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CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS & NOTES

Notes from the President By Lisa Patterson-Troike

June Town Meeting

Did you know that the US's most successful farm protection effort is a few minutes from Darnestown?

The 30 minute film "Growing Legacy" about Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve will be shown at the June Town Meeting.

"" profiles the challenges of growing food near the densely populated area of Washington, D.C. and focuses on protecting farms, open spaces and a fast disappearing agrarian way of life. Farmers from our Ag Reserve will hold a question and answer session after the film. Be sure to mark your calendar for this unique and fun event!

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Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road

Darnestown Presbyterian

Church

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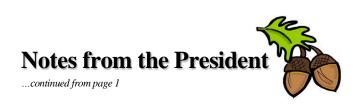
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Hooray!

Summer's here!!







June Town Meeting

The June Town Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 16th at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church located at 15120 Turkey Foot Road. June is DCA election time! The current slate is as follows:

- President: Lisa Patterson-Troike (Esworthy)*
- Vice President: Bob Thompson (Brookmead)*
- Treasurer: Guy Armantrout (Springfield)*
- Recording Secretary: Susan Allaway (Highlands)*
- Corresponding Secretary: Michael Gottlieb (Pioneer Hills)*
- Three Year Trustee: Chris Collins (Springfield)*

*Indicates currently occupying this position. Karen Hinrichsen (Haddonfield) and Dick Jurgena (Pioneer Hills) will continue as Trustees for one and two years respectively.

DCA 2016 Membership

The DCA Board was alarmed to hear that our membership was down by 70 members. We need your support! If you have not paid for a 2016 membership, please visit www.darnestowncivic.org. It's quick and easy! Why join? Here are a few of the many things the DCA is doing for you:

- Holding Pepco accountable for power reliability
- ❖ Improving the Riffle Ford Road intersection
- Planning Spring Social, Hoedown, Tree Lighting, and hiking events
- Supporting local farmers and the agricultural reserve
- Keeping development consistent with our country village setting
- Alerting you via email (if you would like to receive DCA email alerts, email me at <u>LisaAPatterson@aol.com</u>) about crime and other Darnestown matters
- ❖ And much, much more!

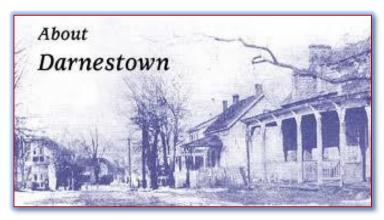
The DCA Board is volunteer-run by your Darnestown neighbors who devote their precious time to help keep Darnestown the special community that it is!

For your Daily

Dose of Darnestown



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Route 28, Darnestown looking west; late 1880's Courtesy Montgomery Historical Society

"A Brief History of DARNESTOWN"

By: The Darnestown Historical Society

Please enjoy Part Three of this marvelous contribution to The Little Acorn!

FOREWORD

"Darnestown History Day" began as an idea in the minds of several members of the Darnestown Historical Society during its first days of existence in 1989. Conceived as an addition to the 4th grade studies in Maryland History, the History Day took on a rich meaning as Sharon Scopin and Mary Alice Schooley, the co-chairs, realized the strength of the local historical tradition. Enlisting the aid of the school staff, the PTA, and many long-time local residents, Sharon and Mary Alice arranged a program that portrayed the full range of the local history, from the founding of Darnestown to the present time. The former existence of the Andrew Small Academy on the site of the present Darnestown Elementary School provided a natural emphasis on education.

With the receipt of a generous grant from the Montgomery County Historical Preservation Commission, the Society has been able to assemble and print this [material], which will be a permanent part of the school library [in booklet format]. Many people have contributed to the material in this booklet; the Society is indebted to all of these willing and civic-minded citizens.

The Society also is grateful to the many people whose participation has made the History Day a highlight of the school year for the 4th grade



students, and we appreciate very much the far-seeing grants program of the HPC that has allowed us to print this record in permanent form.

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Darnestown Presbyterian Church

Prior to 1855, Presbyterians in Darnestown were one of several church-going congregations who held their services in a log building near the intersection of Darnestown Road and Germantown Road. In 1855, however, the Darnestown Presbyterians, then numbering ten people, were made a "Missionary Point" of the Neelesville Church, and they set about to build their own building.

Major George Peter offered to give the congregation some land on Berryville Road. However, the congregation rejected the offer because of the distance of the land from the center of Darnestown.

Later, the congregation accepted an offer of land from John Du Fief, a miller, offered three acres at the intersection of Turkey Foot and Darnestown Roads for the church; with this gift, planning for the building began.

The cornerstone of the church was laid on September 14, 1856, only a few years before the Civil War would forever change life in Darnestown. Mementos of the time – papers and coins – were sealed into the cornerstone. The whereabouts of the cornerstone and the mementos is not known at this time, although the cornerstone could have been concealed by later additions of paint or concrete.

