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## *Civic Association News and Notes*

### *Notes from the President*

by Scott Mostrom

It's been almost two years since the Darnestown Civic Association took the first steps towards tackling the deer overpopulation in our area, and I think we've made some great progress. Beginning last fall, two sections of Great Seneca Park bordering Darnestown were opened up to bow hunting during the fall season, September 15 through January 31.

According to the DNR's database "approximately 200 deer were taken by archery hunters on these two hunting areas. There have been no reported instances of negative encounters between archery hunters and other recreational users on the area. Neither were there any reported incidents of trespassing by archery hunters onto adjacent private property." DNR has proposed extending the hunting area for this upcoming fall to include the area of the Park south of Rt. 28 to the existing hunting area along Berryville Road.

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## **NEXT DARNESTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Thursday  
June 15 at 7:30 p.m.  
Darnestown Presbyterian Church  
Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road

## **Election of Executive Board Officers**

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*ALL NEWS IS WELCOME!*

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This is a huge step to help reduce the deer overpopulation, and we appreciate all the work DNR has done to help assist with the implementation of this program. I also want to thank Larry Zoeller and Bruce Deppa, as well as those volunteers on the Wildlife Committee, for all their work to drive this effort.

I will be wrapping up my final term as President this June. It has been a great honor, and a pleasure to work with all of our active volunteers and residents. I want to thank everyone for your support, and your passion to make Darnestown a better place.

The complexion of the Executive Board, committee chairs, and volunteers has changed over the last three years. By complexion, I mean we've added a lot of new energetic residents. Yet, we've been fortunate enough to have "the old guard" as active as ever. I think that's been extremely important, and many of us newer in the DCA have had the opportunity to learn the history, the lessons, and many of the guiding principles that have made the association so strong over the years. I think we have a lot of strong leaders, and I'm really excited about the slate of officers proposed for this next year.

As my parting comment, I just want to encourage every resident be active, in any way you want, whether that's volunteering for a position, joining Executive Board Meeting discussions, attending Town Meetings, or just reading the Little Acorn when it comes out. Please remember that we have more ideas and more things that can get done than we have people. We probably have five great ideas at every monthly meeting – annual Darnestown Day, picture contest, etc. – that would make our community better and closer-knit. So if you can do it, I encourage you to step up, and champion any idea you have.

Finally, thanks again to Jim Sweet and Smokey Glen for another great Spring Social. It was a fantastic time and delicious barbeque. For those who don't know, Smokey Glen provides this entire

event – which is the biggest town event all year. We really appreciate it and thank you for hosting us each year.

## ***DCA Nominating Committee***

by Gerry Foley

The DCA Nominating Committee, in accordance with the DCA By-laws, proposes the following slate of officers for the 2006-2007 election at the June Town Meeting:

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| President:                      | Lisa Patterson-Troiike |
| Vice President/President Elect: | Tim Wilson             |
| Treasurer:                      | Chuck Gularson         |
| Corresponding Secretary:        | Mary Stefanelli        |
| Recording Secretary:            | Bob Thomas             |
| Three-Year Trustee:             | Steve Ellis            |

In addition, Rutalge Brazee and Dennis Rippeon will continue as Trustees for one year and two years, respectively. Bruce Deppa will continue as Chairman and Scott Mostrom will become Vice Chairman.

## ***Darnestown Civic Association Committees***

by Mary Stefanelli

In this edition of *The Little Acorn* we are including the Committees of the Darnestown Civic Association, their responsibilities/expertise and the Chairperson's contact information.

We hope this information will help you know who to contact if you have a concern, question, or need assistance.

Also, if there is a Committee that you would like to be a member of please contact the Chairperson. This is a great opportunity to become involved in the community!



## ***Compliance Committee***

By Kurt Karst

The Compliance Committee works with appropriate Montgomery County personnel to address various compliance concerns raised by Darnestown residents. These concerns may range from, for example, trash piling up on a neighborhood property to inappropriate use of property (e.g. running an unauthorized business).

Kurt Karst is the Chairperson and can be reached by email at [krkarst@hotmail.com](mailto:krkarst@hotmail.com) or telephone (H)301-330-5435, (C) 301-785-5444.

## ***Environment Committee***

by Mary Stefanelli

The Environment Committee assists with issues that negatively impact Darnestown's environment (e.g. cutting down trees in a conservation area). The Committee works with Park and Planning, as well as, WSSC to get the proper resources involved depending on the issue.

Tim Wilson is the Chairperson of the Environment Committee and can be reached by email [twilson@enablingtechcorp.com](mailto:twilson@enablingtechcorp.com) or telephone 301-947-8700.

## ***Public Safety Committee***

by Mary Stefanelli

Currently the Public Safety Committee is working on a horseshoe turn around for Fire Engines on Berryville Road.

Alan Noznesky is Chairperson and can be reached by email at [noznesky@yahoo.com](mailto:noznesky@yahoo.com) or telephone 240-506-3557.

## ***Social Committee***

by Lisa Patterson-Troiike

What a beautiful evening we had for the Darnestown Spring Social! Everyone took part in at least one of the outdoor activities: hayride, swings,

volleyball, miniature golf, kickball, and strolling along the beautiful grounds. We all had so much fun, that many of us didn't leave until dusk! I hope we have the same weather next year. I want to thank Smokey Glen Farm and Darnestown residents for another successful Spring Social.



Mark your calendars for Darnestown's next social event, the Hoe Down! It will be held on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Smokey Glen Farm. Be sure to shop now for your boots, hats, and chaps!

The Social Committee coordinates the various social functions; Hoe Down, Christmas Tree Lighting, and Spring Flings. Lisa Patterson-Troiike is the Committee Chairperson and can be reach by email [lisaapatterson@aol.com](mailto:lisaapatterson@aol.com) or telephone 301-548-0999.

## ***Village Committee Update***

by Steve Ellis

The Village Committee is concerned with all matters relating to the commercial and residential properties around the main Darnestown intersection of Darnestown and Seneca Roads, i.e. the town center. (See map) Primarily, our concerns have been with the commercial development in the Village, but the committee is always cognizant of protecting the well being of the nearby residential neighbors.

The Chairperson of the Committee is Steve Ellis who can be contacted by email at

[smre45@yahoo.com](mailto:smre45@yahoo.com) or telephone at 301-330-0699. Terry Reis is the co-chair.

