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News ... in a Nutshell

Greater Darnestown Civic Association, Inc.
Darnestown, Route 3, Gaithersburg, Md.

RE-ZONING APPLICATION

A re-zoning application of serious concern to this Association was filed with the County in November. A townhouse developer is seeking conversion of approximately 6 acres on the south side of Route 28, about 600 feet west of the location of the National Geographic property, from RR (rural residential) to RT (townhouse). The Association has invited the developer to appear at the January meeting to outline his development plans.

Also of special interest to the Association members are:

1. Re-zoning applications proposing an extensive office building-townhouse complex in the vicinity of the Shady Grove-Route 28 intersection;
2. An application to re-zone 11- acres from RA to RR at the intersection of Jones Lane and Turkeyfoot Road;
3. A prospective special exception application for a Hot Shoppe next to the BP station at the intersection of Quince Orchard Road and Route 28, and;
4. An application to construct a campsite off Seneca Road, approximately 1/3 mile south of the River Road intersection.

These matters will be reviewed at the January Association meeting. We will also cover the current status of the Pulte Brothers cluster development proposal on Jones Lane, and Montgomery County Planning Board consideration of a Gaithersburg proposal to extend Gaithersburg city maximum expansion limits west of Quince Orchard road, along Route 28.

A heavy turnout is essential because we may decide to vote on whether or not to oppose one or more of these applications. In most past hearings where the Association has opposed zoning applications, the amount of membership participation in such votes becomes a matter of record. A low percentage of participation can be definitely harmful to the Association's position.

-Charles T. Duvall

CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO MEET

Monday, January 17th at 8 p.m., the Greater Darnestown Civic Association meets at Darnestown Elementary School on Turkeyfoot Road.

All area residents are urged to attend this very important meeting. Zoning applications of concern to this area will be discussed. Details are in the opposite column.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The judges of the Christmas Decoration Contest had a difficult time trying to pick the loveliest Christmas decorations of local homes, but have come up with three winners.

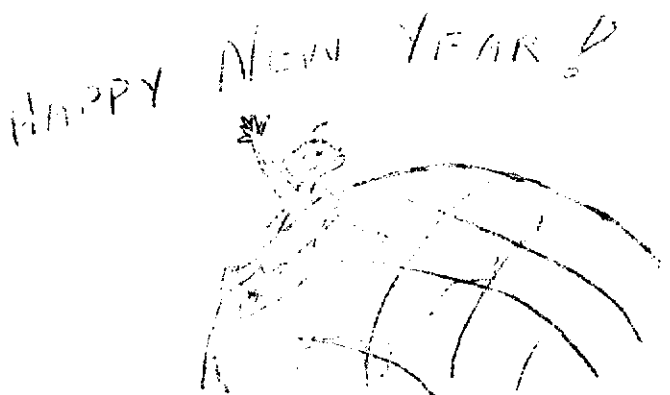
First prize goes to Frank and Carol Martell, of 13401 Chestnut Oak Drive in Ancient Oak West, for their lovely display of white lights.

Wayne and Sara O'Roark, of 13109 Brandon Way Road in Ridgefield, won second prize with their Santa Claus in flight.

Third prize went to Charles and Laura Frownfelter of 13104 BrandonWay Road in Ridgefield for the beautifully lighted tree.

Prizes were \$15, \$10 and \$5 gift certificates from Charcoal Inn in Gaithersburg.

The contest judges were Dick and Pat Gray, Fred and Mary Mable, and Richard and Victoria Hein.



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It has been said that what we do on January 1st is a portent of what is to be throughout the year. We rather hope not, because we didn't do much of anything - therefore your paper is late.

All Ancient Oakers would like to say thank-you to George Davidson, Gordon Brunner, Roger Anderson, and all the children who helped to decorate the tree at the Ancient Oak entrance. A big thank-you goes to Santa Claus, too, who took time out from his busy schedule to hear Christmas requests and hand out candy canes.

Right after the tree was decorated, someone decided to un-decorate it, and made off with all the bulbs they could reach. However, the bulbs were replaced and they shone brightly the rest of the holiday season.

The civic association meeting this month should be of interest to all concerned citizens of the area, and we cordially invite you to attend, whether you are a member of the Association or not. (Maybe we can persuade you to join!) New families in the area are especially urged to come to the meeting, and get acquainted.

FRIENDLY REMINDER -

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Meeting - Monday

January 17, 1972

8 P.M.

DARNESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
An Evangelical Church-Biblical Preaching
Sunday Church Services
11:00 a.m.