The church was constructed of stone that was hauled from the local quarry by the men of the

congregation. The women helped to finance the project by winding long strips of cloth into balls and then selling them to a company that manufactured braided rugs.

The completed church building was dedicated on May 22, 1858. The large sanctuary had only one stove to provide heat, and this was not enough to keep the floor warm. Soon the owners of the various pews brought pieces of carpet from home to keep their feet warm, giving the church the appearance of "Joseph's coat of many colors".

Services were held twice a month on Sundays during the early years of the church. The first minister was the Reverend Daniel Motzer. During the week, a small parochial school was held in the church basement.

The Presbyterian Church and its congregation are important to the history of Darnestown because it has served the community continuously for its 135 years as a place of worship and a town meeting hall. As we shall see, however, the congregation also was responsible for providing Darnestown's first school.

During 1897, the church was renovated. A parlor and a bell tower were added to the front of the building. No other major change was made until 1953, when the inside of the sanctuary was remodeled and a new wing was added to the rear of the building. In 1958, the parlor was opened to enlarge the sanctuary. The stained glass windows, including memorials to the Tschiffely, Gassaway, and Nourse families, and the floor and the frame still remain as parts of the original structure.

Today worship services are held in the church every Sunday. The Church membership has grown to nearly 500 members. [Editor's Note: Membership number is from 1992, when this document was first published.] The bells of the church remind all the people of Darnestown to think about their blessings.

The Darnestown Presbyterian church continues to play a major role in our community life. Along with

the church-related activities, the building provides meeting space for many local organizations such as the Greater Darnestown Civic Association, the Boy Scouts. The Girl Scouts, the Darnestown "Bloomers" garden club, and the Darnestown Historical Society.



Darnestown Presbyterian Church Today

Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery

The Presbyterian Church cemetery contains the graves of many of the people who contributed to the founding and growth of Darnestown. The cemetery was marked out at the time of the building of the church. The first burial, of James Brooke Beall, took place in 1856. After the church was established, some members of the congregation re-buried the remains of relatives who had been buried in other places.

Descendants of some of the earliest families of Darnestown who are buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery include the Gassaways, the Darnes, the Rices, the Claggetts, and the Offutts. Civil War veterans buried there include William E. Darne, Charles H. Nourse, George R. Rice, and Elgar L. Tschiffely.

Mr. Nourse's service during the Civil War was described earlier [in this series]. He is the grandfather of Curry England, a Darnestown native and one of the Darnestown History Day speakers.

Mr. Nourse became a physician after the Civil War. His son, Upton Nourse, followed his father in the medical profession, delivering many babies in Darnestown. When he began his practice, he traveled the roads with a horse and buggy, but later he acquired the first automobile in Darnestown. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and is buried in the church cemetery.

A tall obelisk in the cemetery marks the grave of Andrew Small, a Scottish contractor. His donation to the church led to the founding of the Andrew Small Academy, predecessor of the Darnestown Elementary School. Mr. Small left neither wife nor child, but he is remembered by many whose education can be traced to his generosity.

The church cemetery is also the final resting place for the men whose names were given to the nearby locks of the C&O Canal – Pennyfield, Violet, and Riley.

Other prominent Darnestown family names can be found among nearly 1,300 graves in the cemetery: Berry, Broome, Carter, Cissell, Connelly, Curlis, Darby, Du Fief, Esworthy, Hoskinson, Kelley, Lewis, Mills, Nourse, Roberts, Tschiffely, Ward, and Windsor.

In 1891, the iron picket fence that surrounded the old Courthouse building in Rockville was bought by the church and installed within the cemetery, where a part of it still stands today.

The cemetery continues to be used today. Lying near the church, the school, and the quiet fields of Darnestown helps make it a happy, yet peaceful place in which Darnestown residents can remember their forebears.

NEXT: Education in Darnestown and Darnestown after the War Between the States



The Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery Today











Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club (DSRC) Summer 2016 Season Kicks off with Opening Day Festivities on May 28th!

By Rob Swisher

Opening Day Kick-off

The DSRC summer pool and tennis season officially kicked off on Saturday May 28th with the Annual Opening Day Pool Party and Tennis Extravaganza. The pool was full of laughter and splashing. and tennis balls were flying everywhere, sometimes even over the nets.

Our Wonderful Club

Our wonderful community pool is the perfect place for Darnestown families to be for year-round fun, but especially summer fun; and the best place to unwind, relax, and enjoy sunshine with friends and family. We are located in the Spring Meadows neighborhood near the intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 118 and are central to the greater Darnestown community. Please visit our newly updated website (DSRCLUB.COM) for Club information, dates and upcoming events. Your one stop shop for all things DSRC.

Swim Team

Our swim team is competing in the "C" Division of the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL), led by Head Coach Pat Tozzi. Contact our team co-chairs: Terry Brown Adelman tbrown@browntg.com Christy or at Christy Adelman@yahoo.com.