The impetus for the formation of the Village Committee occurred during one of Montgomery County's hyper-development periods. That period occurred in the mid-late 1980s. During 1985-87 the existing older houses in the Darnestown village area were reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission to determine if any of these houses or sites would be designated Historic. Some local history enthusiasts were very disappointed when none of the houses or sites received Historic Designation by the Commission.

For two years, starting in 1986, real estate developer, Nathan Landow, bought almost all the properties in the village on the north side of Darnestown Road except the last two or three houses adjacent to the local park. This included 4.4 acres of C-1 property and 13 acres of residential R-200 (1/2 acre) property on both sides of the commercially zoned area. On the Mann parcels on the south side of Rt. 28 around and behind the gas station, were at least two older houses. Two of those houses and one of Landow's recent acquisitions, the Ace Esworthy place, were bulldozed in a surprise move without demolition permits. At the time it was discovered that demolishing a house without a permit had little consequence. Also, the five or six other houses purchased by Landow were vacated and boarded up; the uncut vegetation soon engulfed the properties. Only the Veterinary Clinic stayed open.

So, during this tumultuous time, it appeared that at least two large property owners in the heart of Darnestown were intent on major changes on their properties. These presumed changes were clearly at odds with the 1980 Potomac Sub-Region Master Plan. Mr. Landow publicly proposed a commercial strip center on his roughly 18 acres of property. The first stage was to be 100,000 sq. ft., and anchored by a Giant Food store. The second phase to come sometime in the future would be as much as an additional 100,000 sq. ft. Some of us thought 'What is he thinking?'

The Greater Darnestown Civic Association, the passionate members of the GDCA Historic Preservation committee (later to become the Darnestown Historical Society) and the vast majority of the community were in favor of upholding the Master Plan. This view prevailed and houses to the east and west of the agreed upon 1980 Master Plan 4.4-acre commercial area (now the Harris Teeter site) is the result. The expanded store will be the maximum allowable size at about 43,000 square feet.

In the spring and summer of 1988 the Darnestown Village Committee was formed. Their mission was and is to help influence development in the Village area. The initial presiding member was Steve Ellis of Ancient Oak. After consulting with past GDCA presidents, Marsha Crowley, Bob and Ann Cangelosi, and others members of the community the original Village Committee members included: John Brocard, Peter Carstensen, Jim Clifford, Frank Cornelius, Bob Fazio, Gerry Foley, Lit Foley, Rick Griffin, Jim Locke, Lad Masi, Linda Oxley, Nick Petrucci, Dennis and Priscilla Rippeon and Sylvia Trunnel. From 1990 to 2001 Dennis Rippeon was our Chairman. During that time the DCA and David Landow, son of Nathan, slowly established a good working relationship. The Landows were informed that there were bodies buried on the Ace Esworthy property. Bruce Deppa, Dennis, and Historical Society members made the effort to determine the existence and proximate location of the burial sites. Rather than deal with this area, the Landows gifted the .75-acre site to Park and Planning (and thus our community) during the development process for the Food Lion. This area will eventually become an interesting Historical Park adjacent to the Harris Teeter.

Terry Reis succeeded Dennis. Terry and I began sharing the role a couple of years ago. Terry especially helped make sure that the new grocery store would be as unobtrusive as possible for the surrounding neighbors. The current Village Committee has about 10 members. They are chosen or invited by the Chairperson and should be willing to meet and do some work. If you are interested, we'll give you an opportunity. In the next issue the current members will be named.

The Village Committee, as all committees of the DCA, serves as a part of the Executive Board and the community at large. The elected Executive Board Officers have ultimate approval authority over the recommendations and pursuits of the committee.

Any accurate corrections or elaborations to this brief recount are welcomed.

## ***Wildlife Committee***

by Larry Zoeller

### **Managed Deer Hunt Update**

**Introduction:** The Wildlife Committee's main concern in the last year has been implementing the Darnestown Deer Management Plan of 17 December 2004. To that end the following issues under Progress Report have been accomplished or completed. There is still much to do before the deer population comes into balance and the woodlands and forest begin to recover but we are making some headway. I would like to formalize the Wildlife Committee a little more by having some meetings to advance our progress, more at the end on this topic.

#### **Progress Report:**

1. **DNR reports;** Seneca Creek State Park Area 1 & 2 were open to archery deer hunting on October 15, 2005 through January 31, 2006, under a Managed Hunting Program. Rules and Conditions were established for archery hunters to follow on these two areas. As a special condition properly licensed hunters were required to obtain a free annual permit to hunt deer on this tract and to have the permit in their possession while hunting.

Overall the Managed Hunting Program on Seneca Hunting Area 1 & 2 proved to be a success. According to our recording database there were approximately 200 deer that were taken by archery hunters on these two hunting areas. There were no reported instances of negative encounters between archery hunters and other recreational users on the area. Neither were there any reported

incidents of trespass by archery hunters onto adjacent private property.

#### **2. Letter from Ken D'Loughy**

*I wanted to let you know that I am in the process of mailing you several informational items, for the Darnestown Community Association, that pertain to Seneca Creek State Park (SCSP) Hunting Areas 1&2. I am sending you a brief summary of the results of last season's archery hunting activity on SCSP Hunting Areas 1&2 and some administrative changes. Additionally I am enclosing a hunting plan proposal for expansion of archery hunting on SCSP Hunting Area 2, north to MD Route 28. I would appreciate any comments the Darnestown Community Association may have on that expansion proposal. I am also providing you with a copy of a deer hunting plan proposal for the Schaeffer Farm Tract of Seneca Creek State Park. A copy of this proposal is being sent to residents like yourself living adjacent to or in close proximity to the Schaeffer Farm Tract. Once again your comments are welcome on this proposal. Please contact me (or Walt Brown) if you have any specific questions or comments on the proposals. We look forward to working with you and the Darnestown Community Association on deer management issues.*

*Ken D'Loughy  
Central Region Manager Wildlife and  
Heritage Service  
kd'loughy@dnr.state.md.us  
(301-258-7308)*

Send your comments directly to Ken.

3. **Sunday Hunting Bill MC 602-06 Passed-** This bill was difficult to get passed but we had a good turnout and help from the Agricultural Community to support us. It is only TWO Sundays but we think it will be significant because most deer hunters only get out on Saturdays and this will give more

time in the woods for them. Again it ONLY applies to private property.

