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### MARCH MEETING

Our guest speaker this month will be Officer Donald Summers of the Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit. Officer Summers has been a resident of Pimmit Hills for 28 years and we are proud to have him as our speaker. Please come out and welcome him at the PHCA meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is trying to organize a clean-up for a weekend in April or May and is looking for volunteers to help. For more information or to volunteer please call Keith Allison at 356-9632.

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\*The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association Meeting \*  
\* Will be held Tuesday, March 2, 1999 \*  
\* at 7:30 P.M. \*  
\* Pimmit Hills Adult Education Center \*  
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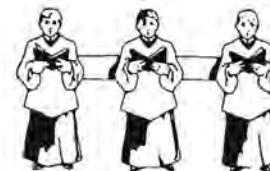
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

All questions and comments are given to our President, Keith Allison. He will most likely address them at future meetings. These comments are sent freely by residents and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Board of Directors Thank you.

### HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE Donnie Dick

The ice storm of 1999 is now history. Hopefully, we won't have another. It was a welcome sight to see neighbor helping neighbor clean up the aftermath. All things considered, Virginia Power did a commendable job in restoring power considering the amount of damage. I wonder where Fairfax County was in all of this. I didn't see any assistance from that quarter.

The January letter to the Dispatch concerning "slobs" caused quite a stir at the last association meeting. Many felt equating non-English speaking Hispanic residents as "slobs" was racist at least. Adding insult to injury was the suggestion to print a response in Spanish. I do not believe the writer thought through the implications of his comments. Maybe this should be laid to rest without dignifying it with further comment!

I have noticed a number of our neighbors place their household refuse in plastic bags at the curb. The crows and other creatures find a way to tear the bags and spread some rather unpleasant and unsanitary debris around the neighborhood. How about placing those bags in closed containers.

The proposal to build a raised rail transport system connecting the Tyson's office and commercial centers appears to have a major impact on our community. I would like the PHCA to have some official explain how this project will impact our area. Questions like right-of-way, appearance, noise and environmental impact could be explained. Is it anything like the elevated trains slicing through New York City neighborhoods?



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The Pimmit Hills Dispatch  
Att: Anita VanRoekel  
1927 Pimmit Drive  
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Sub: Buildings & additions, Zoning

Anita,

I presented this at the Tuesday Meeting, with the suggestion that it or part be included in newsletter.

As you may be aware, last June I had a company build a storage building at the rear of my property @ 1731 Gilson. I had made several telcons to zoning over the years and thought I knew the rules. I obviously did not and some nice neighbor asked zoning about the building.

Guess what, I was so out of conformance I could not believe it. I had to apply for a variance and it was declined, so I must move the building, and will probably have done so by the time this goes to print.

Bottom Line, it is fine to call zoning for input on any buildings and /or additions you may be planning, but if you don't know the right questions to ask you may or may not get complete information. Use their input in your planning but physically take you plan to zoning for approval. Hope this saves others from making a costly mistake.

Thanks



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The word spread from resident to resident and caring people went out of their way to search for her.

Jessie was found on Tuesday morning by Mr. J. J. Gibbs in a back yard on Bethune Street, not far from where she lived.

We are very thankful for our communities caring and support. Again, thanks to all of you.

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Gary Samples	2 <sup>nd</sup> . V.P.	893-7075
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**WHO TO CALL FOR WHAT**

- Neighborhood Watch - Gary Samples - 893-7075
- Dispatch Delivery - Ann Endler - 356-5570
- To place an ad or article in the Dispatch -  
Anita VanRoekel - 821-6680
- To ask or talk about anything not listed  
above - Keith Allison - 356-9632
- If Keith is unavailable, call the next  
officer on the list, etc.

**ARE YOU READY FOR SPRING?  
Neighborhood Watch Newsletter**

That's right, Spring is just around the corner, and while you are thinking of the things to do to get ready for the coming season let's look past our paint brushes and lawn tools and see if our neighborhood is ready. With the warm weather of the Spring and Summer season, people increase their outdoor activities. This includes criminals and other people who will cause problems in your neighborhood.

One thing that you can do to get ready for Spring is to check your neighborhood for graffiti. As young people become more active outside, they will again be marking your areas with their artwork and our eyesores. Graffiti comes in several forms. The most common is just plain vandalism caused by kids with little better to do leaving their mark on the community. The second is tagger graffiti. This is the kind where "artists" want to express themselves by painting pictures on walls, buildings, trucks, bridges or just about anything that will catch someone's eye. Then they mark the drawing with their tag. A tag is a mark or symbol that identifies the person who drew the picture. This type of graffiti is likely to show up anywhere and the more daring a task to get the job done, the more recognition the person gets for it. The last form of graffiti is gang graffiti. While all graffiti is bad, this type seems to cause the most fear as it is intended to mark a turf or territory that belongs to a group of people to whom criminal activity is no stranger. This graffiti can tell you which gang is on top, who is in good or bad favor with the gangs and also alert us to possible problems that may arise.

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**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The membership drive is continuing. We have tried to make the drive convenient for all. Please mail your application and a check for \$3.00 per person to the address below. The more members we have, the stronger our voice is with the government of Fairfax County

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PIMMIT HILLS SENIOR CENTER

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Wed. 3/17 11:00am - St. Patrick's Day Sing-a-Long and Luncheon (RR)

Wed. 3/24 11:00am - "Getting Familiar with Area Agency on Aging" With representative from AAA.

Mondays 10:30am - Mahjong

Tuesdays 11:00am - Blood Pressure Screening

Pimmit Hills Senior Center is operated by Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services.



I enjoy reading your reporter, please be aware some people are unable to attend meetings due to working late, small children, transportation, caring for elderly parents or regular work schedule is past 7:00 at night. We do read the Dispatch and care about our neighborhood. Don't punish ones who are unable to attend by not publishing in the Dispatch things said at and the outcome of the meetings.

Thank you, D. Payne

# Kitty & Bill Bolinger

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