GO DEMONS!

Tennis Program

Meet our new Tennis Pros!

Marco Impeduglia is a USPTA certified Tennis instructor. Marco takes great pride in sharing his passion for the sport with players of all ages in the Mid-Atlantic communities through ProsToYou Tennis, a company which he runs and operates. He has run programs at Montgomery Village, Seven Locks and Avenel. He has been a coach at the Flint Hill School (Oakton, VA), Holy Child School (Potomac, MD) and Chevy Chase Club (Chevy Chase, MD). Marco has also served as the Program Director at the Junior Tennis Champions Center (JTCC) in College Park, Maryland.

Lisa Brody has been specializing in teaching tennis to young children since 1992. A college player with a degree from NYU Stern Business School, she left a career on Wall Street when her children were born and began working with the original TennisKids program in Manhattan Beach, CA. She was one of the company's initial franchisees, expanding its operations to include over fifteen locations and serving well over 1000 children in suburban New

Jersey. She later formed Viva Tennis, one of the largest and most popular youth tennis programs in the state.

Our Tennis programs were active as soon as the warm weather kicked in, with a few cold days and nights sprinkled in. Men's and Ladies' nights are underway as well as our skills clinics led by our new Pros. Our tennis program offers fun and competition for every age and skill level. Contact tennis Director, Peter Carothers DSRCTennis@gmail.com) for more information.

Full Day Camp

In 2016 we've expanded our successful Camp Green Zone to offer a full-day option in addition to the ½ day option. Our Camp Director, Rosemary DeRose, shows her love of the great outdoors to our campers and inspires them with very hands on arts and crafts, games, songs, and nature experiences in our woods. Please reach out to Rosemary at dsrccamp@gmail.com or 240.888.8695.

DSRC Overview

DSRC is a nonprofit, member-owned swim and racquet club. The club is located on Spring Meadows Drive about a mile west of the intersection of Seneca Rd. and Darnestown Rd. DSRC draws its membership from families in the greater Darnestown area. Because the club has a limited number of members, the atmosphere is one of friendliness and relaxation. Families can swim in the spacious pool, play tennis on one of six lighted courts, or relax with a picnic under the trees. DSRC offers many social and sports activities and programs for children, teens and adults.

Join Us!

A few memberships remain. We would love to have you join! If you or anyone you know are interested in joining please visit us online at www.dsrclub.com If you have questions, please contact our Club Manager, Dave Hardy at gmdsrc@gmail.com, 301-330-1340, or our Membership Director, Bonnie Lane at BonnieLLane@yahoo.com, 240-683-8206.

Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club

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Root, Root, Root for the Home Team...

By: Dave Bivans, Seneca-Highlands-Berryville and Curt McCormick, Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield

What a great Opening Day we had on April 17th to kick off DCA's 27th adult co-ed recreational softball season – mild weather, mostly clear skies, and two great games. Game 1 featured defending champion Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield (BHR) taking on Seneca-Highlands-Berryville (SHB) with both teams coming out swinging. SHB took an early lead and held until the final inning with BHR picking up five runs in the top and taking a four-run lead. SHB struggled back with three runs in the bottom of the inning coming up on the short end of a 22-21 slugfest. The bats continued to hum in Game 2, at least for the Ancient Rollin Mountain Quails (ARMQ). ARMQ rang up seventeen runs against Western Darnestown's (WD) seven in a shortened game on account of an untimely sunset.

Week 2 brought about another final inning meltdown for SHB with ARMQ notching their second win of the season, surely establishing themselves as a contender after some very successful off-season recruiting. And BHR continued their early season dominance, putting a second notch in the win column by shutting down WD 8-2. WD, under first year skipper Deno Photinakis, continues to make line-up adjustments to try to get WD's offense back on track.

Unfortunately, the fair spring weather caught up with us on May Day with steady rain most of the weekend canceling the head-to-head matchup of league leading BHR and ARMQ. So, as we go to press, how will the season progress? Will BHR make it two championships in a row? Will ARMQ return to their 2012 winning season form? Will WD return to form stealing the championship back from BHR once again? Or, will Seneca Highlands, in joined forces with Berryville Seneca (2009 champs) finally get a share of the crown? Come on out to Darnestown's local Cliff Bland Park Sunday evenings to find out and to cheer on your favorite neighborhood stars. Games begin at 5pm continue through July 31st, with the exception of Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, and July 4th weekend.

Teams continue to need players to fill their rosters and line-ups, particularly once summer vacations begin. If you're interested in joining in the fun, please contact Dave Bivans at dnlbivans34@verizon.net or 301-977-4734. See you there!