The bill says:

*" Provided that the provisions of § 10-415 of this title are met and subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of:*

*(i) The bow hunting season in November; and (ii) The deer firearms season."*

**Demonstration Project:** At the April Darnestown Executive Board Meeting the idea came up about a demonstration plot someplace in Darnestown. The idea would be to show the effects of over browsing/destruction of the undergrowth of a selected parcel of forest. Adjacent to this marked plot we would place a fenced in protected plot that would exclude the deer. The plants, bushes, wild flowers and small mammals and birds would be allowed to rejuvenate without any deer intervention. A similar project was done in Pennsylvania with dramatic results. If we approach this from a scientific basis and get DNR, Forestry Service, and the State Biologist etc. involved I believe we could draw some conclusions that will help in our campaign to restore the balance of nature. For example, How long before the woods grow back to normal? How long before the undergrowth and natural bushes comes back?

Please send me your input by email.

**The Purpose:** The Wildlife Committee was formed to manage the human-wildlife conflict through identification of problems, exploration of evidenced based solutions, partnering with other private and governmental organizations, engaging state and local government in implementing solutions, and the formation of action plans. The purpose is to decrease human-wildlife conflict and help restore the balance of a natural environment of the land, streams and forest around the Darnestown area.

If you would like to participate, please send me an email. Thanks to those of you who participated in both the feed back for deer management plan and other activities. I will coordinate a meeting for June so we can discuss the next steps

Larry Zoeller is the Chairperson of this committee and can be reached by email at [larryzoeller@comcast.net](mailto:larryzoeller@comcast.net) or telephone 301-869-9048.

## ***Zoning and Development Review Committee***

by Pam DuBois

The Darnestown Civic Association Zoning and Development Review Committee is responsible for monitoring site plans submitted to the county for development as well as re-zoning applications within Darnestown. Our goal is review the development plans and zoning applications to ensure that they are consistent with county zoning requirements and objectives as well as being compatible with the land uses and the greater Darnestown community.

Pam DuBois is the Chairperson for this committee and can be contacted by email at [pam.dubois@bolansmart.com](mailto:pam.dubois@bolansmart.com) or telephone 301-947-9550. Steve Ellis is Vice Chairperson.

## ***Darnestown Directory***

by Marsha Crowley

## **2006 Darnestown Directory Update**

As usual, the directory update has taken much longer to complete than I anticipated. As I write this, the second week of May, I am waiting to receive the first proof from the printer. It will now take another three to four weeks to complete. First I will send it out to the proofreaders to look over. When I receive their corrections, I will send those to Mary and/or the printer, depending what they are. It will most likely be another week for the correction to be made before it will be ready to print. I have already proof read the content four times. Each time either Vicki or Mary has to make the changes and

then send the database back to me to be read again. As you can see this is a very tedious process and takes time. If anyone has a better suggestion, I would love to hear it.

I believe I have said this before. I mistakenly believed that having the database on the computer would be easier than the "old days" when we "typed" the directory. It is not because it is so easy for names and/or addresses to disappear or appear incorrectly. An additional problem is that I think it can be "perfect". It cannot, so at some point I have to let it go. I know I drive Vicki and Mary crazy by changing any little thing that does not look right to me.

Again many thanks to all the people who have helped: Vicki Mostrom who maintains the database, Mary Stefanelli who converts the database for the printer and Bruce Deppa and Kate Rosenfeld for the map work. And the five people who have volunteered to proof read: Guy Armatrout, Kelly Bauer, Kelly Cameron, Bobbie Gill, Meredith Morris and Sarah Scherer.

And a big thanks to the advertisers, who have been very patient -- their deadline was over four months ago and that portion of the directory has been completed for quite awhile.

I had hoped you would receive the 2006 Directory before *The Little Acorn* but it will probably be delivered a week or two later.

We try very hard to be certain that the information in the directory is correct but, since we do not have block captains anymore going door to door there is no way to be absolutely certain that the information we have is the most up to date. You can help by sending me and/or Vicki ([mvmstrom@comcast.net](mailto:mvmstrom@comcast.net)) any changes. Please email (do not call) me any corrections or additions. Any changes/corrections will be published in the September edition of *The Little Acorn*. Please note that I have a new email address [mfcrowley777@msn.com](mailto:mfcrowley777@msn.com).



## Membership Committee

by Mary Stefanelli

We had a strong membership showing for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. The addition of the **Friends** contribution was very successful in that it allowed for a middle range between the **Member** and **Sponsor** categories.

There were 615 **Members**, 91 **Friends** and 86 **Sponsors**! We would like to thank all of you who chose to become a member of the Darnestown Civic Association. It is through your contribution that we are able to preserve the Darnestown Community and ensure its integrity.

Our fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Information on Membership for the 2006-2007 fiscal year will be sent out at the beginning of July. In the meantime, if you have any Membership questions, please feel free to contact the Chairperson of the Membership Committee Jean Jurgena by email [jmjurgena@hotmail.com](mailto:jmjurgena@hotmail.com) or telephone 301-840-1187.

Following is a list of paid Members, Friends, and Sponsors for the 2005-2006

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## ***Teal Ribbon Night ~ Thank You***

By Karlyn Kay

We would like to thank the Darnestown community for supporting Teal Ribbon Night on March 30. The event was a huge success, raising awareness and funds for ovarian cancer.

Proceeds benefited the Teal Ribbon Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. (TROCRF), a 501c3 organization located in Gaithersburg, MD. The goals of TROCRF are to raise funds to advance ovarian cancer research towards a cure, advocating for early diagnostic treatment programs and to improve the lives of ovarian cancer survivors.

We would like to thank the local business that sponsored our event, demonstrating their strong commitment to our community.

Sunburst Hospitality Corporation

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 Colorfile, Inc.  
 Color Me Mine, Kentlands  
 Lifetime Smile  
 Whole Foods, Kentlands

Thank you for your support. Together we will make a difference!

Some facts about ovarian cancer:

- Ovarian cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States.
- Ovarian cancer kills more women than all the Gynecologic Oncology combined.
- Ovarian cancer occurs in 1 in 57 women.

- More than 16,000 women will die this year alone and more than 25,500 will be diagnosed.
- Annually, in the Greater Washington D.C. area (including MD, VA and D.C.) an estimated 2,000 women will learn they have ovarian cancer and about 600 women will die from ovarian cancer.
- Ovarian cancer is very treatable when caught early; the vast majority of cases are not diagnosed until too late. When ovarian cancer is caught before it has spread outside the ovaries, 90+% will survive 5 years.
- Only 24% of ovarian cancer is caught early.
- When diagnosed after the disease has spread the chance of five-year survival drops to less than 25%.
- Ovarian cancer is difficult to diagnose.
- There is no reliable screening test for the early detection of ovarian cancer.