Sunday Church School

9:45 a.m.

Nursery during 11 a.m. service

Reverend Daniel Manson, Pastor

A BACKWARD GLANCE

Highlights of The Little Acorn, 1971

January of 1971 came in with a blinding snowstorm, cancelling many parties and holiday plans.

February brought us news of the Frostbite Open, a golf tournament sponsored by the Civic Association. Also in February, a letter that had been addressed to the Chamber of Commerce, Darnestown, Maryland, found its way to the home of the editor of the Little Acorn. It was from a serviceman who was interested in "the vital statistics and tourist attractions" of Darnestown. (We were at a loss to find many tourist attractions, so we sent him a copy of the paper.)

In March, the Fantastic Fathers met Hall's Angels for a rip-snorting basketball game at Montgomery Village Junior High, featuring such fantastic fathers as "Shifty" Shiben, "Buckets" Blemker, "Tearing" Tattersfield, "Wrong-way" Corrigan, "Scoring" Schooley, "Bull" Brunner, and "Jumpin' Jerry" Podojil. It was an exciting game, and Hall's Angels managed to come out winners.

April brought the "All Flags Fling", the annual spring dance sponsored by the Civic Association, which had an international theme. April was also the 6th birthday of The Little Acorn.

In May, citizens expressed concern over the possibility of a dump being located in nearby Germantown. Nominations were made for officers of the association, to be announced in June.

Elections were held in June, and Dick Shiben took over the reins from Henry Collins to head up the Greater Darnestown Civic Association. The Darnestown Strutters held their annual bowling banquet, where awards were given out, and a family picnic was held at Banner Park.

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H E L P - Food

In July, tragedy hit - the mimeograph machine gave out, and it was a mad scramble getting out the paper. Nice guy Ed Demory graciously loaned us his machine as a temporary measure.

August brought us a new mimeograph machine - electric, automatic, and all the nice things that the old one wasn't. War was declared on the Japanese beetles, and a membership drive was announced.

Back to school, back to work, and back to meetings in September.

October, Halloween, and the end of Daylight Saving Time.

The Harvest Hoedown in November attracted many area residents to an evening of hayrides, square dancing, and a general good-time-had-by-all.

And the highlight of December was the Silver Bells dance at Potomac Valley, sponsored by the GDCA.

It was a very good year!

DARNESTOWN HOMEMAKERS

The Darnestown Homemakers Club will have their next meeting on Thursday, January 27 at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Our president, Wilma Leiss, along with other Homemaker presidents, has been invited to a tour and tea at the White House in January.

The plans for the coming year include trips to the Kennedy Center, Opera and Ballet. Courses on Mrs. Fix-it, Camping Food Safety, Family Life, Sense-Cents in Grief, Sewing, and especially for me-- lessons on making slipcovers. As you see from the above, there are varied topics covered in Homemakers, of interest to all.

On January 27, Mary Werner and Loucille Aellen will give a demonstration on "How To Make Bread". After which we can sample the various types. If you are interested in our club, why not come to a meeting (you can attend two meetings before joining) and see for yourself what we are all about. For those newcomers to the community it is a way of meeting new neighbors and making friends.

-Edith Fitzgerald, Secretary

As in our two previous columns about furniture and clothes, food also is checked on distribution by HELP. This checking is done quite discreetly, and I doubt the people receiving food are even aware of it - unless they try to take advantage of a good thing and are told. Also, repeating, the families are offered many avenues of self-help while receiving food, etc. If, after a reasonable time, they refuse to try to help themselves, free food is stopped.

Thusly, our donations and gifts are not used to continually support a family; but rather as emergency stop-gaps and as an incentive to help themselves.

FURNITURE: To give away usable furniture, call 762-1144 (Gaithersburg HELP answering service).

CLOTHING CENTER: Open most Mondays and Tuesdays when school is in session from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Neelsville Presbyterian Church). I go out about every week and can also collect your things here. Call Carolyn Shiben, 926-8721.

P. S. We will continue to collect usable toys all year. 175 toys were collected, repaired and distributed to Up-county families this Christmas.

Did you hear about the man whose refrigerator exploded?
(He blew his cool.)

Definition of an optimist: Somebody who buys a whole roll of 8¢ stamps and expects to use them before the rates go up again.

This is National Egg Month. Also National Wheat Bread Month, and National Guitar Month. (Shall we all celebrate by strumming a guitar while eating an egg sandwich?)