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	RF	RA	GB
Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield	2	0	32	18	
Ancient Rollin Mountain Quails	2	1	30	23	
Seneca-Highlands-Berryville	0	2	32	37	2.0
Western Darnestown	0	2	9	25	2.0

And for those who like statistics, Joe Gazda (ARMQ) has been the official scorekeeper since at least 2004. Here's how the teams have stacked up over the last 12 years:

2004 TO 2015 STANDINGS								
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74	36	2	0.670	1161	10.4	809	7.2	1.435
66	43	1	0.605	976	8.9	801	7.3	1.218
46	61	2	0.431	948	8.7	972	8.9	0.975
43	61	5	0.417	875	8.0	1102	10.1	0.794
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Boy Scout Troop 1094

By Christopher Thomas

Our erratic weather over the last few months did not prevent our Boy Scout Troop 1094 from having a terrific spring. Our Scouts continued to do community service projects, earn Merit Badges, and advance in rank.

Troop 1094 kicked off the "spring" April 9th participating in the 11th Annual National Capital Area Council Scout Orienteering Meet at Kings Landing Regional Park in Huntingtown, Maryland. Joining Scouts from around the region, our Scouts learned orienteering skills and competed against teams from other troops with each team trying to complete the various orienteering courses the fastest. Some unexpected snow resulted in this outing being briefer than expected, but our Scouts still had a great time and they enhanced their orienteering and cold-weather preparedness skills.

Fortunately the following weekend the weather was much more agreeable for Troop 1094's spring backpacking trip. With loaded packs, the Scouts and parents gathered at Darnestown Presbyterian Church April 15th and headed off to Michaux State Forest near Gettysburg. After hiking a couple of miles to their camp site, the Scouts got a great night sleep in preparation for a fun and event filled Saturday. On Saturday some scouts who are training to go to Philmont High Adventure for an 11-day back pack trek went on a rigorous hike of almost 14 miles. The rest of the troop enjoyed an 8-mile hike and an afternoon with some relaxation and fire-building. Sunday included backpacking on some additional trails and the highlight for many scouts – lunch at Frontier Bar-B-Q on the way back to Darnestown.

Our Scouts continue to make outstanding progress earning Merit Badges and advancing in rank. Two Scouts, Hunter Harris and Jack Thomas travelled in Annapolis to participate in the U.S. Naval Academy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Merit Badge Jamboree. Hosted by the Naval Academy's chapter of the National Eagle Scout Association, the Jamboree includes Scouts from across the country and provides Scouts the opportunity to learn more about the Navy and Marine Corps and the Naval Academy.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

During the Jamboree Scouts can earn two STEM related merit badges including badges for: Aviation, Chemistry, Digital Technology, Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Engineering, Medicine, Nuclear Sciences, Oceanography, Programming, Radio, Robotics, Search and Rescue, Space Exploration, and Weather. Hunter and Jack both earned the Chemistry and Electricity Merit Badges and had an awesome time.

This spring, five of our scouts earned the rank of **Eagle Scout,** the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts. On May 15, the troop honored Jack Beautz, Tyler Harris and Steven Huntley during a special Eagle Court of Honor - Jack, Tyler and Steven met at Darnestown Elementary and joined scouts as Tiger Cub Scouts. On June 12, the troop will recognize Dakota Simons and Viraj Paul for earning Eagle and for their contributions to our community. The designation "Eagle Scout" has a long history since its founding over one hundred years ago and earning this rank requires great determination and commitment. Nationwide, only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank, after a lengthy only review process. Congratulations to Darnestown's newest Eagles.

In addition to their other activities, our Scouts helped their Darnestown neighbors get a jump on their spring yard beautification projects with the Troops annual mulch sale. Starting bright and early on Saturday March 19th, the Scouts (aided by their parents and the parents' trucks and cars) delivered 5310 bags of mulch all around Darnestown and the local area. Thanks to the community's generosity the Troop sold just over **\$28,000** dollars' worth of mulch. (212,400 lbs.), 106.2 tons.

With many local Webelos earning the Arrow of Light in the coming months, now is the time for them to start planning for their transition to Boy Scouts. For more information transitioning to Boy Scouts or Troop 1094, Scoutmaster Charlie Scott contact at sm@troop1094.org.

Troop 1094 welcomes new troop members and new Scouts year-round. For more information about Boy Scouts or Troop 1094, please visit their website at www.troop1094.org/ or contact Scout Master Charlie Scott at: sm@troop1094.org.



A few Items...

By Stephen Ellis

Writing for the Little Acorn has always been agonizing for me, but once submitted, I was glad to be finished, and glad to have done so. Lisa Patterson asked me to write an article about Bruce for the Acorn. As was the normal reaction in my mind (please no, not me), I of course responded sure, and am honored to do so. Many of my contributions to the Acorn over the years have been aided by the careful scrutiny of Kathy, my girlfriend. This has not been one of them. She's playing golf.

