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Civic Association News & Notes

Notes from the President

by Lisa Patterson-Troike

If it weren't for my friend Karen on Turkey Foot Road, it's possible none of us would have found out about the abduction and robbery on Jones Lane as quickly as we did. She took the time to send me an email describing the crimes that had taken place in early to mid April. She was told first hand from a friend who had been victimized.

For those of you who are not familiar with the case, a Darnestown woman was returning home at around 12 midnight on Jones Lane in early April. A car came out of a side street and proceeded to ram the back bumper of her SUV. They motioned for her to pull over. She called 911 and was told to pull over. Luckily, she had enough sense NOT to pull over. When the perpetrators saw her on the phone, they Uturned and sped away. She reported it to the police.

Two weeks later, again around 12 midnight, a man was driving home on Jones Lane. His car was purposefully struck from behind and he pulled over. Two men with weapons bound, gagged and put him in the trunk of his car. For a few hours, they drove Next DCA Town Meeting

Thursday, June 21st 7:30 p.m.

DCA 2012 – 2013 Board Elections

Darnestown Presbyterian Church Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road

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Notes from the President

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around visiting ATM's with his debit card to retrieve money. They returned him and his car to the historic Baptist Church on Jones Lane. He had been severely beaten. The suspects are still at large. Please see the police bulletin (page 7) posted in this Little Acorn for more information or visit www.mymcpnews.com.

I immediately confirmed the Jones Lane story and Kevin Keegan, our DCA Safety Chairman, called Montgomery County Police for more information. After 6 phone calls to different offices of MoCo Police, he finally reached someone who would talk about the incidents. Our concern was "Why hadn't the public been told?" He convinced the police to put out a news bulletin. The DCA proceeded to send a blast email out to our members. Within hours, our community was aware of the crimes.

This is a wonderful example of what our association does for you. WE CARE about the safety and wellbeing of our friends and neighbors. I have personally put together a neighborhood email list for Esworthy Road and Hartley Hall Place. Crime will never go away, but with communication and cooperation, we can be more aware and make it less likely to happen.

Last year, I was alerted to a scam that had taken place here on Esworthy Road. Two men with a broken down vehicle were flagging motorists to stop. They explained that a tow truck was coming and the company would only take cash for the tow. The Darnestown resident gave them money and went on his merry way. A few months later, the resident pulled over to help another broken down vehicle. It was the same men with the same explanation. I sent an email to my neighborhood list and Darnestown friends describing the scam. I must have gotten emails from over 10 people that had stopped and given money to these scam artists. We have asked people to get a license plate number and call the police non-emergency line to report them. Low and behold, they have been seen twice since the email alert.

Please send me an email, if something has happened someone vou know. to vou or at lisaapatterson@aol.com. We want to protect the people of Darnestown and surrounding areas as much as possible.

If you would like to become a member, send a check for \$25 made out to DCA to: DCA, 14132B Darnestown Road, Darnestown, MD 20874. Give us your email address and indicate you would like to be put on the email alert list. Your information will remain private and will only be used for alerts that are Darnestown related.

On another note, I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Candidate Debate at the Town Meeting on March 19th. What started as a suggestion posed by Dick Jurgena at a winter board meeting, turned into a successful debate attended by over 120 people! A bipartisan committee of 7 DCA members: Michael Gottlieb, Dick Jurgena, Art Slesinger, Guy Armantrout, Bob Thompson, and Steve Ellis put together the rules, regulations and subject matter. We had a fantastic showing of candidates with 5 Democrats and 5 Republicans. Many of the attendees mentioned that the debate had changed who they were going to vote for because you got a real unbiased sense of each candidates' agenda and what was important to them. Flip to the article by Bob Thompson, DCA Vice President, for more play by play of our big night!

Lastly, I would like to ask if there is anyone out there who would like to volunteer on our board? As always, we need help with a variety of issues. There will be some new and exciting projects coming up that involve the old "Uncle Charlies" location and the huge property across the street. I am unable to comment further at this time, but let me put it this way......we've been waiting for this for over 20 years. Is that enough of a hint? Contact me to find out all the areas where we need help at lisaapatterson@aol.com.

Darnestown Directory

by Sarah Scherer

We will publish a new Directory in the fall. Please be sure to let us know any updates in your



neighborhood. You can send them to me at 240-683-8533 or sarahscherer@comcast.net. Thank you!

Please welcome new neighbors to Darnestown: Dieter Blume & Anne Voegele 13509 Scottish Autumn Lane 301-208-2098

Reza & Fara Makarehchi 15636 Haddonfield Way 301-343-4061

DCA Candidates Forum Debate

by Bob Thompson

Darnestown Civic Association Sponsors Pre-Primary U.S. Congressional District Six, **Candidates Forum Debate.**

On a completely non-partisan basis, the Darnestown Civic Association invited the announced candidates for the recently re-districted United States House of Representatives 6th Congressional District to our Civic Association Town Meeting on March 15, 2012, at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church. Candidates discussed issues of importance to Darnestown.

In case you are unaware, Darnestown is currently in Congressional District 8, the current incumbent being Hon. Chris van Hollen(D). Effective with the 2012 election and the new Congress in January 2012, Darnestown will be in Congressional District 6, along with most of Western Maryland. The current incumbent is the Hon. Roscoe Bartlett(R).



