

The Pimmit Hills Neighborhood
in Tysons Corner, Virginia

Pimmit Hills










Pimmit Hills Citizens Association

Results of the 2011 Pimmit Hills Survey

How long have you lived in Pimmit Hills?

1-4 Years	33%
5-10 Years	23%
11-20 Years	16%
21+ Years	28%

What would you say are the biggest challenges facing the community?

Crime		20.8%
Over-development inside		16.7%
Infrastructure (cracked sidewalks, rusty playgrounds)		47.9%
Zoning violations		17.7%
The future of Pimmit Hills School		32.3%
Community involvement		31.3%
Tysons redevelopment		51.0%
Traffic		52.1%
Other (please specify) Hide Responses		29.2%

Other:

- **TRAFFIC/ROADS**
 - Speeders on major roads such as Pimmit and Lisle
 - Speed Limit
 - Lack of interconnection in local streets to help avoid route 7 traffic
 - Pedestrian access to metro and along Rt. 7/3T bus service stops at 9pm, leaving late arrivals with limited options and angry taxi drivers
 - The footbridge (Redd Road) would be amazing
 - Traffic - Speeding
 - Need speed bumps on Pimmit drive, Griffith road, Magarity rd, Lisle ave
 - Pedestrian Access to Metro
 - Loss of Bus service
- **HOMES/YARDS**
 - Too many renters (and probably some owners) who just don't care.
 - Variance of yard maintenance. My dogs we almost attacked by big dogs that got loose from someone's house.
 - Unkept properties, homes
 - Varying quality of reconstruction, lack of maintenance of residences
 - Unchained/chained but not supervised aggressive dogs in parks or front yards. Unfinished house construction
 - Up keep of yards (not mowing) makes community look bad
- **VIOLATIONS**
 - Vehicle parking violations
 - noise violations
 - Motorcycles running up and down the streets in the middle of the night
- **DEVELOPMENT**
 - Over-development outside the community
 - Noise and mess associated with the bridge over Magarity
- **INFRASTRUCTURE**
 - No sidewalks on my block
 - The Potholes are becoming unavoidable
 - Street Lights
 - The condition of Olney Park and the questionable activities that go on there. The condition of the two smaller parks (on Griffith across from Cherri, and the one off of Griffith behind the houses). Also the park by the library. Dead animals, fallen branches, broken glass - just not places I want to take my kid to play.
 - Engineering / water drainage
- **OTHER**

- Sense of community
- Grocery Stores
- I'd like to see the school continue, education is more important than anything else.
- Delivering Information

What PHCA community events or meetings have you attended in the last year?

	Response Percent
PHCA town meetings (Sept, Dec, Mar, May, June)	29.0%
PHCA special community meeting	15.0%
National Night Out (August)	23.0%
Pimmit Hills Day (September)	28.0%
Clean Up Day (April)	19.0%
Rain Barrel Workshop (July)	20.0%
I have not attended an event in the past year but I have in the past	25.0%
I have never attended a PHCA event or meeting	22.0%

What types of speakers/events would you like to see at PHCA town meetings and/or organized?

DEVELOPMENT

- Speakers giving more details about Tysons development.
- Tysons development
- Tyson's development and impact on Pimmit Hills
- Development around community

- I really appreciate all the effort the PHCA makes to keep its citizens apprised of the redevelopment efforts. County officials on the current plans for the redevelopment of the area and metro are always appreciated.
- Updates on plans for Tysons redevelopment
- I would like to see events that help the Pimmit Hill community develop in the neighboring area.
- City planners
- I would like to see speakers who talk about the development or construction of the footpath from the Pimmit Hills to the West Falls Church Station.
- Those willing to talk about neighborhood connections beyond Pimmit Hills, connections to WFC Metro, Tysons Corner, McLean, etc.
- Tysons Development leaders
- Developers
- Tysons development activities

HOMES/YARDS

- Gardening tips :)
- Workshops like the rain barrel workshop.
- I would like people that would teach a community how to collectively raise property values.
- Home improvement workshops
- Clean up the neighborhood
- Home improvement
- Arborist
- How about a park clean-up day where we clean up all the parks in the neighborhood?
- What home improvements are worth the money?
- Garden advice
- Home improvement projects, preventive measures

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Our district supervisor!
- Virginia state elected officials.
- Elected officials and transportation officials.
- Local elected officials
- Local politicians
- State senators
- Community leaders
- Elected officials & candidates for office
- Congressman