This assignment about Bruce has given me the impetus to write perhaps some last thoughts about our community that Bruce and I would agree on.

- 1) I noticed the sign about the Armenian Youth Center. They bought that parcel in 1986, and is a large file in the office on all the interesting activity on that property. It may be worth a summary article in the Acorn, but not by me! When the AYC received final approval, the Planning Board required them to "donate" about an acre + to the Darnestown Local Park for more parking area and other amenities. Make sure this happens.
- 2) The MWOSH Metropolitan Washington Orthodox Senior Housing effort to build a 30 unit building in the Village for senior living also has a large file in the office. This organization had numerous years of dealing with the DCA, and a satisfactory arrangement was codified with the County. One aspect was the generous agreement to sell septic area for \$1 /sq. /ft. to the owner of the hoped for "Country Inn" that might have been built behind the gas station. Jim Clifford helped us (pro-bono) make this deal. The (dare I say CRA Community Reinvestment Act consequences) credit problems of 2008-09 encountered by MWOSH, plus the over bearing County requirements killed the MWOSH plans. They still own parcels p709 and p655 in the Village, and they are still for sale. They need some help. I could advise.

Also, there was a serious inquiry in 2011 by a family that could afford to take the risk and try to build us that restaurant that so many have yearned for over the years. However, there were two problems: asking price of p641 (which could have been worked out), but more importantly, the County's expensive and time consuming bureaucratic requirements were just too much hassle for them to pursue any further. I was greatly disappointed.

3) Darnestown is blessed to have the Seneca Creek and State Park on our north and west borders. Bruce and I spoke with the Managers of the Park around 2009-10, and confirmed what we already knew; that the woods ecosystem in the Seneca Park and much of Montgomery County was under catastrophic change from the deer eating almost all the saplings and wildflowers that were so ubiquitous as recently as the 1980's. Also, that the foreign invasive plants were overrunning and replacing the indigenous plant The Parks Department has created the species. Weed Warrior program for volunteers to help eradicate the foreign invaders in selected areas of the county parks. I took the course and became a member about 2005.

The DCA initiated the Seneca Forest Project with the approval of the DNR and Seneca State Park Management. Two roughly 30,000 sq. ft. deer exclosures were built in the Park by a great group of Fortunately, there is still a small volunteers. dedicated group that continues to monitor and repair damage to the exclosures: Karen and Erik Hinrichsen, James Wheeler, and Alan Luke. Some others do help when repairs are needed. This is the fifth year, and there is a very noticeable difference within the fenced areas. You should check it out, and become a volunteer on the project. Weedwack a path to the sites; the park Management will understand. It has been done before.

If this project continues to be maintained, it will become famous in a few years. It's the best and only one of its kind in the area; perhaps the region.

4) As for all those environmental regulations because of the Clean the Bay effort, check out what the biggest cause of the troubled quality of the Bay has probably been over the decades – the silt etc. behind the Conowingo Dam.



Darne Good Cookbook

DCA cookbooks are only \$10! This is a great deal considering some retailers sell them for over \$20. The recipes and artwork are all contributions from our residents. They make a great hostess and/or birthday gift. Contact me at lisaapatterson@aol.com to get yours today!

Summer is Salad Season!

Here is a great homemade salad dressing recipe to enjoy this summer!

Aunt Doris' Tomato Soup Dressing

A good, basic dressing to keep in the fridge. It's similar to French dressing.

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1 (10 ¾ oz. can condensed tomato soup

¾ cup wine vinegar

1 tsp. salt

½ tsp. paprika

½ tsp. pepper

½ cup sugar

1 tsp. dry mustard

1 small onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 ½ cups vegetable oil

- 1. Combine first nine ingredients in a blender.
- 2. Cover and whirl until smooth.
- 3. Setting blender on lowest speed, add oil slowly.
- 4. Whirl a few seconds longer to blend well.
- 5. Refrigerate.







Break out the Summer Grill

Fabulous Marinades for Summer Meals

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Saos Sate Ketab

Hot and spicy, if you please!

¼ cup melted butter ½ cup soy sauce 2 tbsp. lemon juice 1 tsp. crushed red pepper



- Combine all ingredients in saucepan.
- Bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes.
- Let cool.
- Use sauce to marinate your favorite shish kabob meat and vegetables.
- Baste with extra sauce as they cook.

Teriyaki Sauce Marinade

Must prepare ahead!

½ cup orange juice

½ cup teriyaki sauce

3 tbsp. olive oil

½ tsp. oregano

½ tsp. pepper

3 cloves garlic, minced



- Mix all ingredients together.
- Marinate meat in refrigerator for several hours for best results.