There were many announced candidates assembled for what became a wide-open primary race. The DCA was able to get 10 candidates to attend:, Rob Garagiola (D); John Delaney (D); Kathy Afzali (R); Brandon Rippeon (R); Charles Bailey (D); Peter James (R); Joe Krysztoforski (R); Dr. Milad Pooran (D); Ron Little (D); and David Brinkley (R). The current incumbent, the Hon. Roscoe Bartlett (R), committed, but had to cancel at the last moment. The number of candidates was unprecedented, especially considering both major parties were represented.



A DCA subcommittee designed questions ahead of time, and each candidate answered the same questions

taking turns, so it really gave attendees an opportunity to compare the candidates. The questions ranged from an additional bridge crossing over the Potomac, to the National Energy Policy and gave the candidates a good chance to present their views on policy and the relative role of government. DCA President Lisa Patterson, also served as timekeeper to assure all candidates were given equal time. Our own celebrity Sportscaster Ken Mease served as moderator for the event.

We had a packed room of well over 120 people in attendance. Though the total event took $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, civility ruled and all in attendance (including the candidates) agreed it was an excellent example of how government and public debate should function. It was especially refreshing that all of the candidates mixed with meeting attendees before and after the Attendees were provided an formal event. opportunity to get "up close and personal" with candidates seeking important national office. As you know the eventual winners of the primary were the incumbent Roscoe Bartlett and the Democrat Party challenger, John Delaney from Potomac. At a future time the DCA plans to have another debate between the candidates, possibly at the September Town Meeting.



Social Committee

by Lisa Patterson-Troike

DCA Spring Social

Thanks to all who attended our annual DCA Spring Social at Smokey Glen Farm on Riffle Ford Road here in Darnestown May 9th. Well over 100 people came for an evening full of food, fun and friends. The food was finger lickin' good from the grilled meats, to the side salads and vegetables, ending with those famous smoked pies. Smokey Glen has been kind enough to provide this event to us at cost.

Smokey Glen and the DCA go back over 40 years, hosting events like the Hoedown and Spring Social. We are very grateful to Smokey Glen and look forward to many more events in the future. Mark your calendars--the **Hoedown will be October 12th this year!**

Nominations for Election to the DCA Board

All board positions are composed of elected members and committee chairpersons who are appointed by the elected members of the board. Board members have one vote on issues before the board, but only elected members have a vote on personnel matters.

In accordance with the DCA By-laws, the following slate of candidates was proposed and approved at the April executive board meeting for the election of the 2012-2013 DCA officers at the June Town Meeting:

President.....Lisa Patterson-Troike* (Esworthy) Vice President.....Bob Thompson* (Brookmead) Treasurer....Guy Armantrout* (Springfield) Recording Secty.....Susan Allaway* (White Water Way)

Three-Year Trustee......Dick Jurgena* (Pagano) *Currently occupying this position

Chris Collins (Springfield) and Karen Hinrichsen (Haddonfield) will continue as Trustees for one and two years, respectively. A Chairman (not a required position) is appointed by the elected members of the new board by vote each year.

Thank you to all our dedicated, hardworking volunteers. Without you, Darnestown would not be as special!

The DCA Office

by Steve Ellis

Help! We need some bodies & minds. There is a growing need for someone or two or more who would be interested in helping out in the office. The most important opportunity would primarily consist of duties as a filer/archivist/historian. A person(s) is needed with the interest and skills as a chief organizer of the files of DCA activities since the 1970's. You would be working with people who have been involved in these issues, and hopefully, giving them (one being me) the needed impetus to get these documents in more succinct This would require a significant order. collaborative effort. but knowledge about Darnestown civic activities over the last 40+ years would be a significant by-product. These topics include major sewer issues, residential and commercial property issues and original plans, how your neighborhood was developed, the Master Plans of 1965, 1980 and 2002, roads, environmental issues, and many other happenings. It is our duty to the town and the future residents to have organized and available records of our history.

There is also a need for a motivated person(s) to lead in organizing pictures, maps, drawings, etc. to be framed and displayed on the walls of the office. Who knows what treasures await!. This may include other frugal, decorative ideas for the office. What good fun! Please call or email a Board member to inquire. Thanks.

Utility Reliability

by Art Slesinger

PEPCO continues to invest your money in new equipment and an aggressive tree trimming program. The weather has been very cooperative



and mild since 2010 when snow and wind storms really created havoc. Consequently, we do not know how effective that spending has been. We await the obligatory annual performance report due May 1st of each year to the Public Services Commission to see how the Darnestown feeders rated. Historically, we have been among the worst, and that poor performance is one of the reasons the citizens along Berryville Road now have entirely new poles and other elements along their street.

The next act in the drama moves back to the Public Service Commission where, under case 9286, the utility is seeking a \$68 million rate increase. This is not a large number compared to the total annual rate base in Maryland of almost \$1 billion in revenue to PEPCO each year. Keep in mind that rate is buffered by a "bill stabilization adjustment." This means that your rate is adjusted monthly to guarantee PEPCO a certain revenue stream each If consumption goes down, rates are year. increased, and rates drop, if consumption goes up. process decouples PEPCO's business This motivation that would normally encourage consumption to maximize revenue, when such consumption is actually environmentally harmful. Montgomery County has intervened in the current rate case to ensure that the profits from their prior imprudent practices are not now rewarded because they failed to invest appropriate funds in the last decade. PSC has stated they would not support a rate increase, if reliability had not improved. The quandary is that there is no way to know if the improvements were successful because the system has not had a serious storm test in the past year.

Community Interest

Great Seneca Science City

by Art Slesinger

Center for Growth or Crowding?