For more information about ovarian cancer or TROCRF, visit [www.trocrf.org](http://www.trocrf.org)

### ***Darnestown's Greg Clemmer Wins History Book Award***

Gregg S. Clemmer of Darnestown, Maryland, is the 2005 recipient of the Douglas Southall Freeman History Award for his outstanding, in-depth biography, *Old Alleghany: The Life and Wars of General Ed Johnson*. This book prize is named for the late Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, noted editor of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and double winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his biographies of Robert E. Lee and George Washington.

The Freeman History Award recognizes the work of highest merit in the field of Southern history with coverage from the colonial period to the present. The prize is a cash award of \$1000 and an inscribed plaque.

Clemmer joins such other notable authors as Virginus Dabney (*The Last Review*, 1985) and Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. (*Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend*, 1997).

Gregg is best known locally for his annual contribution to Darnestown History Day. For nearly 20 years, he's regaled the fourth graders of Darnestown Elementary School with stories and artifacts of their local civil war heritage.

### ***Darne Bloomers Garden Club***

by Nettie Koepenick

#### **Deer, Deal With It**

Well, it's that time of year when gardeners are optimistic with thoughts of lush flowering gardens and bountiful crops. Then a quick inventory of your landscape reminds you that your garden is the buffet line for our local deer population.

According to the Maryland Cooperative Extension Handbook deer are selective feeders. "They forage on plants with considerable discrimination. Landscaping based on a knowledge of deer feeding preferences can provide an alternative to the use of expensive repellents and unsightly physical barriers." It goes on to say that deer are creatures of habit and prior movement patterns or foraging experience can foretell where the danger will occur. Deer are known to feed selectively on fertilized plants. New plantings added to an existing landscape already severely damaged by deer will likely suffer from some browsing. No plant species will be avoided under all conditions.

With that said don't despair, you can cohabitate successfully if you follow these simple steps:

First get rid of plants that deer consider a staple in their diets. Trees and shrubs like azaleas, hydrangeas, euonymous, yew, arborvitea, some hollies, and roses.

Perennials/annuals: hosters, impatiens, tulips, phlox, and ivy. You'll know which ones that are in your yard... they are the ones that are eaten down to the nubs.

I know this seems harsh, but in order to break their routine this step is necessary. Then start planting varieties that they are less likely to be attracted to, such as:

Barberry, boxwood, spruce, Japanese Pieris, Leucothoe, American and Chinese Holly, dogwood, English hawthorn, honey locust, laurels, junipers, inkberry pines, flowering cherry, willows, lilac and wisteria, maples, serviceberry, flowering quince, smokebush, cotoneaster, cedar, witch hazel, and rose of sharon, spirea, and nandia; and anything else in your yard that they are not currently eating.

Perennials/annuals and bulbs like: daffodils, hyacinth, iris, coreopsis, lambs ear, pacasandra, vinca, salvia, bleeding heart, astilbe, fox glove, artemesia, catmint, yarrow, and ornamental grasses.

You may have to continue to use deer repellants for a season or two until their pattern is fully broken, remember to reapply after every rain. In the long run it will be worth it and your garden will be blooming with success. Then on occasion stop gazing at your beautiful garden and wave to the deer in your neighbors yard.

Maryland Master Gardeners Handbook, page 12-22 thru 24.

### ***Emily Bosco Chosen As A Carson Scholar***

By Luanne Deppa

Emily Bosco was nominated by Darnestown Elementary School to be recognized as a Carson Scholar. The Carson Scholars Fund, started 10 years ago by Dr. Ben Carson and his wife, recognizes students in grades 4-11 who earned the highest level of academic achievement and also displayed humanitarian qualities. Emily had to submit an essay about characteristics of a hero and that hero's impact on her own life. Emily wrote about Anne Frank. In addition, her fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Deppa, had to submit an applicant profile describing Emily's love of learning and her accomplishments. Emily was selected as one of the Nationwide Carson Scholars and was honored at a banquet on April 23 in Baltimore. She received a \$1000 Scholarship that will be invested for college.

In addition, at the banquet, Emily received the Vicki Rosen Memorial Award, given to only one of the 500 Carson Scholar children. This award honors Emily's kindness, compassion, and helping others, which were characteristics of the late Mrs. Rosen, who was the Co-Director of the Carson Scholars Fund. Emily has donated half of this \$500 award to Darnestown Elementary School, The Dwelling Place and The Carson Scholars Fund in appreciation for the wonderful influence all of these have had in her life.

Emily is the daughter of Lauren and John Bosco of Scottish Autumn Lane.

### ***Is Your Money Managing You?***

By Carla Morelli-Jurgena

You know the feeling...you have multiple accounts, bills due at different times of the month, quarterly tax payments, a variety of investments...and barely any time to balance your checking account. One way or another, your money is managing you - you either spend too much time managing all the details, or not enough time managing any of them.



Enter Carla Morelli-Jurgena and Freyer Money Management with an unusual but appealing approach to handling personal finances: outsource it.

Designed to address an unmet need she had, Freyer was created to manage all the financial details, like bill paying, that people don't have the time or interest to handle themselves. There's an added bonus for many of eliminating late fees and finance charges, enjoying higher credit scores and, ultimately, qualifying for lower interest rates.

It's early in a young industry, like lawn care and house cleaning used to be - personal services that people would never have dreamed of subscribing to but now can't imagine living without.

Carla intends to make Freyer the first nationally recognized name in secure personal finance management. When people ask how she plans to

accomplish such an ambitious goal, she replies, "Well, for starters, clients can live anywhere in the country, as we hardly ever see them. That's part of why they hire us – they're typically too busy to even return phone calls and they count on us to free up their time, not take more of it. Since location isn't as critical to growth, we can eventually have several larger offices strategically placed throughout the country rather than many small offices serving only local markets. It's much easier to manage."

Her ideas are already taking shape. In the next 18 months, Carla will begin acquiring a company in California that has a close working partnership with Freyer. The merged firm, Freyer Maxwell, will be the first in the country with national offices.

So, how do you know if a Personal Finance Manager would be helpful to you?

