



# Dispatch

Winter 2006



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## PHCA Town Meetings

Our community meetings are a way to meet your neighbors, discuss issues affecting our area, bring up your concerns, suggestions and ideas, and hear from relevant speakers. Free coffee and refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome to join us: home owners, home renters and especially new residents (and your kids)! We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue.

### Meeting Schedule:

- Tuesday, March 7, 2006
- Tuesday, April 4, 2006
- Tuesday, May 2, 2006
- Tuesday, June 6, 2006

## PH Annual Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 29, 8a-Noon

The next PHCA Clean-Up Day will be held rain or shine on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 8:00 am to Noon (*sharp!*) at the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association house at 1927 Pimmit Drive. The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association with the help of Cherri Drive resident Meredith Stewart has arranged for this special day for Fairfax County refuse trucks to come take our junk away. This is a great time to get rid of the big pieces of old junk you have in your house or your yard.

### What CAN you bring that day?

Big appliances like ovens, washers; furniture like couches, chairs, mattresses; lamps, stereos, computers, bicycles, tables, doors, bed frames, cabinets, shelving, carpets, etc, etc.

### What you CANNOT bring:

Normal household refuse, brush (including tree branches and logs), yard waste, rocks, brick, concrete, stone, dirt, motor oil, car batteries, paint, roofing shingles, drywall, asbestos, glass, hazardous chemicals and pesticides, toxic waste, animal waste and explosives.

Bring the junk you want to get rid of to the PHCA house circular driveway beginning at 8 am and ending SHARP at Noon. In order to



drop the stuff off, you must be a member of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, PHCA will have a table collecting yearly dues or fill out the form in this newsletter.

If you've never taken advantage of Clean-Up Day, it's an amazing thing to watch the Fairfax County garbage trucks "eat" an entire couch. They also use a truck with a big crane which picks up all the large metal pieces. The day is also a great time to help out, meet fellow PH'ers and even spot a treasure that someone else is throwing away.

We need volunteers with trucks/vans who will volunteer to help those in need of transportation or

lifting assistance. We have lots of trucks and vans in our neighborhoods, AND also lots of folks who have lots of stuff but no truck or medical problem that keeps them from lifting/loading/unloading that stuff. Let PHCA know if you need help, or if you can help with a van or lifting. Contact one of the Board Members. Also let us know if you'd like to help out at the site that day. Be sure to wear old clothes and bring work gloves.

Thanks again to Pimmit Hills resident Meredith Stewart for helping to arrange this annual event. ■

## "Village at Pimmit Hills" Redevelopment Plans to be Presented at April 4 Pimmit Hills Town Meeting

JBG Companies has recently purchased the site at 7700 Leesburg Pike (next to St. Luke's Methodist Church) and are considering the possible creation of a mixed use development, tentatively named "The Village at Pimmit Hills." JBG Companies will seek feedback to determine if the resident's of Pimmit Hills feel this would be a welcome

addition to our community by presenting their plans at the April 4 PHCA Town Meeting. The project would include:

- A 65,000 sq ft high-end grocer
- Approx. 400 residential units
- 170,000 sq ft of upscale retail and restaurants
- A public plaza and promenade
- A community room available for

use by the larger Pimmit Hills neighborhood

- The potential redevelopment of St. Luke's Church and its day care
- Parking to support the project

Be sure to attend the Tuesday, April 4 PHCA Town Meeting at 7:30 pm at the PH school on Lisle Avenue to learn more about this potential redevelopment. ■

Darren Ewing



# Letter from the PHCA President

## Dear Pimmit Hills Citizens,

As I sit down to write this letter the Winter Olympics are coming to an end... The weather has turned cold, again. So much for those 60 degree days we enjoyed in January. I spent some of those "balmy" days taking bike rides with my family around Pimmit Hills.

I was particularly impressed that our ventures onto our neighborhood roads seemed to be fairly pleasant experiences. What with trying to share the road with the vehicular traffic. I was wondering if maybe some of our traffic safety initiatives were bearing some fruit!