Regardless of the departure of Mr. Roland Stanley as head of Parks & Planning, the Master Plan is set for the area around the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. The original plan for some 17 million square feet of development over the next 20 to 30 years is now somewhat slowed by the lack of funding for Corridor City Rapid Transit (CCT). The staging obligation detailed in the Master Plan required that the CCT had to be funded by the Governor before more than 11 million square feet could be approved. Since the CCT is foundering with the State's financial position, the Governor has not even approved the actual final route. So, for the near term we will be locked into the 11 million square foot size. Some developers are pressuring the State to accept a reduced plan for the CCT to improve its chances of being funded.

Part of that 11 million includes 1.4 million on the Belward Farm owned by John Hopkins Real Estate. Their plans to expand development there to 4.7 million square feet are now on hold by both the above mentioned staging obligation as well as the law suit filed by the heirs of Mary Banks who gifted the Civil War era farm to JHU. The law suit got past the dismissal stage and is now heading for a trial before a judge in perhaps a year. The heirs claim that the 4.7 million square feet of development clearly violate the terms of the gift and the deed which requires a small, academic style campus.

Many developers around the hospital have brought forth their plans. Included are over 1500 residential units in 3 apartment complexes that would be on the north side of Key West Highway and start at Shady Grove Road and extend to Great Seneca Highway. Some of the residential units are from approved commercial space that the owners have altered to residential. The down side is none of the plans really have any quality retail space, so the occupants will have to hustle into their cars for just about anything. On top of this car heavy life style, note that the Parks and Planning traffic projection process is seriously flawed. It only evaluates roads in the County jurisdiction. Those roads in Gaithersburg or Rockville are ignored. Now you know why exit 6 at 270 will never be addressed. And in reality, they only look at intersection load not road capacity. So the worst intersection in the County, Great Seneca Highway and Muddy Branch will remain a traffic jam. The real issue is Great Seneca Highway going west from Muddy Branch



reduces from 4 lanes to 2 lanes after the intersection.

In June you will hear of the ground breaking for 50,000 square foot cancer treatment center at the Hospital. It is but the first step in a wave of development that begins over the next few years. The roads will become progressively less friendly to car traffic as a direct result.

Invasive Species Hunt

By Ranger Josette Wiggins and Carl Conover

Visitors to Seneca Creek State Park, especially those who use our hiking trails, continually encounter diverse forms of plant life, some native and familiar, others familiar but not native. The latter are among those considered alien or exotic having originated in other continents or habitats. Many of these plants, known as "Invasive Species," have landed on our shores as a result of tourists returning from foreign travel with imports for garden variety. These plants, while beautiful, are detrimental to the ecosystem needed to maintain the natural balance between plants and animals. The invasive plants often spread more quickly than native ones, crowding or displacing them entirely. When this happens, nutritious food sources are being replaced with plants that are inedible, toxic, or otherwise harmful to wildlife. The invasive plants also compete with the native species for limited resources, such as soil, water, light, and space. They often win!



Periodically, park rangers lead volunteer groups to search out, cut back, or remove the harmful plants. These efforts are continuous and necessary, if we are to

restore the fragile balance of the ecosystem. Some of the more harmful of these plants are Garlic Mustard, Oriental Bittersweet, Autumn Olive, Japanese Barberry, and the aptly named Mile-aminute. Its name conveys the speed at which many of these species seem to grow. Anyone interested in helping us control these bothersome plants should contact the park office at (301) 924-2127.

Safety Committee

Police Release Photos of Suspect in North Potomac Armed Robberies

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Division - Robbery Section are continuing to investigate two incidents in North Potomac that are believed to be related. In both incidents, vehicles were struck from behind by another vehicle while the victims were driving their vehicles on Jones Lane.

Today, detectives are releasing photos of one of the suspects believed to be involved in these robberies. The photos were captured at ATMs in which money was obtained from the victim's bank accounts. Because the suspect was masked, the only description of the suspect at this time is that he was approximately 5' 6" tall and had a thin build.



It was on April 3 at approximately 11:29 p.m. that police received a call from a 49-year-old woman whose Range Rover was struck from behind on Jones Lane near Turkey Foot Road. The woman did not stop when her vehicle was struck and immediately contacted police. Upon seeing that the woman was on the phone, the striking vehicle made an immediate U-turn and drove away.

On April 14, at approximately 3:12 a.m., police received a call from a 58-year-old male whose Volvo was struck from behind on Jones Lane near Carry Back Drive. The male victim told police that at approximately 12:20 a.m. his vehicle was struck from behind. When he stopped and exited his



vehicle to speak with the driver of the striking vehicle, he was confronted by two masked men. The men were armed with a long gun and a knife.

The victim was knocked to the ground by the suspects, his ankles and wrists were duct taped together, and he was forced into the trunk of his vehicle. The suspects then drove his vehicle with him in the trunk to several ATM locations where money was obtained from the victim's bank accounts.

After approximately one hour, the suspects drove the victim's vehicle to the Poplar Grove Baptist Church located at 14625 Jones Lane. In the church parking lot, the suspects released the victim, who then returned home and contacted police. The victim suffered injuries that required medical attention. He was treated at and released from a local hospital.

The suspect's vehicle involved in both incidents is described as a white or light-colored truck or SUV with Maryland tags. Police are advising motorists to immediately contact police if they are involved in a minor collision. The motorist should advise police that they have been involved in a collision and that they are driving to a public and well-lit area for their safety. Motorists should continue driving to a well-lit, safe location to await police response.