You might find relief if:

- ☐ You are too busy with work, family or travel to keep your finances in order
- ☐ You have recently experienced a significant life change (divorce, death of a spouse) and are feeling ill-equipped to handle the day-to-day burden of financial details alone
- ☐ You have an elderly parent whose attention to detail is failing
- ☐ You are in poor health and don't feel able to properly manage money matters.

Carla believes that regardless of one's situation, peace of mind comes from total support. "A personal finance manager can be a core member of your financial support team, working to ensure that your financial life is well managed," she says, "Your time and attention are freed, allowing you to focus where you are most effective and satisfied. That's Freyer's goal."

For more information or a free consultation, call Freyer Money Management at 240-631-7997.



## ***Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club***

by Sean Cassidy

Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club (DSRC) is open for 2006 and better than ever! The Club boasts several new improvements to its tennis courts, pools and clubhouse (all discussed below) that will keep the Club attractive for years to come. Of course, what makes DSRC such a special place is its diverse membership, its volunteers, family-friendly nature and social events for all ages.

The Club's six tennis courts were recently resurfaced and look beautiful! As always, we have a full tennis schedule this season run by professionals with clinics, teams and social events for all ages. The popular Women's Tennis program meets on Tuesday nights and the Men's Tennis program get together on Wednesday evenings. Several "Adult Socials" are already on the calendar for June and July so please check the Club's calendar of events ([www.dsclub.org](http://www.dsclub.org)).

DSRC also has a beautiful new baby pool for the 2006 season! The new pool is larger than the one it replaced and will be easier for little ones to enter and exit since it features a "zero depth" wade-in area. The deck area around the new baby pool area also has many umbrellas providing shade from the summer sun. The pool's pump room was also recently upgraded to help ensure consistent filtration and water quality.

Finally, the Club's snack bar was substantially enlarged and its menu of options expanded. This should make it even easier for families to find some tempting treats during those long afternoons in the sun!

Swim and tennis team registration took place in May with events scheduled to begin in June. DSRC welcomes the arrival of the new Harris Teeter store (same location as the old Food Lion at Route 28/Seneca), especially since Harris Teeter will help sponsor the swim team with shirts and banners.

DSRC has welcomed 20 new members already this year. Any Darnestown family interested in joining the Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club should



contact Alice Kimball, our Membership Director for details.

New items are added to the Club's schedule almost every week, so please visit [www.dsclub.org](http://www.dsclub.org) for contact information of Board members and/or management, our social schedule and other important announcements.

**SEE YOU ALL THIS SUMMER!!!**

### ***Friends of Quince Orchard Library***

by Elizabeth Cookson

Dogs in a Reading Program is a fascinating new pilot project at the Library. Quince Orchard is working with Thurgood Marshall second grade students and volunteers from National Capital Therapy Dogs to facilitate the ease of reading. The therapy dog, under the direction of its handler, provides the audience for a student's half hour reading session once a week. This program has been tried in other areas but this is the first time in Montgomery County public libraries. The students enjoy reading to a, presumably, appreciative and delightful audience, which gives them confidence. If the program is continued in the fall, the reading specialist at the school will test the children at the start and end of the program to make sure it is an effective program for that child. I don't know how the dogs feel about the reading sessions. However the handlers will probably become an expert in children's literature.

Another first is Summer Reading for Adults. This new Summer Reading program is designed as a challenge for adults to read the book they've always intended to read and never have. It could be Alice in Wonderland, Gone with the Wind, or whatever. Participants set their own reading goals and choose their own titles. You do need to complete an entry form, which asks why you selected that particular book and your experience reading it. If you consent, your story will be on the library web site. Not only will this be fun, but also each branch will have a drawing from the entries and the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate. The challenge, which is countywide, runs from June 14 to September 10. If your children are participating in their own

summer reading program, this will be another challenge to see who reads the most.

The Library is hoping that book clubs will encourage their members to participate and look forward to the fall session to find out what the other members have read over the summer months.

The old news is about ongoing activities. The popular Indian Utsav took place at the end of April with food from Madras Palace, dancing and other entertainment by the Indian Community.

The Friends were delighted to be invited to the Aggregate Industries 14th Annual Earth day Celebration at the Travilah Quarry. The proceeds benefit the Library as well community schools for which we are very grateful.

Book Sales will start again in the fall after a break for the summer. Donations of books are always welcome for the ongoing sale near the New Books shelves. A tax receipt is available at the Library.

Community Day will be Saturday, June 17, and should be another great day with lots of music and activities.

### ***From Our Schools***

#### **Butler School**

by Lisa Daley

Nebulas, Anti-matter, Milky Way, Life Cycles of Stars, Mercury, Black Holes, Constellations, Pluto/New Horizons Mission, and Aliens are just a few of the topics Intermediate students at Butler discussed during a recent "Astronomy Night" presentation. These students have been studying astronomy by calculating the speed of light with a brownie and a microwave, making and launching a comet, designing and testing Martian Landers with water balloon astronauts inside, and searching Butler's campus for micrometeorites (they found one). This presentation exemplifies the high quality education that the seventh and eighth graders at Butler receive on a daily basis. Hands on lessons, specialized materials, and "real life" experiences make Butler's high school preparatory education

exceed many of the other schools. Several parents have commented that their children are learning and reading materials that are often not taught in AP classes in high school or even until college.

Maria Montessori would be proud of our Intermediate students as they incorporate her ideas into their daily life. They have a deep understanding that they are part of a community that is responsible for its school, surroundings, and each other and that as a community they work together to solve problems. Small classes lend themselves to individualized lessons. Students feel satisfied that their workload is neither too hard nor too easy. In addition to smaller classes, the students enjoy many opportunities to take trips off campus, as a class or in small groups, in order to *SEE* what they are learning about instead of just hearing about it. Intermediate students also appreciate the fact that they have the opportunity to get to know their teachers and their teachers take the time and effort to get to know them as individuals. They realize that this leads to a more relaxed atmosphere and as they like to say, "nicer teachers." At Butler, students have an appreciation of their beautiful surroundings, wide-open spaces, and lack of fear due to violence and bullies.

For the coming school year we will be adding another Primary class for children ages 3 to 5. To find out more information about Butler School and the Montessori method of teaching and learning, contact us at 301-977-6600 or view our website: [www.butlerschool.org](http://www.butlerschool.org). At Butler School, we feel that life is a journey.... Start at the right place, investigate a Montessori education at Butler School.