It would seem so, at least based upon the presentation at our January Pimmit Hills Town Meeting from Captain McGowan, and Public Traffic Officer Jim Black of the local McLean District station of the Fairfax Count Police Department. We even had a new neighborhood watch coordinator step forward at that meeting to spearhead an effort at continuing the lines of communication with the police in our community.

Our March 7th Pimmit Hills Town Meeting (7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School on Lisle Avenue) meeting proves to be equally interesting, as we have an extremely controversial 108-foot tall cell phone monopole tower that is slated to be erected on Park Authority property at the maintenance yard on Pimmit

Drive. The representatives from Verizon Wireless will be presenting at the March 7 meeting about this proposal. I encourage everyone to make it to this meeting to ask questions, understand what is at stake for us, and most importantly to let us (the board) know what your concerns and issues are so we may voice those concerns to the appropriate agencies within the county.

Also, "get involved" with the PHCA, the board is under tremendous pressure from the various agencies who want to put power substations in our community, and developers that want to put up cell phone towers, and investors who want to rezone parts of our community; most of these folks may not share our interests. But if we do not band together so our voice is heard we will be divided and conquered.

As always, my "door" is open to hear your ideas. Feel free to call or email me anytime. (With the exception of those 60 degree-plus days in February when I am on the bike tooling around with my wife, and my 1 1/2 year old son enjoying our community).

Respectfully,

**Darren Ewing**  
**PHCA President**  
703-790-1873  
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# ■ Neighborhood News

## PHCA Letter to Fairfax County Dranesville District Supervisor Joan DuBois

Dear Supervisor DuBois,

My phone has been ringing off the hook here all weekend; I have spoken with dozens of citizens who are unanimously against the Verizon wireless monopole. Many of the folks cannot believe that they just received a notice on this and that this matter is going to the Planning Commission in such a short period of time before they can review the situation appropriately.

It is under these circumstances that the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association must oppose Verizon Wireless' 2232 application at the Area 1 maintenance yard in Pimmit Hills; furthermore, due to the lack of timeliness in notices being sent out to the citizens received we also ask that this application be deferred.

Respectfully, Darren T. Ewing,  
PHCA President

## Verizon Monopole to Be Installed on Pimmit Drive

At the March 7 PHCA Town Meeting, Verizon representatives will speak about the potential installation of a monopole on the Park Authority property on Pimmit Drive. The monopole will give cell phone users better coverage in and around our neighborhood.

The project initially called for a metal monopole, but Darren Ewing was able to negotiate the installation of a camouflaged pole that looks like a tree. Part of the agreement with Verizon wireless is to screen the Park Authority Area 1 maintenance yard on Pimmit Drive (next to the PHCA House at 1927 Pimmit) with Zabel Cherry Laurel.

## Power Substation

A power substation will be constructed at the corner of Magarity Road and Olney Drive to support the Metro rail extension to Tysons Corner.

## Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch is being reenergized. John Lake of Pimmit

Drive (703-821-3336) is the new Neighborhood Watch coordinator and will be working with the police department to keep our neighborhood safe.

## Sidewalks

Does your sidewalk need repaired? If you know of a sidewalk in our neighborhood that is in need of repair or paving, please contact Carrie Lake. Carrie will be sending a list if sidewalk problems to Supervisor Joan DuBois so they can put on a list of sidewalks to be repaired. Contact Carrie at [secretary@pimmithills.org](mailto:secretary@pimmithills.org) or 703-821-3336.

## Neighborhood Day

Save the Date: The PHCA will be sponsoring a Neighborhood Day May 20. A location and activities for children and adults will be announced later.

## Mom's Group

The Social Events and Activities Committee is working to start a Mom's Group in Pimmit Hills. If you are interested in learning more, please contact: Amy Brucker at 703-286-5074.

## Wastewater Collection

If you have a problem with slow water drainage in your home, you should know that they can call the following number seven days a week, 24 hours a day: 703-250-2003.