Anyone with information about these robberies, the suspects involved, and/or the suspect vehicle is asked to call the Robbery Section at 240-773-5100. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477) or 240-773-TIPS (8477). Crime Solvers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information provided to them that leads to the arrest and/or indictment of the persons responsible for this felony crime. Anonymous tips can also be provided by typing "MCPD" plus the tip on a cell phone or PDA and texting it to 274637 (CRIMES).

This information was provided by Kevin Keegan of the DCA Safety Committee who has been in regular communication with Montgomery County Police since learning about these incidents.

Darne Bloomers Garden Club

by Merikay Smith

By now we can hope each of us is working to free Darnestown of mile-a-minute weed (see March 2012 Little Acorn issue for details). As I write in April the invasive weed is 4-6 inches high with its distinctive triangular leaves and easy to pull. By June it will be setting berries to reseed and spread. This weed can literally overwhelm an area if left to multiply, so please take the time to check your property and pull this weed before it becomes a serious nuisance.

Despite record high temperatures and sporadic rainfall, our gardens survived spring. Fortunate are the gardeners with native plants which are not only beneficial for providing habitat but are generally resilient to our weather fluctuations.

In April the garden club learned about geophytes (bulbs) for various seasons of the year. Since these herbaceous plants developed underground storage organs to survive adverse climactic conditions, they may be well-suited to current weather trends. I gave the presentation which featured examples of true bulbs, corms, tubers, rhizomes and tuberous roots for spring, summer, fall and winter. Gardening in Darnestown, I could easily report from experience on each bulb's deer resistance. Most bulbs are easy to grow if you follow planting instructions Among my favorites for spring blooms (planted mid-October to November): narcissus (daffodils), hyacinths, chionodoxa (snot glories), fritillaria, galanthus (snowdrops), iris reticulate (rock iris), ipheon (spring starflower), allium, camassia erythronium (pagoda trout lily), and iris cristata. All of the above are deer resistant and should run year-to-year, with most increasing in number. Many come in a range of sizes and flower colors. Tulips, muscari and crocus are lovely but require protection form deer and rodents. Deer resistant bulbs you plant in summer include cannas and colocasia (elephant ear). Cannas are available in an amazing range of flower and foliage color and size 9 up to 8 feet). Caladium and gladiolas have limited deer resistance (in my experience) - lilies and dahlias are basically deer candy. All of these bulbs are planted once the ground is warm and frost danger is over and ideally are dug up before fall's



frost and stored over winter in a cool basement. If you want to risk it, some winters are warm enough that with a thick mulch tender bulbs may survive inground. Some cultivars are more cold-hardy than others, as for example gladiolus byzantius. Colchicums, crocus speciosus and crocus sativus are planted in late summer for fall blooms. It's a pleasure to see fresh blooms coming out as most other flowers are fading. These have been deer resistant for me. Some bulbs can also be forced to bloom inside in winter – amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus are commonly used but hyacinths are also easily grown on water after being kept in a refrigerator for 10 weeks.



The Darne Bloomers concluded this year's cycle of meetings in May with a tour of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, Virginia.

Following a continental breakfast, we toured the 95 acre garden with Keith Tomlinson followed by a luncheon. Meadowlark Gardens has three distinct garden areas: the Potomac Valley Collection, Virginia Native Wetland and Virginia Native Trees. Each presents plants native to the Potomac region. For contrast, Meadowlark has an Atrium indoor tropical garden, and a new (\$1M) Korean Garden is under development.

The Darne Bloomers Garden Club will resume its meetings next fall on the second Thursday of September. Visitors should contact the club president, Elizabeth Weaver, prior to attending, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Those Who Serve...

by Madeline Dalessio home.dalessio@gmail.com



Captain Ryan Swisher, US Army, completed his Captain's Career Course in Ft.

Benning Georgia in December 2011. He is now assigned to the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, III Corps, in Ft. Hood, Texas. He serves as the Regimental Training Officer. He was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement. This is his second such award.

Kevin Marmillion was recently promoted to Major and transferred from Dover AFB to the Defense Language Institute, located at the Presidio in Monterey, Ca. He, along with his wife Janet, and son Jonathan traveled cross country in March to their new home. After 36 weeks of intensive language instruction in German, the family will move to Germany for a 2 year assignment, on loan, flying with the German Air Force.

Brandon M. Cooper, Cadet/Lt. Colonel, Air Force ROTC, received a Commendation for Superior Performance on April 27, 2012, for being among the top 10 graduates of his Air Force ROTC class. He will receive his commission as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Air Force in a ceremony on May 21, 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia. Brandon will proceed to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he will train as a Cyber Space Officer.

Honor Flight

by CDR Richard L. Jurgena, USNR, Ret

I want to share with you a recent experience participating in greeting and welcoming a group of WW2 veterans arriving at BWI Airport from San Antonio, Texas. These vets were aboard Southwest Airlines as part of the Honor Flights Program. They left San Antonio at 11:15 AM and arrived at BWI at 4:15 PM. The program originally came to my attention when my sister sent me a home town newspaper clipping about a resident from Morrisonville, IL, where I grew up, who was honored by such a flight. The flights are arranged for groups of WW2 Veterans from various parts of the US to fly along with one sponsor or caretaker to Washington, DC. When they arrive, they are greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of well wishers and in some cases fire-trucks arcing water sprays over the incoming aircraft. From there they are transported to a DC hotel via bus for the night. The next morning they are transported to various DC



military and historic sites, back to the airport, given another enthusiastic send off and flown home; all at no cost to the Vet or their sponsor.