### **Darnestown Elementary**

by Cathy Sharpe

DES raised hundreds of dollars for the American Heart Association and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the recent "Jump Rope for Heart" and "Pennies for Patients" events at the school.

The school celebrated "Character Counts Week" last month with a number of special events that demonstrated the DES pillars of caring, citizenship, fairness, trustworthiness, respect and responsibility.

Highlights included an uplifting character educational assembly called "Nana Puddin" and a display of the first-ever DES Character Quilt. Each grade was assigned a different character pillar and the students created six quilts showcasing what the pillars mean to them.

"The Greatest Show on Earth" was the theme of the annual DES talent show and what a show it was! More than 85 students shared song and dance performances; vocal, piano and drum solos; gymnastics, martial arts, skateboarding and biking demonstrations and skits. Student emcees kept the program flowing with their introductions and jokes. Also, several staff members "brought the house down" with their special musical numbers.

Students and parents said a big thank you to Darnestown's staff during Appreciation Week last month. There were special breakfast, lunch and dessert parties and students also brought in notes and flowers for their teachers.

It was a great time for everyone who attended the annual DES spring event at Smokey Glen Farm. Young and old alike enjoyed everything from moon bounces and hayrides to miniature golf, kickball and a 25-foot rock-climbing wall. Smokey Glen presented a delicious barbecue chicken buffet dinner. The DJ spun current favorites and a few "oldies but goodies" that had lots of folks kicking up their heels.

DES students have had many wonderful educational and cultural experiences these past two months. Kindergarteners once again hatched several healthy ducklings. Want to know about weather patterns and phenomena? Just ask a first or fifth grader. WJLA meteorologist Brian van de Graaff treated them to a special visit. Second graders have been learning about communities and the people who make them work. They even got to make their own town using recyclable materials during a visit to the National Building Museum. Third graders grew gorgeous *Brassica* flowers as they learned about plant growth and development. And, of course, everyone had lots of fun during Science Day last month. Thanks to the "Mad Science" presenters, students now know what it takes to be a detective

and what it takes to hear sounds. They were also treated to a special visit by award-winning author Peter Parente and his pets -- a kinkajou and a two-toed sloth.

Fourth graders stepped back in time with the Darnestown Historical Society during Darnestown Day. Students visited the Darnestown Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, and learned about early farming techniques and doll making. They also tracked Darnestown's history from the Civil War to today on a comprehensive timeline. The fifth graders experienced life as a colonial child during "Colonial Day" held in April. The students had an opportunity to do everything from writing with quill pens and sealing their letters with wax to making medicine with dried snails, chalk and live worms and pounding designs on tin crafts. And their recent adventures in Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown are memories that they will carry with them for years to come.

Best wishes to all of the fifth graders as they move up to middle school and new learning experiences. Their promotion ceremony will be held at the School on Tuesday evening, June 13.

The 2006-07 PTA Officers are already hard at work planning activities for the upcoming school year. They are:

|                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Co-Presidents:                      | Kathy O'Rourke<br>Diane Harris |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Co-Vice Presidents: | Sharon Beautz<br>Sunita Tohan  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Co-Vice Presidents: | Faith Frankel<br>Bonnie Lippe  |
| Co-Treasurers:                      | Valli Dell'Acqua<br>Dawn Dinh  |
| Parliamentarian:                    | Denise Hathaway                |
| Corresponding Secretary:            | Heath Honeycutt                |
| Recording Secretary:                | Kristen Huntley                |
| MCCPTA Delegate:                    | Sue Gordon                     |
| Northwest Cluster Reps:             | Ellen Foreman<br>Kelley Rogers |

There is still an opening for one MCCPTA Delegate.

It's been another terrific year at Darnestown Elementary!

## **Jones Lane Elementary**

by Diane Schmid

Spring is finally here!!! The Jones Lane community has been busy hosting several fun filled events. Jones Lane families danced the night away at Kingview Middle School on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Annual JLES PTA Rock Hop. Fun was had by all. Thanks go out to Terri Cohen and Susan Levy for once again chairing this committee.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> we had our second Parent Education Program of the year. Nutritionist Katharina Pesquera shared loads of valuable information with parents about the nutritional needs of elementary school children, feeding relationship/dynamics and snacking/meal ideas. We appreciate the time and energy put into this very informative program. Thank you to Amy Mircoff for coordinating this event.

On April 20<sup>st</sup> the students were treated to a Cultural Arts Program titled the "Rolling Rain Forest". The students were able to enter a mobile rain forest and experience the sights and sounds of the Amazon. The kids loved it!! The JLES PTA also sponsored an ice cream social on May 1<sup>st</sup> to reward students who were able to do without TV for "Turn Off TV Week" which was April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Michele Hodges for coordinating this event.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the PTA hosted "Jagfiesta" at Smokey Glen along with our silent auction. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Numerous families came out to join the celebration. On May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, Jones Lane held its Kindergarten Orientation. It is always fun to welcome a new crop of little ones!! The 2006-2007 school year will be the first year for all-day kindergarten at Jones Lane.

June will also have several exciting events such as Field Day, the JLES Spring Concert, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Ceremony and Flag Day.

The JLES PTA was happy to welcome Dan Shea, Quince Orchard High School Principal, to our May PTA meeting. Mr. Shea shared his thoughts on high school testing, decision points on accelerating and remediating students and school safety. We enjoyed his comments and thank him for joining us.

At the May PTA meeting new officers were elected. We have a great team in place for 2006/2007. Congratulations to Martha Segreti, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Michelle Cornblatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Ellison Onsi, Treasurer; and Susan Levy, Secretary. They will begin their term in office on July 1.

Congratulations to all four Jones Lane Destination Imagination teams who made it to the State Tournament. What a great accomplishment. Thank you to all for the very generous volunteer hours that went into making this program so successful. We wish lots of luck to Mrs. Brown's Middle School team and Mrs. Rogers team who will go onto Globals in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 24-27.

I would also like to congratulate Kristen Conrad, a fourth grader from Jones Lane who recently received an Award of Excellence for her photography entry in the state Reflections competition.

Congratulations to our teams from the Black Saga Competition on their performance at the state competition on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Towson University. The JLES teams did very well and really made us all proud.

### **Northwest High School**

by Madeline D'Alessio

The band Fishfood was selected to compete in Northwest's Battle of the Bands competition. The all Darnestown band includes: David Tony, TJ Callahan, Nick Carey and Josh Wheeler.