Community Interest \bigcirc



Those Who Serve

By Meakin Bennett



Midshipman First Class William Miller

U.S. Navy Midn 1/C William Christopher Miller Jr. will graduate from the United States Naval Academy on May 27th. Christopher is graduating with a Bachelors of Science and a degree in Mechanical Engineering. During his time at the Academy, he ran cross country and both indoor and outdoor track. Upon graduation, he will be commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps, and is slated to become a Marine pilot. Starting in July, he will attend the Marine Corps' "The Basic School" (TBS) in Quantico Virginia. After completion of TBS, he will begin flight school in Pensacola Florida. Christopher grew up in Spring Meadows and attended Northwest High School. He is the son of Sharon and Bill Miller.





1st Lieutenant Brandon M. Cooper

U.S. Air Force 1st Lt Brandon Cooper received a Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service for work done while on deployment in Qatar. He returned from deployment in September, 2015 and was temporarily assigned to Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, VA. Effective February, 2016, he was assigned to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois as the Mobile Communications Planning Officer for the Cyberspace Squadron. This Squadron provides cyber networking expertise to Air Force Space Command, and is the lead command for cyber activities and functions.



Captain Ryan Swisher

U. S. Army Captain Ryan Swisher recently competed his first year of a two year MBA program at the MIT Sloan School of Management. As a part of his coursework he visited China in March and Israel in May working with major companies in each country. He also taught a seminar at MIT on leadership where he focused on executive skills he learned as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander during two combat tours in Afghanistan. Captain Swisher plans to tour Europe over the summer before returning to the Boston area in August. He is scheduled to earn an MBA from MIT in the spring of 2017 after which he will teach economics at the US Military Academy at West Point.

Community Interest \bigcirc



Maryland to Become First State to Ban Bee-Killing **Pesticides for Consumer Use**



In an effort to curb its plummeting honeybee population, Maryland is about to become the first state in the nation to pass strict restrictions on neonicotinoids for consumer use.

Neonicotinoids are a potent class of pesticides used on many crops in the U.S. that have been linked to the widespread decline of pollinator species. As EcoWatch mentioned previously, 29 independent scientists conducted a global review of 1,121 independent studies and found overwhelming evidence of pesticides linked to bee declines.

Republican Gov. Larry Hogan is poised to sign a combined set of bills passed in both the state's upper and lower chambers (SB 198 and HB 211), the Post reported.

According to the Post, the bipartisan legislation would take neonicotinoids away from everyday consumers who spray their home gardens and trees with these harmful pesticides. They would not be able to buy neonicproducts such as Knockout Ready-to-Use Grub Killer, Ortho Bug B Gon, All-In-One Rose & Flower Care, Lesco Bandit Insecticide from the thousands of hardware stores, garden centers, nurseries in the state that sell such products. Farmers and professional gardeners, who better understand how to apply the chemicals, are exempt from the law which will come into effect in the year 2018.

The news comes as much-needed reprieve for the Maryland's dwindling honeybees. Compared to the national average of 42.1 percent, Maryland's beekeepers lost more than 60 percent of their colonies on average in the past year, one of the highest in U.S., according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) survey.

Del. Anne Healey, D-Prince George's County, who authored the House version of the bill, told the Washington Post that the new law would "be a landmark, and it would set a standard that maybe other states would follow."

Healey pointed out in a June 2015 editorial in *The* Baltimore Sun that more actions must be taken to protect our pollinators, which serve a critical role in our food supply:

Our honey bees are in serious trouble, and if we lose our bees, and other pollinators, one-third of our food supply is in danger. As The Sun's editorial noted, "It will take more than good intentions to preserve and protect" bees and other pollinators.

ThinkProgess reported that while California, Alaska, New York, and Massachusetts have made attempts to ban or limit neonicotinoids, no piece of legislation has made it as far as Maryland.

In recent years a number of nurseries, landscaping companies and retailers - including Lowe's, Home Depot, Whole Foods, and BJ's Wholesale Club - have taken steps to eliminate bee-killing pesticides from their stores.

However, Maryland's Department of Agriculture has denied evidence linking the decline of bees to neonicotinoids. The agency said in a statement that it "has not documented any cases of neonicotinoid pesticides negatively impacting honeybees Maryland," citing a USDA National Honeybee Survey saying "no neonicotinoids were found in Maryland pollen samples, and fewer pesticides overall were detected when compared to the national average."

The Washington Post also noted that the state department is concerned that the \$200,000 allocated in the House bill to implement and enforce the new law would be inadequate, arguing that it would likely cost more than \$1 million a year instead.

Additionally, Maryland's amateur gardeners are still able to buy the pesticides from out of state or the internet making enforcement all the more difficult.

Don't Pull That Dandelion! It's one of the first spring foods for our precious bees.