This was my first opportunity to participate. If you know early enough, you can arrange for a security clearance to be in the area where they depart the plane. I did not, so I took a sign Jean, my creative wife, made for me and stood in the baggage claim area where they were to come through. Prior to the Vets coming out of the secure area, no less than ten people stopped, told me they were on the plane with the Vets, how great they were and complimented me on the sign. A security guard, a retired Navy Boatswain's Mate, kept me up to date on the arrivals' progress and when they approached the area.

I wish I were a better wordsmith to describe my emotions at that time. Most were in wheel chairs, but each of them had a smile on their face. When they saw me and the sign which read "Welcome Heroes, Thank You For Your Service," they waved and shouted thanks with even bigger smiles. The ones closest to me held out their hands for me to shake, their sponsors thanked me and I was overcome with emotion. After the Vets, their sponsors and the volunteers had passed and I turned to leave, I looked back over my shoulder to thank the guard for his help. He was standing at attention, saluting me.

If you are interested in welcoming Vets from your home state or others, email ganderson@gis.net and ask to be put on the Honor Flights notification list. Each month he will send you a listing of the flight arrivals from all over the country, with flight orgination, ETA's, etc. I promise, if you feel an indebtedness to these brave men and women for their service and sacrifice, this will be a very satisfying experience.

Attention Service Providers

Baby Sitters/Mother's Helpers/Pet & House Sitters/Music Lesson Providers/Notaries

Kindly update your information (pg. 2). (Use month/year of birth NOT current age.)

Email acorneditor2@gmail.com with corrections.

School News & Events

Northwest High School

by Kathy Agate

Congratulations to the 2012 graduates of Northwest High School. These Darnestown residents will be attending the following colleges and universities next year:

Sarah Agate, Allison Baer - Syracuse University Denna Ameen - Rhode Island School of Design and Brown University Grant Bodnar - University of Colorado, Boulder Andrew Coffin - University of Maryland, Baltimore Countv Katie Crowley, Kaitlin Gularson, Derek Ruf - University of South Carolina Jenna Delaney, Eric Neumann - Virginia Tech Brandon Dowless, Ryan Joyce - Montgomery College Christopher Helmey, Jake Fakler, Jeffrey White -Salisbury University Taylor Johnson, Tommy Johnson - University of Maryland, College Park Meghan Krisko - University of Virginia Maggie Reed - St. Vincent College Emily Rost - St. Mary's College of Maryland Andrew Ruf - East Carolina University Mary Schaeffer - University of North Carolina, Wilmington Lexi Widmayer - Hood College Dre Zanello - Northeastern University

Darnestown Elementary School

by Kristen Crook

The new playground is open! The playscape is nearly complete and the new blacktop with basketball hoops and the huge grassy field are all being enjoyed by the students. Thank you to the parents and students for your patience while all of the work is being done on our school. It will be worth it in the long run.

As expected, the 14th annual Colonial Day was a big success! The 5th graders once again transformed our gym into a miniature colonial village and spent the day living like they would



during colonial times. Thank you to all of the countless volunteers that worked so hard to make this happen. We also received some great local media coverage from the online newsletter the North Potomac/Darnestown Patch. If you haven't heard of the Patch, take a few minutes to check it out http://northpotomac.patch.com/ . It's dedicated to our local area and is filled with interesting stories, happenings, photos, school news and more.

During this economy with school budgets so tight, it's more important than ever that we have a correct enrollment number for the fall. If you are new to the area or plan to send your child to Darnestown Elementary as a new student in the fall and didn't go to Kindergarten orientation, please take a minute to call the school to learn how to enroll your child. The sooner the better! (301) 840-7157.

In June, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Smith are both retiring. They have been favorite teachers at DES for many years and will be missed. The PTA will hold an open house for each of them in the DES media center. Mrs. Hill's open house will be Thursday, May 31 from 4:30–6:30 pm and Mrs. Smith's open house will be Thursday, June 7 from 4:30–6:30 pm. Current and past students are encouraged to come and say good-bye to these teachers who have touched the lives of so many DES students.

Calendar of Events:

Spring Picnic at Bretton Woods......Friday, June 8 Kindergarten promotion ceremonies.....June 11 5th grade promotion ceremonies....June 11 Last day of school for students....Tuesday, June 12

Have a safe and FUN summer vacation! See you back at school on Monday, August 27th!

Seneca Academy

by Brooke Carroll

Seneca Academy recently held our annual Spring Concert that featured our students singing and playing instruments. As always, our young performers dazzled us with beautiful music! A highlight was a performance by our burgeoning **Darnestown Community Band.** There were 23 students in the band onstage representing five schools: Seneca Academy, Butler School, Barnesville School, Fourth Presbyterian School and Friends Meeting School. These musicians have been working under the direction of Band Leader Jennifer Mitchell all year. Mrs. Mitchell works with both beginning and more advanced woodwind and brass players.

The Spring Concert is one step on the way to the Band's journey towards a *Music in the Parks* competition, held June 2nd this year. This is an eagerly awaited annual event for both the band and the Seneca Fox Singers. Both groups will compete against ensembles from other schools from up and down the east coast. Seneca Academy and Darnestown Community Band have traditionally won several trophies at this event. We will make room in our showcase for a few more!

In addition, Seneca Academy continues to have some spots open in our summer camps. Our youngest campers (ages 3 through rising kindergarteners) can participate in *Passport to the* World Camp, held daily from 9am to 1:30pm. Our older campers (rising 1st graders through rising 6th graders- or rising 8th graders for Film/Theater and Band camps) have several camps to choose from Art and Adventure, including Computer Programming and Adventure, Mad Science[®] and Adventure, Band and Adventure, and Film Making/Theater and Adventure. Adventure camps are held from 9am-3:30pm. In addition, we are with Harrington's Sports and partnering Adventure Camp to offer a 2-week full-day adventure camp!

