 7.

IF YOU MOVED INTO VIRGINIA IN 1961:

You need pay no 1961 poll tax, but you will not be able to vote here this year. You can register after November 7 to be eligible for 1962.

IF YOU BECAME 21 IN 1960 AND DID NOT REGISTER LAST YEAR:

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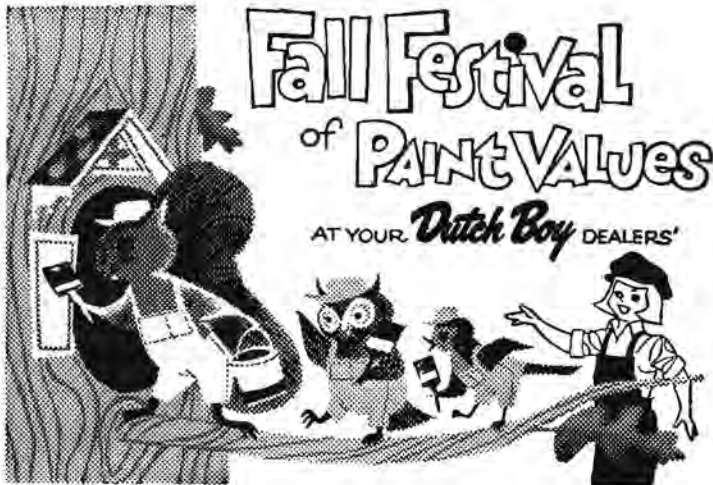
That's the date when the Planning Commission is scheduled to hear from their Staff on the complaints and opposition to the proposed apartments on Magarity Road, and also those on Rt. 7. As you probably know, our President appeared at the hearing to oppose the apartment project. Among other things, this community was referred to as a bunch of \$9,000 homes and the President took issue with this; also, the President of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association was told to keep his mouth shut while speaking in opposition to the apartments. This discourtesy by a Public Official is inexcusable, but more important is the fact that the President was appearing at the hearing in opposition to the apartments on behalf of the area that was adjacent to the land involved. Common courtesy to all citizens should be a matter of the utmost consideration by all public officials. This is all we will have to say on this point. It should be noted however, that to this date, no apology from the Planning Commission member involved has been received by the President.

All of you who have children know how crowded our schools are and you also know that sidewalk facilities are unavailable for school children throughout most of Pimmit Hills. The schools are filled to capacity right now. Can you imagine what SIX HUNDRED additional apartments will do to the problem of adequate schooling for your children, never mind the poor little ones that would be attending if apartments were approved?

Many of you have gone through this past winter on our streets and many others have gone through many years of having to travel, or should I say navigate, the streets of Pimmit Hills in winter. At the place where they would try to put the apartments, they would enter Rt. 7 by way of Magarity Road. Can you imagine this small street with an additional 2,000 people commuting each and every day of the week? Their second plan is to run all of this traffic over to Lisle Ave. and then up to Rt. 7 that way. Can you imagine what this plan would do to Lisle Ave. which is already one of the race tracks of the Hills?

The above gives you some idea of what will happen with high density apartments in this area. But, let's make it clear that each of us should support better housing in areas adjacent to us in keeping with the artistic nature of the community and really support builders who desire to build homes that will compliment ours and vice versa. But, permitting 600 additional families in a very limited area is not our idea of good planning. Let's face it; the person desiring good apartment land can buy it where it is already zoned for this purpose. His idea is merely to get this land cheap so that he will not have to pay the full price for land currently being sold in areas zoned for apartments. I do hereby challenge the persons desiring to put apartments in areas adjacent to Pimmit Hills to prove land is cheaper where it is already zoned for apartments. If they will so prove to us, we will be more than happy to publish same.

What can each of you do? Well, first, let us say to the countless numbers of you who have contacted us and supported our position; we are very grateful and thank you for your support and assistance. For those of you who were not contacted and who desire to help - you can do this: Each of you could write to our Supervisor or call him and state your opposition to the apartments. His address and phone are as follows: Mr. A. Cleighborn Leigh, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax, Virginia, EL 6-2100.



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