Recently, a resident on Pimmit Drive noticed late in the evening (10:00 pm) a sewage backup into their basement, which resulted in about two feet of sewage in the basement. The resident called the above number and the Wastewater Collection Division came out at 1:00 am and began checking things out through the manholes in the street.

The resident helped to prevent other homes from the same possible dilemma. Keep the above number as it is not listed on our Fairfax Water bills.

## Pimmit Hills Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm

Pimmit Hills School, Lisle Avenue

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Verizon Wireless reps on the 108-foot cell phone monopole tower to be built in the middle of Pimmit Hills**

# PHCA's Primary Method for "Getting the Word Out"—Our Website PimmitHills.org

**Pimmit Hills** FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA  
PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Pimmit Hills community in Falls Church, Virginia!

Founded in May 1950, we are one of the oldest and largest community associations in Fairfax County. Our 1,642+ homes are located right inside the Beltway, Route 7 and Route 123 next to the McLean Tyson's Corner area. We are also a member of the McLean Citizens Association.

Our Citizens Association meetings take place the first Tuesday of the month at the Pimmit Hills school on Leslie Avenue. Homeowners and renters alike are welcome. Since we are a Citizens association instead of a Homeowners association, we are proud to be a "property rights" neighborhood and do not impose any restrictions beside Fairfax County regulations. Yearly membership dues are only \$12.

Since 1952, we have published a community newspaper, *The Pimmit Hills Dispatch*, that is delivered to all homes in Pimmit Hills.

**Pimmit Hills Weather:**  
Falls Church, VA  
Get the 30 day forecast  
36°F Sunny  
Feels Like: 29°F  
Humidity: 26%  
Wind: WNW at 10 mph  
Erie: 6/1/20  
Download Desktop Weather

**Local County Rep:**  
Joan Dubois  
Our Dranesville Supervisor on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Website  
Contact Form  
Dranesville District of Fairfax County includes McLean, Great Falls, Herndon, and parts of Falls Church and Vienna, representing a population of approximately 110,100 and over 39,000 households within 65 square miles.

**Fairfax Growth Network:**  
Click here for the latest Development News articles.

**Government:**  
Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and welfare. Listed on this webpage are the most common neighborhood problems and the agencies responsible for addressing them along with contact info. [more info](#)

**Police:** 703-691-2131  
Fairfax County Police  
File Online Police Incident Report  
Crime Solvers  
Crime Prevention Tips  
Virginia State Police

**Library:**  
Tysons-Pimmit Library

**Schools:**  
Fairfax County Schools  
Pimmit Hills School  
George Marshall HS  
Olney MS  
Westgate ES  
Lemon Road ES

**Post Offices:**  
Pimmit Branch  
Falls Church Main Office  
Dunn Loring Branch  
McLean Main Office  
West McLean Branch  
Zip Code Lookup

**News:**  
Washington Post  
Washington Times  
Falls Church News-Press  
Times Community News  
McLean Connection  
WTOP News  
ABC Channel 4 News  
ABC Channel 7 News  
CBS Channel 3 News  
Fox Channel 5 News

**\*\*\* UPCOMING PIMMIT HILLS EVENTS \*\*\***

**Tyson's Dialogue Session** (see below for more info):  
Thursday, Feb 16 at 7:00p, Springhill Elementary School, 8201 Lewinsville Rd, McLean

**Tyson's Land Use Task Force Meeting** (see below for more info):  
Monday, Feb 27 at 7:00p at Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Suite 350, 8230 Old Courthouse Road, Vienna

**Pimmit Hills Town Meeting:**  
Tues, March 7 at 7:30p, PH School on Leslie Ave

**Pimmit Hills 2006 Clean-Up Day:**  
Saturday, April 29 from 8 am-Noon, PHCA House, 1927 Pimmit Dr, MORE INFO

**Town Meetings & Events:**  
Next PHCA meeting: Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm, Pimmit Hills School on Leslie Avenue

**PH Town Meetings**  
We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School, 7510 Leslie Avenue. Please join us—everyone is welcome Owners and Renters—and take part in your community. New residents are especially welcome as well as your kids!