Camp begins June 18th and runs through July 27th. More information and applications can be found on our website www.SenecaAcademy.org or by calling our office at 301-869-3728. Hope to see you at camp!

Thomas Jefferson Preparatory

by Jonathan Bugg and Middle School Students

The final weeks of school at TJP continue to be fun, exciting and educational! There will be a Mayfair, field trips, a school play and a fun filled field day.



Upon returning from Spring Break the students in the Pre $K - 2^{nd}$ grade enjoyed a Nutrition Field Trip. Finishing their unit of Study on Healthy Food and the Food Pyramid, the classes went to the Giant in the Kentlands. They picked fruit and vegetables, decorated cookies in the bakery, feasted on meat and cheese in the Deli and met Larry the Lobster in the Seafood Department. Thanks to Mike and all the personnel at the Giant for making Nutrition so much fun. The children enjoyed the balloons and memories that they took back to school with them.

On that same day the $3^d - 8^h$ grade students traveled to the Naval Warfare Center to learn what is behind those guarded gates off the Clara Barton Parkway. The younger children made and raced their own Bristle Bots while the older children had the opportunity to manipulate and drive Sea Perches. This opportunity has opened up the students eyes to another side of Engineering and possible future endeavors.

On April 19th, the 3rd and 4th grade students went to visit the National Museum of the American Indian. The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) has one of the most extensive collections of Native American art and artifacts in the world! The students had the opportunity to see a vast display of artwork from different tribes and regions throughout North America. They also saw exhibits from the past as well as contemporary life. It was a memorable day for the entire group!

The Pre-K and Kindergarten class at TJP has been exploring spring and the beauty of nature. They have planted a garden in the school's backyard and continue to tend to it. They are also learning about the water cycle and even have a little dance to go along with all they've learned. Ms. Edi is finishing up the year with a unit on the Ocean and all the creatures that live in the ocean. The children in this class are such a joy and definitely brighten up the school!

The students in 1st and 2nd grade continue a TJP tradition that is worth mentioning! Once every weekend Ms. Z, the principal and teacher for the first and second graders, allows one of her students to take home Professor Hoots. She is a stuffed owl wearing a graduation gown and hat. Each student will get to write a journal entry about what they did with Hoots. The students take Hoots home when they leave school on Friday and return Hoots on Monday morning. The students love the opportunity to take the Professor on a wild weekend adventure!

On Friday, April 27th, 2012 the students in grades $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ put on The Shaggy Dog Murder Trial for parents, guests, and staff. The students worked very hard memorizing their lines and practicing getting into character. After all the hard work the students put into the play, it was a big success! All of the parents and staff were impressed with the performance and look forward to next years' production.

Before the school year ends the Middle School students are off to Gettysburg! They are going to tour various battlefields and museums in the historical Pennsylvania town. After the Civil War daytime tour they will then embark on a ghost tour by night. It should be an informative and enjoyable trip for all!

While the students and staff continue to enjoy another outstanding year at TJP, it's also a time to plan for the upcoming school year! We are currently enrolling students for the 2012/2013 school year. Please feel free to come and visit the school or call the school office at 301-330-7550 for additional information or to schedule a private tour. Also, you can visit the TJP website (www.tjprep.org).

Carol Hill Retires from DES by Luanne Deppa

Mrs. Carol Hill retires this June after teaching 27 years at Darnestown Elementary School. Mrs. Hill was the Instructional Assistant in Math at Ridgeview Middle School for 5 years before she



came to DES in 1985. She taught first grade for 13 vears. then taught a first/second combination class for 1 year, and for the last 13 years she has taught second grade.



Many of her former students, parents, and teachers attended a reception in her honor at the school on May 31. They shared the good memories of being in her class and working with her, as well as wishing her well in her retirement.

Mrs. Hill plans to spend more time with her previously retired husband, Jeff, her grown children, and especially her grandchildren (some of whom live locally and some in North Carolina). She plans to learn to play golf, travel, and enjoy life with friends and family.

Phoebe Smith Retires from DES

by Luanne Deppa



Mrs. Phoebe Smith is retiring from DES after 13 years of teaching fourth and fifth grade. Mrs. Smith taught eleven years at Diamond Elementary School and two years at St. Peters Catholic School in Olney, MD.

Mrs. Smith plans to spend more time with her family, especially her soon to arrive first grandson who will reside in Florida with his parents. During her retirement, Mrs. Smith plans to travel, continue her hobbies of sewing and knitting, and to stay connected to teaching by substituting.

Darnestown Elementary School will honor her with a reception on June 7, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Everyone is welcome to come by and bid Mrs. Smith farewell and best wishes in her retirement.

Sports News & Events

Darnestown Softball by Dave Bivans

Undeterred by a one-week rainout delay, Darnestown's DCA-supported 2012 co-ed adult recreational softball took to the field Sunday, April 29th with Western Darnestown (WD), taking on



In week 2, WD continued their roll, squeaking past ARMQ 10-9 with a walk-off home-run; and BS evened their record with a 21-8 pounding of the previously idle Highlanders (HL). WD is sitting pretty at 2-0 at the top of the standings with definite repeat champion potential.

