

## **Recent Telephone Scam in Darnestown**

On the evening of June 25, 2013, we received a telephone call requesting a donation to the Montgomery County Career Fire Fighters, MCCFF. The caller said, "They would be in our area on Wednesday. If we were not going to be at home, we could leave an envelope taped to the front door, as several of our neighbors planned on doing. Or, if we were home, a fireman would come to the door and personally shake out hands." On Wednesday morning, I attempted to call them to respond that we would not be contributing. Although listed in the Montgomery County phone book, there was no answer. Late Wednesday afternoon, a man in shorts and t-shirt ran to the door, rang the bell several times, then, pounded the door loudly and more loudly. As he turned away, our phone rang showing an area code out of our area ( a 443 #) We were unnerved by this incident.

On Thursday AM, I called the Montgomery County Volunteer Firefighters. I explained the situation and was told that this was SCAM and to tell me friends and neighbors. My research and calls ended there. Perhaps, this is true and should be shared with others, especially our Darnestown friends and neighbors.

We recently received medical- related assistance from the Darnestown Fire Fighters on Darnestown Road, (Quince Orchards area), a substation of the Rockville organization. Their service was appreciated and valued.