**Meeting Schedule:**  
Tue, Mar 7, 2006  
Tue, Apr 4, 2006  
Tue, May 2, 2006  
Tue, Jun 6, 2006

Sign up to be notified about Pimmit Hills events and meetings:  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Submit] [Reset]

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to add "pimmit@hills.org" to your email whitelist so our emails don't get blocked

**PHCA BOARD 2005-2006**  
Damen Ewing, President  
703-790-1873

**From the PHCA President:**  
Damen Ewing  
PHCA President, 2005-2006  
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email

The Dulles Rapid Transit organization is planning on putting a 7000kVolt Power Substation at the gateway to our neighborhood from McLean—the corner of Magarity and Olney Road. They also plan to have an access for their support vehicles on Olney Road. Dulles Rapid Transit has not given any prior notice to our neighborhood regarding this proposed site, which also concerns me. Please contact me (email above or by form below) if you have any questions, or call me at 703-790-1873.

Let us know your comments, suggestions, ideas, thoughts, concerns, if you'd like to help out, etc., etc!

**Announcements:**  
**Tyson's Corner Development News**  
From the Washington Post  
Traffic and Density Worries Drive Debate on MetroWest — But the vast majority of speakers said the 13 towers and to 6,000 workers and residents in MetroWest would overwhelm their suburban life in neighborhoods of single-family houses .... (WP, 9 Feb 06)  
February 2006 newsletter from Dranesville Supervisor Joan Dubois

**Tyson's Dialogue Session: Residents Inside Tyson's Border**  
The Tyson's Land Use Task Force is hosting approximately 20 community dialogues to identify what is important to the community regarding the future growth of Tyson's Corner and how the introduction of rail stations will affect growth. This series of dialogues will be the initial step in gathering community input on the future of Tyson's. For more information, call 703-524-1344.

**Thursday, Feb 16, 7pm:** Springhill Elementary School Cafeteria, 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA

**TYSON'S LAND USE TASK FORCE MEETINGS**  
The Tyson's Land Use Task Force is charged with updating the 1994 Tyson's Corner Urban Center Plan by promoting more mixed use, better facilitating transit-oriented development, enhancing pedestrian connections throughout Tyson's, increasing the residential component of the density mix, improving the

**Volunteer in our Community:**  
The PHCA is looking for members to support following committees. If you are interested, please call appropriate contact.

**PH Dispatch Newspaper Committee**  
This team is focused on putting together the Pimmit Hills Dispatch newsletter on a regular basis. Contact a PHCA board member to help out. \*\*\*\*Positions needed to be filled if the Dispatch is to continue are!\*

- Editor(s) to gather and edit all the articles, information and ads
- Advertising team to handle existing and new ads; send out invoices to advertisers; keep track of payments
- Writers/reporters to write articles on our community, people, events and homes
- Photographers to record community events
- Desktop publishers/ graphics designers to design ads; format newspaper

**Membership/Outreach Committee**  
This team is focused on increasing active members, reaching out to new members and raising money to pay for initiatives to support the PHCA mission. Leadership roles under this committee may include, but are not limited to: membership director, communications coordinator, fundraising coordinator, multicultural outreach coordinator, and the PHCA Dispatch Editor.  
**Interim Chair:** Brandon Brucker 703-266-5074  
**Current Initiatives:** Increasing resident participation and membership. Marie Davis 703-730-8563 is organizing our annual

How does PHCA keep you informed? In the internet age of the 21st century, as well as still waiting for a team of people to volunteer to put out the normal *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* with advertising, the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association relies mainly on its website, PimmitHills.org to inform you of the latest news, issues, announcements and meetings.

If you haven't been to our community website, it's a good resource with a lot of useful, community-relevant links and information. There is even a link to find out our current weather in Falls Church. It's also an easy way to contact the PHCA President.

PHCA also maintains a strictly-controlled email list so that we can directly email citizens to let them know of upcoming meetings, events and issues. If you are not on our mailing list, sign up today via our website or contact an officer. We don't give or sell your email to anyone.