Development and Transit

By Art Slesinger

Several issues are changing that will impact development and roads in and around Darnestown. The annexation and plans for the Johnson property (the 14 acres behind the Safeway) have been modified. The original plans were withdrawn because it was clear that the County would not be happy. While the County cannot stop the annexation by Gaithersburg, it can request a 5-year hiatus on any development that exceeds the current County zoning. The latest Johnson sketch plan before both the County and Gaithersburg include 28 single family homes and 82 townhouse units. Under MoCo zooming, the Johnson property can only have 36 single family units, hence Gaithersburg zoning make the land more valuable. Bottom line: Is the Johnson family a real estate developer or will they get the plans approved and sell the whole thing to a developer and live happily ever after in a Florida estate? Road congestions is getting come additional attention. Kudos to our Rebecca Landon for her letter writing campaign created during the last DCA Town Hall meeting in April. Those hand written letters to County and State people produced some clarifications that the County and State are working to seriously amend the RIffleford Road/Route 28 intersection with more right and left turn lanes and an additional thru traffic lane west bound for 250 feet past the light. Not sure when it will all happen but all would agree changes are needed.

One of the big changes MoCo is considering is the alterations to the growth policy. That policy is known, for reasons few can explain, as the "Subdivision Staging Policy." What is that? Well under the Adequate Public Facility statute, development causing school crowding or unacceptable road congestion can trigger a moratorium on development. Clearly it is not working considering 90% of the MoCo school are overcrowded (see http://ceds.org/bcp/SchoolOvercrowding.pdf) and road congestion is plugging up both road and driver arteries. Parks and Planning has put together a proposal to alter the criteria and test methods that might actually slow things down. Read and comment at their website: www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/subdivision staging policy/.

Comments and concern should also be sent to our two Council Members:

Craig Rice at:

councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov

Roger Berliner at:

councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov

This is major opportunity to try to turn around the out of control development that is damaging our quality of

Bus Rapid Transit remains the MoCo government's great hope for future congestion management. The Corridor Cities Transit (CCT) remains under development but very underfunded. The Hogan administration is not providing any money for the project at this time. Meanwhile MoCo is planning the great Route 355 bus rapid transit system to go down the Pike from Clarksburg to Bethesda. Public hearings are scheduled for late April and early May. The difference between the CCT and Pike BRT project is the latter has relatively no new asphalt and would use priority traffic signals to try to speed the buses along the already congealed road way. Good luck with that. The CCT is a failure waiting to happen as it is a very circuitous route from Comsat to Shady Grove and few people seem interested in using it. Parking near these bus routes is also limited making it very difficult to even get to the bus line itself.

Power and PEPCO



The last hurdle to the acquisition of PEPCO by Exelon has been cleared. The District government finally agreed as the last political jurisdiction having to okay the purchase. The good news is that the buyer is offering you a \$100 enticement to like the deal. You will, or have, received two \$50 credits over the next year on your PEPCO electricity bill. The bad news is that PEPCO has requested a 10% increase in rates to cover many of the improvements made over the last five years. Keep in mind the Public Service Commission typically cuts their request down to something more reasonable and that should happen again. How the larger Exelon deal with our region will turn out remains to be seen, but they are a massive power company, many times the size of PEPCO.



The History of July 4th

Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

The Birth of American Independence

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published in early 1776. On June 7th, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee -including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Robert R. Livingston of New York - to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2nd "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written



largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2^{nd} , from then on the 4^{th} became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

July 4th Becomes a National Holiday

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day has remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

For the Kids

Interact with Revolutionary Heroes

To help educate your children on our country's history, check out the website for *Liberty's Kids*, the popular PBS kids' TV series. It's extremely interactive and lets kids explore each important historical date, person, and event of the American Revolution. Remember, the Fourth of July is a special time to celebrate our country, and it's important that kids understand how our nation was born and why we're a free country.

Liberty's Kids The First Fourth of July!

https://vimeo.com/152682431 (22 minutes)

Find more full-length FREE episodes of Liberty's Kids on www.vimeo.com



Meet the Neighbors!



Lamb Jamboree!

Spring has arrived at **Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary**, and with it comes gallivanting lambs, piglets Scooter and WeeWee meeting the resident pigs, and much more!

First, let's introduce you to Jasper, June and Momma Millie, Millie, Jasper, and June came to the sanctuary just a few weeks ago. Millie was seized from a cruelty case in Montgomery County where animals had been kept with very little shelter and no food or water. In total, 35 animals were saved. All of the sheep had hoof infections, very overgrown hooves, and internal and external parasites. It was so heartbreaking. Despite their starved frames, they were being raised for their meat.



Because of supporters like you, Millie, Jasper, and June will live out the rest of their lives happily on our beautiful fields and pastures.

Sarah, another sheep we rescued from this same case, came to us already pregnant. She recently gave birth to two adorable lambs, Alfie and Ava, and they sure bring a lot of energy to the sanctuary!



