



Pimmit Hills Dispatch

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA)
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Dear Pimmit Hills Neighbors:

Looking back, it's been an exciting year for me as President of the PHCA.

We've made some progress to make the neighborhood a little safer. Two new four-way-stop intersections have made crossing the street with a stroller, or just riding through the neighborhood much safer.

Next up, the 3T bus stop by Route 7 and Pimmit Drive will be moved by Metro to a spot further on Pimmit to make that corner a little safer. The move is planned for some time within the next month.

We also got three more roads approved for traffic calming measures. See the article on the other side about this, written by Carrie Lake, who heads the committee. If you want to have our opinion heard, you should go to the website at www.pimmitHills.org and let us know what you would like to see. The suggested changes will be presented at the September 7 meeting of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association and voted on at that time.

A new, more interactive Pimmit Hills website is in the works along with the ability to pay the yearly \$20 PHCA dues online. It should be ready in September and we'll announce it via our email list.

This year's **Pimmit Hills Day** is coming up on **Saturday, September 18** at Olney Park from 11 am to 3 pm. Come join us and get your Karaoke on! We'll also play Bingo this year, with prizes contributed by Safeway, Trader Joes, Tysons Pharmacy, Jason's Deli and more. There will be kids games and the Lyons Club will be cooking up those great hamburgers and hotdogs again. Don't miss it!

We changed the bylaws so that the membership is meeting only five times a year. This seems to work out well. There just isn't enough business to warrant membership meetings every month. The Board does continue its monthly meetings. Important announcements are disseminated via email each week.

That brings me to the email list. I have received many positive comments about our email sent each Friday. We think they provide valuable information to our neighbors throughout Pimmit Hills. We wish we could put publish a *Dispatch* more often than once a year, but the cost is prohibitive. If you don't have internet access at home, visit the library. You can log on to our website and get all the news we send out in emails. To join the email list, send your email address to: PimmitNews@gmail.com.

I am representing Pimmit Hills at the Tysons Metrorail Station Access Management Study (TMSAMS) group. My mission is to find out how the citizens of Pimmit Hills would like to see improved access from Pimmit Hills to the new Tysons Metro stations. We are looking into expanding the path that starts at the back of Westgate Elementary but ends at Scotts Run. We are working with biking organizations to outline where we would like dedicated bike paths, both through Pimmit Hills and out of PH to the Tysons metro stations.

If any of the topics I mention spark your interest in getting involved, please come to our meeting on September 7. I promise it won't hurt! It only lasts one hour, sometimes 1½ if we have a speaker.

Yours in service to the Community,

Carol

Carol A. Martz
President, Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

REMINDER:
Pimmit Hills Day is Saturday,
September 18 from 11 am to
3 pm at Olney Park.

Pimmit Hills Community Calendar

- **September 7** - PHCA meeting, 7:30 pm
- **September 18** - Pimmit Hills Day, Olney Park, 11 am to 3 pm
- **October 2** - PHCA Bake Sale, Commons Safeway on Anderson Road
- **December 7** - PHCA meeting and Holiday Dessert Social, 7:30 pm
- **March 1** - PHCA meeting, 7:30 pm
- **May 3** - PHCA meeting, 7:30 pm
- **June 7** - PHCA meeting, 7:30 pm
- **August 2** - PHCA National Night Out- *fight against crime*

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) meetings start at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue.

All homeowners and renters are welcome!

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Traffic Calming Recommendations Needed

This summer, the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) was informed by Fairfax County that three of our streets are eligible for inclusion in the county's traffic calming program.

Pimmit Drive, Lisle Avenue and Griffith Road are all eligible for traffic calming measures, which could include additional stop signs, additional signage, highlighted crosswalks, or cut-through restrictions.

These three roads were identified as eligible based recent Traffic Calming Studies conducted by the county.

For example, on Pimmit Drive (at Griffith Road) a study was conducted on Friday, May 5, 2010.

The speed limit on this road is 25 MPH and the study concluded:

- 1,382 cars traveled northbound with an average speed of 35 MPH

- 738 cars traveled southbound with an average speed of 30 MPH

The study also found that **15 percent** of cars were going:

- Faster than 43 MPH northbound, and
- Faster than 39 MPH southbound.

PHCA had formed a task force to recommend what measures should be requested.

The task force is currently seeking feedback on what our community thinks would be effective traffic calming measures and where they are most needed.

The task force will compile the feedback and present recommendations at the September 7 PHCA meeting.

Please send your feedback to Carrie Lake at 703-624-7300 or mrsscarriela@gmail.com or Carol Martz at 703-448-5306 or cmartz68@gmail.com.

Pimmit Hills 'National Night Out' Held on August 3 a Great Success Again

We served five gallons of ice cream this year – toppings and all – we gave away 14 cakes in the cake walk – countless tattoos to the kids, along with yoyos, balloons, beach balls, bracelets, stickers and more.

The street was covered in beautiful chalk designs. Dogs were everywhere. Someone even brought their bird!

There may have been a few more people in attendance this year than last, but alas the weather was again brutally hot and that discouraged some.

Safeway donated all the ice cream, bowls, spoons and two cases of water. We appreciate that!

Linda Wheeler from Weichert Realty donated the balloons, and the Lions Club donated big blowup toys. Kids of all ages (1 thru 99) seemed to have a great time.

And, of course, as is the real purpose of this event, local

police officers and cars came by and let the kids check out their police car inside and out. Officers talked to the kids and handed out sidewalk chalk.

Supervisor Foust came by to greet the crowd. He and one of the officers said that ours was one of the most well-attended events in the district!

So, mark your calendar for next year. National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Join the PHCA Email List

Over 400 people are on the PHCA email list!

Every Friday, they get the latest community alerts, traffic updates, crime report, free local services, County alerts and announcements, news and more.

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