January was named for Janus, Roman god of good beginnings and doorkeeper of Heaven. His two faces look at the past and the future, and his key unlocks the door to the New Year.

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FROM THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET
by Gail Tattersfield

Happy New Year!!! Christmas, as always, was a very busy time with many parties and impromptu get-togethers. Only the mild weather made it difficult for us to believe that it was actually December.

The Civic Association Christmas Dance the Saturday before Santa's Day was another success. Everyone there must have been enjoying themselves, as almost every couple stayed until the final musical note was sounded by the band. Another sign of success, several people commented that the evening was over all too soon. I only wish we could get some of the newer families in the area to join us at the Civic Association social events - they really are missing out on a lot of fun.

Many neighbors had family visiting during the holidays. The Fitzgeralds, Brunners, Shabes, Schooleys, Saunders, Schabackers, Parmers, and Wes Grays all entertained out-of-town family members. But Fred and Mary Mable went back home to Canada for Christmas. It was the first time ever that Mary's family was able to all get together for this holiday, and I can report with certainty that they had a marvelous time - with one exception - there was no snow - even in Canada! While talking to Mary, she told me of an exciting adventure in which daughter Betsy is involved. Betsy and her husband, Lyle Schnadt are temporarily living in Findhorn, Scotland. They are taking part in a kind of "experiment in living". This non-denominational spiritual community of people come together from many nations, hoping to help each other work out today's problems by working and living together. The idea of getting back to a more simple way of life is evident in the basic crafts the residents are learning. Mary reports that Betsy and Lyle are very happy.

The Dewayne Grissom family spent their Christmas cruising Florida waters in a rented houseboat. Am anxious to hear more about that trip.

That's all for this month - keep all those New Year's resolutions.

BROOKMEAD NEWS
by Sandy Kahn

Sorry about no news the past two months, but time just slipped by and I missed the deadline.

With the holidays here, we are all so busy visiting people and having company. The Alguires had Barrie's folks here at Thanksgiving. Her brother came down from College in New England and brought some friends along. For awhile we thought they were running a hotel. Now Barrie and Dick and kiddies are in Texas visiting both families.

The Charleses went to their daughter's for Christmas dinner. Now both Rob and Pauline are relaxing around home for a week's vacation.

I hear the Sterens are planning to go skiing soon. The LaScolas took their beautiful new camper and headed for the "wild". Debbie is home from nursing school for a week.

The Burrows have moved into their new home at the end of the street. They are busy putting on the "last touches". Their relatives, the Snowdens, have moved into the corner house. The Snowdens have two boys - one in the service and another away at college. They usually get home for weekends.

Dianne Dorrelle's folks are up from Florida to spend a few weeks with them. Sounds like Santa was good to them.

The Haddix family had the Clark family from Florida here for two weeks. I wonder, with all these Florida people coming north in this weather! The Clarks are from Washington state, so they are used to cold weather. Glenn's father was here for awhile and headed south for the winter.

The Moores have a new pickup truck. Santa sure surprised them. The Kahns went to Philly for awhile over the holidays. The Smiths moved early in December and the neighborhood is sorry about the loss of their babysitter, Terri. We hope they will like their new home in Olney Mills. Justin Kelly is home for awhile. Sandy Kahn and Lexy Haddix had a baby shower for Sally Kelly. Sally was surprised and it looks like "Junior" will be arriving before January 18th. The Hexters have had company during the holidays.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

KITCHEN K L A T T E R

by Ruth Sentelle

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May yours be full of only the happiest and best things! With all the hours of preparation, the Christmas season dashes away with the speed of light before we hardly have time to catch our breath! Although the holiday foods are all well tucked away beneath our belts now, perhaps you find yourself overstocked with nuts and fruit. This "Christmas Cake" will help use up some of the left-overs:

Christmas Cake

1 orange (med.)	1 t. salt
1½ c. sugar	½ c. shortening
¾ c. walnuts	1 t. soda
1 c. chopped dates	2 eggs
2 c. all purpose flour	¾ c. buttermilk
¼ c. candied cherries, chopped	

Squeeze juice from orange, mix with ½ c. sugar, set aside. Remove membrane and white pulp from orange rind, chop or grind medium with nuts and dates. Sift flour, salt, soda. Cream remaining sugar and shortening, add eggs, then buttermilk alternately with dry ingredients, beat well. Stir in fruit, pour into well-greased 2 qt. casserole or bundt pan, bake 300/1½ to 1 ¾ hours. As soon as cake comes from the oven, pour reserved orange juice over it. Cool overnight before cutting, decorate top with cherries before serving.