Don't miss out on what is happening here in Pimmit Hills! Monitor our website on a regular basis: PimmitHills.org and/or sign up for our email list.



**Pimmit Hills**  
Citizens Association

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

### September 2005-June 2006

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA) is one of the largest and oldest community associations in Fairfax County and represents a diverse community of over 1,642 homes in the Pimmit Hills area of Falls Church, VA. Pimmit Hills was first established in 1950 and the Pimmit Hills Dispatch as been published since 1952. Annual PHCA membership is open to all home owners and renters living in Pimmit Hills. We are a CITIZENS association, not a Homeowners association and we represent your concerns/interests to Fairfax County officials and keep track of area development issues.

Without your dues, we cannot publish the *Dispatch*. Enclose your yearly membership dues of **\$12 for a single person** or **\$20 for an entire house** and mail to:

**Pimmit Hills Citizens Association**  
1927 Pimmit Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Falls Church, VA 22043

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to volunteer to help at PHCA events & activities.

(We never give out or sell your information to anyone. Your email is only used to help keep you informed of Pimmit Hills news and events as we do not publish a newspaper on a regular basis)

Make checks out to "PHCA"

# ■ Announcements

## Free Radon Detection Kits

The American Lung Association, Health House and the EPA are offering free radon detection kits to homeowners in Northern Virginia. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can enter homes through soil or well water. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States after cigarette smoking. Fairfax County has been found by the EPA to have a high incidence of radon. Winter is the best time to obtain accurate measures of radon. Homes found to have elevated concentrations of the gas can easily be fixed by a qualified radon mitigation contractor.

You can obtain a kit by calling the ALA at 703-591-4131 or emailing [pmorningstar@lungva.org](mailto:pmorningstar@lungva.org) and providing your name, address and phone number. There is also information at their website, [www.lungusa.org/virginia](http://www.lungusa.org/virginia).

After leaving the kit in the home for a few days, it is mailed to a laboratory (postage paid) and a report on radon levels will be sent back to the homeowner. The results will also be available to the American Lung Association.

## Sign Up for Fairfax County Emergency Alerts

One of the easiest steps to become better prepared for an emergency or severe weather event is to sign up for Fairfax County's Community Emergency Alert Network, or CEAN, a free service of the county's Office of Emergency Management.

CEAN alerts may cover personal safety, weather, major accidents involving utilities or roadways, or disaster notification such as a terrorist attack. The CEAN will be used by county officials to deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates during a major crisis or emergency.

Messages will be delivered to e-mail accounts; cell phones (text messaging costs may apply; check

with your service provider); text pagers; satellite phones and wireless PDAs that are registered on the system.

To register for the Community Emergency Alert Network, go to [www.FairfaxCounty.gov/cean/](http://www.FairfaxCounty.gov/cean/)

For additional information on the CEAN, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711. Other public notification methods include the Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line (703-817-7771, TTY 711); Fairfax County cable television Channel 16; the Fairfax County Government Web site; and area media.

## Dranesville Dispatch

Our Fairfax County Dranesville District Supervisor, Joan DuBois, has an email newsletter called the *Dranesville Dispatch* with news from her office and the County. The February 2006 issue, in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format, is on our

website, [PimmitHills.org](http://PimmitHills.org). You can also get her electronic newsletter sent directly to your email inbox by sending your email address to: [Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## FairGrowth Network

FairGrowth Network is a platform created by and for citizens to share information and resources and to coordinate action concerning development issues in Fairfax County. They are committed to the principle of greater citizen involvement in land planning decisions.

For more information, see their website, [FairGrowthNetwork.org](http://FairGrowthNetwork.org). They also keep track of the latest Development News articles from many different sources.



1927 Pimmit Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22043

## Pimmit Hills Town Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

*Cell phone monopole in our backyard*

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

*"Village at Pimmit Hills" redevelopment?*

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

7:30 pm at the Pimmit Hills School  
on Lisle Avenue