All teams are looking forward to a fun, **dry**, and hopefully, not-too-hot 2012 season. Openings remain on team rosters for interested players, and we encourage the general Darnestown community to come out and cheer on your favorite team(s) and neighbors. Games are played each Sunday evening (except for "holidays") at Darnestown's Cliff Bland Park beginning at 5pm [except 4:00pm on June 3rd, and 3:00pm on June 10th (League party – all are welcome!)]. Contact Dave Bivans (301-977-4734, dnlbivans34@verizon.net) with any questions or for more information.

Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club by Dave Hardy

Summer is here already!! It seems like just yesterday we were ringing in the New Year and now it is already time to catch some rays pool side or find the perfect back hand you have always said you would have. The Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club (www.dsrclub.com) has kicked off the 2012 summer season and is looking forward to a lot of fun in the sun, social events and some old fashion good times at the pool over the next few months!

Luckily, for those new to the Darnestown area we have memberships still available for this season. Our club offers some of the best facilities in



Montgomery County plus we offer great swim and tennis teams. There are no additional costs for court time and we have lap lanes available for lap swimmers at all times when we are open. DSRC has a very active social calendar providing many events for adults and children alike where you can meet your neighbors, have fun and relax at the pool or on the courts.

Our swim team, which competes in the B division, is in the water training and hoping to follow up last year's undefeated season with another great showing. Head Coach, Kate Ulicny, is busy teaching our little guys how to swim and getting the older kids in shape and ready to swim fast. We have swim lessons and programming for all levels and ages from minnows all the way up to the most advanced swimmers. Please see our website for programming and scheduling information.

With our tennis courts newly refurbished and looking great, our tennis pro, Bob Denham, is under way teaching lessons and getting ready for tennis team to begin when school is out. Last season we had some of the best participation ever, and we look to follow that up with another great season. Like swimming, we offer lessons and programming for all levels and ages of children and adults. We also have a very active adult tennis program with weekly men's and women's tennis nights, Wednesday and Tuesday respectively, and biweekly adult tennis socials on Friday night with food, drinks and doubles tennis for our adults. For more info please visit our website or contact Bob directly at bobdenham1@verizon.net.

Please stop by our website (www.dsrclub.com), see what we to offer and come on down to the Club. Talk to a manager and see how great the facility is and how your family can be a part of the DSRC family. If you have questions please call General Manager, Dave Hardy, at 301-330-1340 and he will be happy to talk to you and get your application submitted today!



The OFFUTT FAMILY of Darnestown

by Nancy Houston

From Volume 22, Number 1 of The Little Acorn of March, 1987, as requested by Malissa Ruffner, a former Darnestown neighbor and descendent of the Offutts.

The Offutts, one of the founding families of Montgomery County, were well-represented in the Darnestown area by Zachariah, who come here about 1772, and by James Ho., who arrived about 1826.

They came from the area we now know as Potomac, where, beginning about 1715, William Offutt and two of his sons, William and James, received land grants of more than 3,000 acres. The land lay on both sides of River Road and included the Great Falls area, Avenel, Carderock, Bradley Farms, and the Congressional Country Club. James was the first while settler in the Great Falls area on his large tract "William and James" and the "Clewerwall" tract of his brother, William, was about a mile away. The intersection of two dirt roads in the northeast corner became the village of Offutts' Crossroads. Since 1881, that village, at the intersection of Falls Road and River Road, is known as Potomac. When the elder William died in 1734. he left an estate of 6,748 acres in the Washington area. But the Offutts were a large and prolific family; and by the third and fourth generations, some began to leave the area in search of their own land.

Third generation Zachariah Offutt came to what is now the Darnestown area about 1772. He married a local girl, Eleanor Beall, daughter of Ninian Beall, and settled nearby. He accumulated considerable property. About 1802 or 1803, he built a large brick house on his "Petersburgh" tract for one of his sons, This is now part of the present-day Andrew. Windridge Farm, the home of Barbara and the late Thompson Butz.

A son of Andrew, Nicholas Dorsey Offutt, owned the Blackrock Mill for a number of years, beginning in 1861. He later moved to Rockville, where his son, Lee, became mayor of Rockville in 1906.



Another descendant of Andrew is Ralph Offutt, who was a sheriff of Montgomery County for 16 years. Meanwhile, back in "Clewerwall", more Offutts were growing up. About 1825 to 1830, James Howard Offutt decided to join his cousins in the Darnestown area, and he acquired 231 acres of the "Springfield" tract on Seneca Road. Here he built a log cabin and this is the site of what we know today as Woodbyrne. It is a large white house located at the end of a long driveway, just south of the houses on Plainfield Lane.

James H. had 15 children by two wives, and some of these children married into Darnestown families such as Clagett, Vincent, Candler, and Windsor. When James H. died in 1856, he was buried in the family cemetery near the cabin. Two of his daughters by his second marriage, who died in childhood, are also buried here. His first wife and their first five children, who all died young, may be buried here, too.

James's son, another James Howard Offutt, acquired the property in 1880, after a lengthy court battleamong the family. Many of the old families of Darnestown will remember this James Offutt. He remained a bachelor until 1904, when, at the age of 62, he married Bessie Beall, the 19-year-old daughter of Reverdy Beall, a dentist in Darnestown. They continued to live in the log cabin until about 1908, when they built a handsome new house next to the cabin. A son was born to this marriage in 1914--James Reverdy Offutt.

James Howard lived to see his son grown and married. When he became too old for farming, he rented the land, and later, he and Bessie moved to Darnestown. Mrs. Reverdy Beall (who lived in the white stucco house with the wrap-around porch next to the Texaco station) gave her daughter, Bessie, the lot next door for a house. In 1929, Bessie and James H. built a bungalow there. James H. died in 1935 at age 93.