- Foust
- Politicians
- Continue participation by the Supervisor
- Local council members
- Supervisor Foust, other community leaders
- Representatives of various levels of government (county, state, federal)
- Supervisors

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Community BBQ
- Social and community speakers
- More social events, possibly including at meetings, would probably lead to good things and better attendance. Weekend meetings might work as well. Events that are productive would be interesting - clean-ups, projects, etc.
- Not sure if possible, but have some member clubs might be an idea (gardeners, fitness [yoga, zumba], home-improvement, etc.) No idea if school could be rented for regular meetings.
- Meetups for parents with young families. A neighborhood night at a local bar/restaurant like Ledo's or Lost Dog.
- Kids events
- More activities.
- Neighborhood block parties
- Know your Neighbor/block events
- Family events, nice things for children, something to include older people with younger families, like a block party, anything really, a movie night would be fun; nice people live here
- History of Tysons & Pimmit (area historian?) with Pictures?? Music program -- from Marshall musicians or other area musicians (Matt Martz's Orchestra?!?!)
- Perhaps other people around the neighborhood talking about their local group. More ice breakers at meetings

FAIRFAX COUNTY/ POLICE

- Would like to see members of local government come and provide information on policies, laws, etc that affect the neighborhood and answer questions.
- Police (crime prevention tactics); FCPA - to discuss budgets/plans to improve parks in PH; Tysons development leaders; community organizers, etc.
- With the changes happening in/around the Tysons area, continuing to have public officials speak to the PHCA will be very important.
- Police, county officials etc...
- Fairfax county representatives
- Local Police

- Police Officers Someone from Fairfax County zoning office
- Park authority to address park renovation
- Police Officers
- Police
- Police Chief, County Supervisor,
- Participation by local Fairfax police department
- County Park Department
- Police/public safety
- Police, Fire, Fairfax County Water, etc
- Emergency preparedness
- Police, Health Department

ROADS/TRANSPORTATION

- VDOT
- VDOT to address traffic calming
- Traffic Department, VDOT
- Infrastructure (metro, roads, utilities)
- WMATA representatives

OTHER

- I think there should be more of a link between MCA and Pimmit Hills. They seem to be more organized and have more people involved in things
- An information night for all of the schools in the area.

What do you think PHCA should do to help make the community a better place to live?

- We feel that our community would be best served if Pimmit Hills high school was shut down permanently. In its place we would like to see a development project that serves the neighborhood and the community of families that live within it. To that end our preference be that the land be sold for either commercial (grocery store, restaurants, etc.) or residential real-estate development. Money from the sale of this land can go towards improving our local schools!
- Help to improve the community's properties - some properties need work on their yards (overgrown, long grass etc.) organizing the community to help neighbors who cannot take care of these tasks themselves. Also, organizing efforts to go improvements to homes as a group - for example in our previous neighborhood several neighbors got together and used the same company to purchase and install new windows and got a reduced rate.

Many properties appear to need attention (bad fences, tree work, etc.) offering group rates for the neighborhood might allow more people to take care of these issues.

- Improve parks; enforce speed limits/stop signs; more highly organized/publicized neighborhood gatherings; kids activities
- I am so, so happy with PHCA and those who run it! I would like to pat each one on the back and say thank you.
- Advocate for Pimmit Hills residents rights
- Bring people together.
- Interested citizens whether owners or tenants. We have seen the number of tenants increase. Owners need to stay connected to community and not forget about their homes in the community. Some roads are also in really bad shape and do not have sidewalks. With increase in children in the community over the past few years, the need for sidewalks is pressing, especially on Fisher and Leonard Dr.
- Restrict any rezoning within Pimmit Hills which allows multi-unit dwellings.
- Just be more proactive. I've been in a mom's group that has never scheduled a regular playdate in over 5 years now. Have regular events and make people aware of them. For example, every 1st Sunday afternoon could be a playdate at Olney Park or something if the weather is nice.
- Improve access to West Falls Church station for commuters
- Add a bike path/foot bridge so residents don't have to walk on Rt.7 to get to the metro.
- More family events - try to have a meeting another time favorable to families
- It would be nice to have a local "Angie's List" type of page. Some of the homeowners have made some really great changes to their homes. It would be nice to locate contractors that are familiar with the houses and problems that may be common our homes. Also, it would be nice to mobilize industrious teenagers for babysitting, shoveling snow, light yard work, pet-sitting, etc.
- PHCA used to be more involved in "curb appeal." Many years ago, we temporarily parked our car on the front lawn, and received a letter that it's not permitted. Now, you can see not only cars, but also trash and debris (not just from constructions) in the front of the houses for months. Overall, neighborhood looked cleaner and nicer 15 years ago than now.
- Walking trail to West Falls Church metro!!! Please!
- HOA association fee mandatory, Use association fee to improve play areas and community appeal
- The pedestrian foot-bridge would be amazingly helpful, time saving and would add value to the whole neighborhood. Make the sidewalks more walkable by keeping them clear of branches and shrubbery.
- Better walking access to Metro - both WFC & new Tysons stations.