To use some of the extra apples, try this Crunchy-Top Apple Dessert

Topping: 1 pkg. (9.9 oz.) Pillsbury cocconut pecan or Almond frosting mix
1 1/3 c. sugar, ½ c. chopped nuts, ¼ c. flour, 1 teasp. cinnamon, 6 Tbls. soft butter.

Prepare topping, set aside. Mix 1½ c. frosting mix (reserve remainder) with remaining ingredients listed under "Topping". In large bowl, combine reserved frosting mix with: 2 c. flour, 1 c. sugar, 2 teasp. baking powder, ½ c. milk, 1/3 c. cooking oil, 1 teasp. rum or almond flavor, and 2 eggs. Beat 3 min., pour into ungreased 10 x 15" pan. Spoon 4 to 5 cups thinly sliced apples or 2 cans drained pie apples, evenly over batter. Sprinkle prepared topping over apples to within ½" of edge of pan. Bake 350/35-40 minutes until apples are tender and top is light golden brown.

If the new year finds your budget rather fundless, here are two rather economical meat dishes which can look extra fancy and taste good, too!

Ground Beef Ala Wellington

Pastry:	
3 c. flour	1 tbls. cold water
1 teasp. salt	1 egg
1 c. shortening	3 Tbls. fresh lemon juice or white vinegar
Filling:	
1½ lbs. ground round	½ teasp. Worces. sauce
1 sm. minced onion	1½ teasp. salt
1 egg	pepper to taste
½ c. soft bread crumbs	1 Tbls. catsup

Prepare pastry by cutting shortening in until crumbly, add remaining ingredients, mix lightly, press into ball. Wrap left-over pastry in plastic bag and refrigerate. Mix filling, press into log shape. Roll out pastry to make rectangle, set log-shaped filling across center of pastry, wrap pastry over meat and moisten edges to seal. Place on lightly greased cooky sheet, seam-side down. Roll out scraps of dough into strips, brush pastry with milk and arrange strips in decorative way across Wellington. Brush again with milk. Bake 350/45 min. until golden brown.

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Sauce: Slice $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. mushroom, saute in 2 Tbls. butter. Blend 1 Tbls. flour with 1 c. light cream, stir into hot mushrooms and cook until thickened. Season to taste, serve to accompany Wellington.

Chicken Almond Casserole

2 cut-up fryers, dredged in $\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour, salt, pepper, $1\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. paprika. (Reserve remain. flour)

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. margarine

$1\frac{1}{4}$ c. water

2 Tbls. catsup

1 can (29 oz.) peach halves

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. slivered almonds

1 can conden. beef consomme

1 c. dairy sour cream

1 c. parmesan cheese

Brown dredged chicken in marg., remove to 3-qt. casserole. Lightly brown almonds in drippings in pan, stir remaining flour, water, consomme, catsup, and cook until thickened. Remove from heat, stir in sour cream, pour over chicken, cover casserole, bake 350/45 min. Arrange peaches cut side up on chicken. Sprinkle with cheese, return to oven uncovered for 10 minutes.

See you sooner...next month!!

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BEST WISHES for 1972, and Birthday Greetings to Lula Cissel, Sharon Fitzgerald, Bill Boddicker, and Pete Dobson on January 1st, Janie Muscatello on the 2nd, Bob Clark on the 3rd, Margaret Stanley, Daniel Menis and Mark Mercurio on the 4th, Brenda Lee Hayhoe and Alice Davis on the 5th, Steve Blanken, Vince Marcalus, Oscar Menis, and Ann Thomas on the 6th, Barbara Rathbun on the 7th, George McArthur, Kurt Grissom and Donna Dupree on the 8th, Con Falvey on the 10th, George Hayhoe, Norman Everhart, Johnny Reeves, and Anne Marie Puglise on the 11th, Phyllis Bailey and Evelyn Collins on the 12th, Laura Coker on the 13th, Polly Buel and Tina Hein on the 15th, Kathleen Martell, Steve Howarth and Don Rosenthal on the 16th, Hollis James Howe on the 17th, Ruth Soles on the 18th, Eileen Knouse, Henry Collins and Joyce Gray on the 19th, Fred Osbourn, Bronwyn Evans, Carol Monson and Laura Rathbun on the 20th, Patricia Carr and Chris Carney on the 21st, Yvonne Hubbel on the 22nd, Shirley Hopkins and John Wells on the 24th, Nancy McNealy on the 25th, John Stanley and Phil Hayward on the 26th, Billy Anderson, Jean Corrigan, Sam Carr and Chet Grissom on the 27th, Alfred Rector and Gretchen Wells on the 29th, Glynis Evans on the 30th, and Diane York, Mollie Brunner, and Esther Foster on the 31st.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE: John Deere tractor, '69. 47" rotary mowers, 10 hp. Good condition. \$700 or best offer. Call 424-4960 after 3 p.m.