Congratulations to the athletes from Darnestown who earned a spot to compete at the Maryland State Indoor Track & Field meet: Becca Stinner, Kathy Aherne, Raphael Chazelle, Chad Hoggle, David D'Alessio and Robert Allaway.

The NW Boys and Girls Swim and Dive Teams won the regular Division IV season and Divisionals. It included Margie Bivans, Anna D'Alessio, Joshua Santangelo, Joseph Santangelo, Karina Ayalde-Perez, Stefanie Zaner and Remi Jeffrey-Coker.

Congratulations to the following winners of the Jaguar Awards for winter sports:

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Cheerleading:           | Brooke Cheripko |
| Girls Indoor Track:     | Cara Anderson   |
| Boys Swimming & Diving: | Chris Pegnato   |
| Wrestling:              | Jim Aherne      |

The NWHS Volleyball team includes Juan Hernandex (co-ed), Daniel Clemmer (boys) and Boys Varsity Co-Captain Travis Watts. Paul Sabin is playing Lacrosse this season. Women's LAX includes Kristen Keefer, Sarah Gadoci, Candice Carmichael, and Stephanie Saulsbury. Kristen Abbott is playing softball. John Keefer and Stefano Nungovitch play Men's Tennis. Garrett Hudler is playing Varsity Baseball.

The Northwest Forensics Team had an excellent performance this year. The overall team standing was third in the county!! Award winners include:

|                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Ensemble Acting: | Margie Bivans<br>Amy Farhood |
| Readers Theater: | Hannah Debelius              |

For the fourth year in a row, ALL Northwest students who participated in the District II Solo and Ensemble Festivals earned a '1' - Superior or '2' - Excellent, the highest scores awarded. The students prepared solo or small group performances and were evaluated by judges, who rated the performance on a scale of 1-5. As I write this they are preparing for the Maryland State Instrumental Music Festival. Congratulations to the following Northwest Band and Orchestra students: Margie Bivans, Amy Farhood, Michael Waddell, Stephanie Saulsbury, Dereck Paul, Stefanie Zaner, Sean Gordon, Anna D'Alessio, and Cody Lang.

Dereck Paul represented Northwest H.S. at the 2006 Maryland All State Junior Honors Band. Students

participated in a three-day conference, which included rehearsals and a concert at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Brad Irish was The Tin Man in the NWHS production of *The Wiz*. Check him out this summer as Batman at Six Flags Amusement Park.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> the "Top 25" students from the Class of 2006 were honored at a recognition dinner at the Golden Bull restaurant. These are the Top 25 students (of about 450) with the highest GPA at Northwest over the last 4 years. Each of these students also selects the staff member who has had the most impact on their success. Honorees this year include Robbie Wildman, Hannah Debelius, Maggie Mariani, Stefano Nungovitch, and Nisha Dhillon.

Best of luck to the Class of 2006 from Darnestown who are heading off to the following places:

- Kristen Abbott - Towson University
- Jim Aherne - Salisbury University
- Cara Anderson - American University *majoring in Political Science*
- Margaret Bivans - Mary Baldwin College - *awarded a 1/2 scholarship*
- Amanda Bond - University of Denver
- Joe Braun - University of Miami to major in Ecosystems Science and Policy - *awarded a 50% scholarship based on academic merit*
- Candice Carmichael - Salisbury University
- Hannah Debelius - College of William and Mary
- Stephen Deminco - Purdue University - *majoring in Engineering*
- Namisha Dhillon - University of Pennsylvania - *Vagelos Research Scholarship*
- Amy Farhood - University of Maryland
- Sara Gadoci - Salisbury University
- Mary Hanson - Villa Julie College
- Brad Irish - Calvin College in Grand Rapids

Michigan - *studying film (acting, production and direction)*

- Frances Jeffrey-Coker - Columbia University - *majoring in Engineering*

- Leslee Johnson - Fairleigh Dickinson in Madison, NJ
- Maggie Mariani - Colgate University - *the Principal's award and a special citation from Senator Rob Garagiola [Mont. Cty. Legislative District #15], Straight A's last 2 quarters of her senior year, Citizenship Award, and author of a Four-act Pla called "Fragile-This End Up" that tells the story of a group of high school friends for Ulysses Project*
- Stefano Nungavitch - University of Maryland - *majoring in Engineering*
- Stephanie Saulsbury - McDaniel College
- Robbie Wildman - Wake Forest University.. *Maryland Distinguished Scholar Award - Honorable mention.*

NW Alumni Update: Chris Van Sickle has graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a BA in Political Science. He was SGA President and won the Coppersmith award for Political Leadership.

## Seneca Academy And The Circle School

by Jodi Thurmond

The school auction, "Starry Nights", was a tremendous success and funds raised by our parents were used to purchase additional playground equipment. The new equipment will be used in Seneca's physical education curriculum for upper body strengthening and to improve students' agility. As a special party favor, each attendee of the auction received a photo of their child affixed to a shiny star.

Progress in the Schoolyard Habitat has been rapid with the advent of warmer weather. A dry streambed and stone steps were completed and older students planted appropriate groundcover and native, deer resistant plants in the area. Students have been amazed to observe the reemergence of water lilies, frogs and fish in the wildlife pond and the water has been teeming with tadpoles as well. New trees have been planted in the vicinity to provide additional homes for birds. Students of all ages are utilizing the habitat as a learning laboratory in many curricular areas while the intermediate

students are charged with habitat maintenance as suggested by the National Wildlife Federation's guidelines for Schoolyard Habitats.

Also, the intermediate students in Grades 5-8 recently participated in a lock-in. The overnight at the school included assembling "hobo" dinners and cooking them in the fire pit, observing wildlife at night, playing flashlight tag, exuberant dancing and enjoying games in the Gathering Room.

Many students in the school have been participating in a "virtual" walk to the Quince Orchard Library as part of the Seneca Walking Club. This club was initiated to encourage students to improve their physical fitness and an indoor trail was established to provide students with a measured walk. An outdoor trail can be utilized in appropriate weather.

Preschool classes have been busy as well. Art created in the nursery classrooms was displayed with art pieces created by the older students at the annual Music and Art Show in April. Several preschool classes also traveled to Homestead Farm for strawberry picking with their classmates and parents.