- Traffic Control. (Which I believe is currently being worked).
- Request/create neighborhood rules for maintaining external appearance/upkeep of houses; some houses look extremely run-down and have poison ivy growing in front yard
- Need stop signs on Griffith and Lisle
- I want home appreciation although I rent, I have lived in the NOVA area my whole life. One of the biggest problems I see is that people do not maintain their yard and more importantly, their trees which can take out power for other homes. Plus they are old trees and one fell on a car earlier this year. Plus, I would like to help others renovate their home so I could learn how to do it and obviously take advantage of the home renovation team. Plus, when people look at buying homes they look at the school system progression and I would like to help that continue to improve. Plus, mosquitoes are bad and deer ticks are a growing problem in Fairfax County. Plus, I would like everyone to recycle as I believe that a community that recycles is a community that cares and becomes a more desirable place to live and buy.
- Address traffic issues, particularly speeding on Pimmit Drive at the entrance of Pimmit Hills by Route 7 (near Trader Joes)
- Continue to solicit more involvement from residents
- Demand better urban service from county/city government such as collection of leaves and branches sewage responsibility
- Help build the footpath from the Pimmit Hills to the West Falls Church Station.
- Keep doing what you are doing
- Have more family activities maybe a Halloween festival and a spring picnic
- Make Pimmit Bike friendly. Have a bigger/better Pimmit Hill day
- Represent our neighborhood's interests to Fairfax County and major adjacent and nearby landowners. Encourage a sense of community through hosting events.
- The footbridge is a great idea. I've seen & been on the crossing to metro 7 shopping center, Very scary. More benches & trash cans in the parks.
- Educate folks that tree limbs have to be cut to 4 feet for trash men to pick them up. We do not have a county pickup of large limbs
- If, time to time have a police car's checking how fast the drive. how dangerous is for our kids and our animals
- Keep/support personal engagement in community
- Positive publicity in the news instead of just crime reports would be the best thing that could happen for Pimmit Hills; this is "the place to be!"

- Only allow cars to park on one side of the road. Too many cars seemed to be permanently parked on the street.
- New board is making a great start with making Pimmit Hills a better place - keep it up committee organizer. More participation by community residents
- Help organize block parties
- So far you are trying hard. We need more people involved - young people
- Write in on #8: If no bus. Need bus. What is the difference in ages more old versus young
- Community clean up - neighbors out working together to pick up trash. More social events/opportunities
- Keep doing what it does! Also push for better access to new metro and Tysons development.
- Keeping all the people inform maybe activities
- Keep up the events/projects already going
- Meetings and special events are helpful in forging connections between neighbors. The more we connect with our neighbors, the stronger the community.
- Form a home owners association so we can force homeowners to keep their properties clean
- Involved more people in the activities that go on within Pimmit Hills
- Raise the possibility of reopening the school with Fairfax County.
- I believe they have been trying to help the community I feel the community should come to the meetings to get better informed

Would you be in favor of a pedestrian foot-bridge over Pimmit Run at Redd Road?

	Response Percent
I favor foot-bridge	94.6%
I am against the foot-bridge	5.4%

**Are you interested in becoming involved in PHCA as an officer or committee member?
If yes, please tell us what you might be interested in doing**

	Response Percent
Neighborhood Watch	33.3%
Membership committee	15.2%
Environment & Parks committee	39.4%
Special events committee	15.2%
Community Service coordinator	15.2%
Animal Welfare	15.2%
Other (please specify) Show Responses	36.4%

- I am not a leader but would be willing to help the president if they needed someone to take and work an action.
- It's hard to commit time to PHCA right now, maybe later.
- Yes
- will attend meetings
- I want to help but not sure how at this point.
- Not yet, but maybe down the road.
- Transportation/roads related issues
- In the future, yes
- Coordinating getting trash to trucks on Clean up day - for elderly/handicapped residents that don't have a way to get there
- No time
- currently involved
- I am already helping