BABY SITTERS:

Betsy Anderson - 926-3373
Suzanne Anderson - 926-3373

FOR SALE: Film editor, electric, forward and reverse, speed regulator; with splifer, reel and 15-min. film. 6" screen, super 8 & 8MM. Hardly used. \$20.00 or best offer. Call 926-8721.

GIVEAWAY: To the little old home wine-maker. 30 matched Cold Duck bottles. (Empty, of course.) Call 926-3373 after 3 p.m.

HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY TO Gordon and Mollie Brunner on the 2nd, George and Carla Deoules on the 6th, Ed and Marjorie York on the 10th, Arthur and Elizabeth Dennis on the 14th, Oscar and Ellen Menis on the 17th, Robert and Mary D'Amico on the 26th, Phil and Lil Johnson on the 26th, and George and Shirley Davidson on the 30th.

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RIDGEFIELD RUMORS

by Geri Hornbaker

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. Now that the preparations for Christmas are over everyone can look forward to a bright New Year. The houses in the community are quite lovely with all the decorations. I imagine that the people judging the decorations for the Civic Association had quite a job in making their decisions.

The Bill's garage sale was very successful. Has anyone heard of wild poker games being held in Ancient Oak, since a poker table was one of the many items purchased.

George and Faye Hayhoe, James and Shirley Hopkins, and Joe and Mimi Schap attended the Bible Study Group Dinner which was held at Harriet and Henry Collins' house. I understand the food was delicious, and the conversation stimulating.

Ridgefield residents have been entertaining and being entertained at various cocktail parties.

We certainly have many talented children in the community. They deserve a lot of credit for their outstanding performances in band, orchestra, chorus and folksinging. There are too many children to congratulate individually; we truly appreciate and enjoyed their music.

Jean and Chuck Foster and Madeline and Bob Wojciechowski were very proud of their daughters Kelly and Kathleen. Both girls made their first Holy Communion on December 10th. Bob's mom, dad and sister were here from New Jersey for the happy event. Congratulations, Kate and Kelly.

The Christmas Dance at Potomac Valley Country Club was quite nice. George Davidson did a great job emceeing, as always. The 'gag' gifts were a huge success.

Charlie Smith had his tonsils removed last month, and I hope he was completely recovered over the holidays.

Did we have a football team this year!!! You bet we did. They did very well, and I'm sorry that their season ended after last week's game, but next year perhaps they can go all the way.

The Christmas carolers were out in warm clothing last Wednesday night. Several residents greeted them at their homes by coming outside to listen. A delicious hot toddy was served to the carolers by Sharon and Art Brisbane. The evening came to a close at Ed and Nancy Sterrett's with a lovely fire, cookies, hot chocolate, etc. Thanks are extended to Tom Kelly for

driving the carolers on his haywagon. Not to be outdone, several children in Ridgefield went caroling door to door the following evening. They all did a great job - sure gave the adults competition. A big thanks to Paula DeLucas, Pam, Doug, Mark, Danny Hornbaker, Carla and Debbie Hyer, Cindy and Suzanne Sherman, John and Allison Stewart, and Jennifer and John Waring.

I wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

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DARNESTOWN GARDEN CLUB

The Darnestown Garden club will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 1972 at the home of J. M. and Irma Peters, 15712 Jones Lane. Everyone is cordially invited.

DARNESTOWN GIRLS 4-H CLUB

The last meeting of the club was December 10th at the Sterrett's house. Club leader Mrs. Jeanne Maurer brought us her ideas on Mexican foods and international foods, which the club has for a 4-H project. Next month we start a new unit in cooking, on Germany.

Further plans were made for the club's adopted family, and gifts were collected and delivered to their home. On December 17th the club had a progressive Christmas party, travelling to different members' houses for hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and dessert, which included a gift exchange. The next meeting will be Friday, January 21, 1972 at the Dupree's.

-Amy Dupree, Club Reporter