A highlight of spring was the visit of Kevin Reese, Resident Artist, who worked with students throughout our school to create a unique art piece for installation in front of our building. The design and fabrication of the mobile integrated the subject areas of art, mathematics and physics. We were thrilled to be a part of the nationwide program, "School Sculpture".

Another highlight was the visit of The Dennis Walters Golf Show. This inspirational show highlighted the resilience of the human spirit and was sponsored for Seneca by TPC Avenel as part of their community outreach program.

Camp Seneca will begin in June for children ages 4-8 and this year will feature the theme, Passport to the World. Older students aged 8-10 may register for Seneca Art Camp. Both camps are open to any interested children in the community.

Finally we congratulate Sidney Leno, Colton Harrington and Bijan Bendt for their poetry that was selected for inclusion in the book, A Celebration of Young Poets, and to Thomas Asensio, Dean Szollosy, and Jon Spear for winning awards in the International Aviation poster contest.

### ***Places of Worship***

#### **Gaithersburg Chinese Alliance Church**

13101 Darnestown Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-869-8343

#### **Germantown Baptist Church**

1740 Riffle Ford Road  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-428-3622

#### **Or Chadash**

23 W. Diamond Ave., Suite 203  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-972-6426

#### **Our Lady of the Visitation**

14139 Seneca Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
301-948-5536

#### **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

11900 Darnestown Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-869-3666

#### **St. Nicholas Episcopal Church**

Worshipping at Darnestown Presbyterian  
240-631-2800

#### **Seneca Community Church**

13900 Berryville Road  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-869-9326

#### **Temple Beth Ami**

14330 Travilah Road  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-340-6818

## NEWCOMERS

### *Are You a New Resident of Darnestown?*

If you are a new resident of Darnestown, welcome to our neighborhood! The information on this page should be helpful and will introduce you to some things that give Darnestown a sense of community.

The Darnestown Civic Association, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation originally formed in 1967, which represents the interests of Darnestown area residents in all matters pertaining to the welfare of Darnestown and its residents. The general purposes of the DCA are explained in its bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Payment of annual dues (\$25 per individual or family) enables you to vote on issues during Town Meetings.

The fiscal year of the DCA is July 1 through June 30, and annual dues billing statements are mailed out at the end of June each year, although dues may be paid any time during a given year. Current officers of the DCA are listed in *The Little Acorn*.

#### **Mailing Address:**

Darnestown Civic Association  
14100 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874

**Boundaries:** Since Darnestown is not incorporated, it has no official boundaries. The activities and focus of the DCA include an area of some 12 square miles, centered approximately at the intersection of Maryland Routes 28 and 112 (Darnestown Road and Seneca Road). Maps are available at Town Meetings.

**The Little Acorn newsletter** is published quarterly, in March, June, September and December. Its name derives from its origin as a tiny newsletter in the Ancient Oak subdivision more than 20 years ago. Now it is mailed (3rd class) to every residential address that we have in our DCA data base. This name and address file is maintained by volunteers, based on information from our block captains, from our annual billing statement returns and from any information that we receive from the neighborhoods. The newsletter should arrive in your mailbox early in each of the above months. If you don't receive an issue, please contact the editors or any DCA officer. Publication of *The Little Acorn* is entirely a volunteer effort except for the printing and mailing.

**Town Meetings** are held quarterly by the DCA, usually on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of March, June, September and December in the Fellowship Hall of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church at the intersection of Route 28 and Turkey Foot Road. Meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., but are not called to order until 7:45 to allow some time for meeting neighbors, etc. Each issue of *The Little Acorn* features an announcement about the upcoming Town Meeting.

Annual Meeting and Election of DCA Officers coincide with the Town Meeting in June. Nominations are announced in *The Little Acorn* in advance of the Annual Meeting in accordance with the bylaws of the GDCA.

**Telephone Directory:** Every two years, the DCA publishes a directory of residents' names, addresses and phone numbers and mails it to every residential address in our database. To obtain a copy of the Directory, call Marsha Crowley at 301-840-9428. They are only available while supplies last.

**Organizations, Clubs, Groups, PTAs, etc.** provide much of the social interaction that give any area a sense of community. Below are many of Darnestown's organizations:

#### **Barnesville School**

21830 Peach Tree Road  
P.O. Box 404  
Barnesville, MD 20838  
301-972-0341  
Jaryllyn Hough, Head of School

#### **Boy Scout Troop 1094**

Scoutmaster Bud Wildman (301-990-8318)

#### **Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts**

Cathy Sharpe (301-519-9520)

#### **Butler School**

15951 Germantown Road  
Cheryl Rowe, Academic Head (301-977-6600)

#### **Circle School/Seneca Academy**

15601 Germantown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Jodi Thurmond, Head of School (301-869-3728)

#### **Cub Scout Pack 1094**

Gordon Bodnar (240-632-0018)/Mike Joyce (301-926-0526)

#### **Darne Bloomers Garden Club**

Louise Evans, President  
Betsy Kingman, Membership (301-921-1988)

#### **Darnestown Civic Association**

14100 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Scott Mostrom, President (301-330-8290)

#### **Darnestown Elementary School**

15030 Turkey Foot Road  
Darnestown, MD 20878  
Cynthia Duranko, Principal (301-840-7157)  
Elaine Rial, PTA President

#### **Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club**

P. O. Box 3574  
Darnestown, MD 20885  
Alice Kimball, Membership (301-977-4785)

#### **Friends of the Library-Quince Orchard Chapter**

Membership, Elizabeth Cookson (301-869-6326)

#### **Jones Lane Elementary School**

15110 Jones Lane  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Carole Sample, Principal (301-840-8160)  
Diane Schmid, PTA President

#### **Mary of Nazareth School**

14131 Seneca Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Michael J. Friel, Principal (301-869-0940)

#### **Quince Orchard Community Library**

Quince Orchard Road  
240-777-0200

#### **National Capital Trap and Skeet Club**

Rifleford Road, Between Rtes 28 and 118  
(301-948-2266)

#### **Northwest High School**

12501 Richter Farm Road  
Germantown, Maryland 20874  
Sylvia Morrison, Principal (301-601-4660)  
Mark Cantwell, PTSA President

#### **Quince Orchard High School**

15800 Quince Orchard Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Mr. Daniel Shea, Principal (301-840-4686)

#### **Ridgeview Middle School**

16600 Raven Rock Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Dr. Carol Levine, Principal (301-840-4770)  
Sue Gordon, PTSA President

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