Bessie and her son, James Reverdy Offutt, sold the farm in 1937. In 1941 it was purchased by John Sumner Wood, who named the farm "Woodbyrne".

Mr. Wood greatly remodeled the house. He put on a new slate roof, replaced the wooden windows with steel casement ones, added a large brick wing, added bathrooms, and planted boxwoods. The Woods lived here for more than 20 years.

When Thomas Moffett became the owner of the house and eight acres about 1968, more remodeling was done. Last year, (1986) Woodbyrne was sold again to the Richard Barrows, who, with their horses, thoroughly enjoyed the property.

After all these years, the only family member with the Offutt name who remains in the Darnestown area is "Beck" Offutt, who was Rebecca West before her marriage to James Reverdy in 1933. The West family lived on a farm near the intersection of Seneca Road and River Road, where Bretton Woods Club is now located. Beck's grandmother was also an Offutt. She and James R. moved into the bungalow on Route 28 in Darnestown in about 1936, and she still lives there. She is caretaker of the large Offutt family Bible. The Offutt lines are still going strong although many have other surnames. Beck has nine grandsons!!!

info from: "Beck" Offutt-Darnestown; Ed Offutt-Damascus; Offutt Family Bible; Montgomery County Historical Society; Offutt Genealogy Files; Montgomery County Land Records; Montgomery County Equity Court Records





Newcomer's Corner

Gaithersburg Area Newcomers Club

by Lynda Slesinger

Expand social connections and make new friends... The Gaithersburg Area Newcomers Club welcomes *new residents* and those in *life transition* (lifestyle changes, retirement, etc.). We offer an extensive variety of fun social activities. For more information or to receive a Newsletter, contact DCA Member, Lynda Slesinger, at 301-990-1067.

Information for Newcomers

If you are a new resident of Darnestown, welcome to our neighborhood! The information in this section 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 membership year of the DCA is January 1 through December 31, and annual dues billing statements are mailed out at the end of December each year, although dues may be paid any time during a given year. Current officers of the DCA are listed on Page 2 of *The Little Acorn*.

Mailing Address: Darnestown Civic Association 14132B 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. Volunteers, based on information from membership remittance form and our Welcome Committee, maintain this name and address file. The newsletter should arrive in your mailbox early in each of the above months. If you don't receive an issue, please contact the editor 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 June edition of *The Little Acorn* in advance of the Annual Meeting in accordance with the bylaws of the DCA.

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 Sarah Scherer at 240-683-8533 or sarahscherer@comcast.net. 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:

Barnesville School

21830 Peach Tree Road Barnesville, MD 20838 John Huber, Head of School, (301-972-0341)

Boy Scout Troop 1094

Scoutmaster Michael Joyce (301-926-0526) sm@troooop1094.org

Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts Cathy Sharpe (301-519-9520)

Butler School 15951 Germantown Road Beckie Hardie, Head of School (301-977-6600)

Circle School/Seneca Academy 15601 Germantown Road Darnestown, MD 20874 Brooke Carroll, Head of School (301-869-3728)

Darne Bloomers Garden Club

Elizabeth Weaver, President Betsy Kingman, Membership (301-921-1988)



Darnestown Civic Association 14100 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, MD 20874 Lisa Patterson-Troike, President (301-548-0999)

Darnestown Elementary School 15030 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown, MD 20878 Laura Colgary, Principal (301-840-7157)

Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club P. O. Box 3574, Darnestown, MD 20885 Jeannie Tucker, Membership (Jeannietucker@aol.com)

Friends of the Library-Quince Orchard Chapter Membership, (Vacant)

Jones Lane Elementary School 15110 Jones Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Carole Sample, Principal 301-840-8160

Lakelands Park Middle School 1200 Main Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Deborah Higdon, Principal 301-670-1400

Mary of Nazareth School 14131 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874 Michael J. Friel, Principal 301-869-0940

Quince Orchard Community Library Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 240-777-0200

Northwest High School 12501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, MD 20874 Lance Dempsey, Principal 301-601-4660

Quince Orchard High School

15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Ms. Carole Working, Principal 301-840-4686

Ridgeview Middle School

16600 Raven Road Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Dr. Carol Levine, Principal 301-840-4770

Thomas Jefferson Preparatory

12801 Darnestown Road Darnestown, Maryland 20878 Zorianna Harabatch, Head of School, (301-330-7550), www.tjprep.org

Trout Unlimited

Seneca Valley Chapter, #369 website: http://senecavalleytu.org/ Charles August (csaugust@comcast.net), Secretary, (240-401-8669)

Membership Report

by Jean Jurgena

The following is a list of Darnestown residents who have paid their dues for 2012 as of May 1st. The list is alphabetical by last name and each name is followed by the category of paid membership. If you have questions, please contact me at jmjurgena@hotmail.com or call 301-840-1187.

DCA Members, 2012 Dues Paid as of May 1, 2012

Member (M) \$25.00

Friend (F) \$50.00

Sponsor (S) \$100.00 or more

ABBOTT, Don & Cyndi (M) ABEL, Joan & William Bowman (S) ABROMAVAGE, Theodore & Allison (M) ABT, Brian & Lori (F) ADAMIK, Joseph & Mary (M) ADAMS, Michelle (M) ADAMSON, Richard (F) ADATO, Isaac & Fay (F) ADELMAN, Ed & Christy (M) AGATE, Neil & Kathy (F)

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