This spring has also been eventful for rescued piglets **WeeWee and Scooter.** Last week, they moved from the house yard to their own pasture near the pig yard, where they are meeting all the adult pigs through the fence. Soon they will join them in the pig yard, an expansive area that covers about four acres. It has barns to sleep in, flat dirt areas to hang out in, a small creek that the pigs love to play in, numerous mud areas, and an amazing amount of grass to graze and root in.

Pigs are very curious animals! Which is why we knew WeeWee and Scooter meeting the other pigs would be exciting:



We look forward to sharing many more spring and summer adventures with you!

Thank you for all your support,

Terry and Dave
Poplar Spring Co-Founders

Our Mailing Address:

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary PO Box 507 Poolesville, MD 20837 (301) 428-8128

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<u>www.facebook.com/Poplar-Spring-Animal-Sanctuary-</u> 327928947366/?fref=ts

Editor's Note: Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is not far from us in Poolesville, MD. It is a beautiful property and a wonderful place to visit. Make sure to check their calendar for visiting days before making the trip.



MOMS Club® of North Potomac – Muddy Branch By: Sara Cuomo - Treasurer

Your local MOMS Club® of North Potomac – Muddy Branch has been busy these last few months keeping our little ones active and now that the weather has warmed up we are even more excited to get outside and play! Our current Board will be passing on the torch to new leadership in July. It has been a lot of fun for me to serve this group for the past year as Treasurer and I am looking forward to continuing to grow the friendships my children and I have made through our involvement in the club.

MOMS Club® is a great way for full-time or part-time stay at home moms to connect with other local moms. We host a variety of events throughout the year. Activities range from concerts, potluck recipe swaps, community service activities, meetings with guest speakers, book club, walking club and age-based playgroups. By joining MOMS Club® of North Potomac - Muddy Branch you and your children will have an opportunity to meet many wonderful families in our area, and make lifelong friends. Our club is designed to support you, the stay-at-home mom! Here is how:

- 1. We meet during the day, when at-home mothers most need support.
- 2. We believe being a mother shouldn't isolate you.
- 3. The MOMS Club® is a nonprofit corporation and a 501(C)(3) publicly-supported charity registered with the IRS.
- 4. We know being an at-home mother means making a financial sacrifice, so our annual chapter dues are affordable.
- 5. At-home mothers of any age children are welcome!

Also, each month our club hosts a Moms' Night Out to give us the opportunity in the evening to get out of the house and enjoy the company of other moms. This year we have enjoyed trips to the movies, painting and shopping – to name a few!

To learn more about joining **MOMS Club**, or if you want to establish a partnership with us in the community, please reach out to us at:

Website: www.bigtent.com/groups/npmbmoms Facebook: www.facebook.com/momsclubnpmb/

Email: npmbmomsclub@gmail.com

Did you know...



Father's Day

On July 19, 1910, the governor of Washington State proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

Don't forget
Father's Day – June 19th



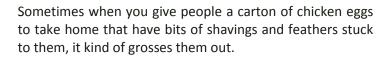
Quote of the Quarter

Someone once asked Eric Clapton how it felt to be the greatest guitar player in the world.

He replied, "I don't know. Go ask Prince."

Homesteading Corner!

Got Chickens? Fresh Eggs To Wash or Not to Wash



But no big deal, just give the eggs a good scrubbing and send them out the door. Right? **WRONG.**

Believe it or not, there is more to washing an egg than you might think.

Egg shells are porous, but God designed them to have a micro membrane coating on them called "bloom" to keep potential baby chicks and their environment safe and clean.

Bacteria have a hard time getting inside a dry egg. Washing dirty eggs removes the bloom and invites bacteria to be drawn inside the egg. And washing eggs in *cool* water actually creates a vacuum, pulling unwanted bacteria inside even faster.

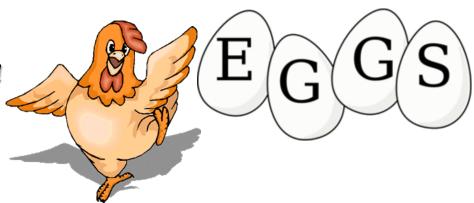
(Of course, not all bacteria are bad, but you never know what may be lurking on the outside, so better safe than sorry.)

So, what do we do with those less-than-shiny eggs?

FIRST OFF, THE EASIEST SOLUTION IS TO PREVENT DIRTY EGGS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

- 1. Clean your nesting boxes often. Personally, I've found that keeping a constant supply of fresh shavings in each box goes a long way in keeping my eggs clean.
- Place your roosting areas HIGHER than your boxes. Chickens like to roost in the highest part of the coop that they can. Build roosting areas higher than your nesting area to discourage them from roosting in and soiling their boxes.

But, even with the cleanest boxes, you will still end up with a dirty egg from time to time. So let's learn how to carefully clean them!



EGG WASH OPTIONS:

- 1. Sandpaper. Use a fine grit sandpaper to gently sand off any soiled areas of the egg. While this still damages some of the bloom coating, it keeps the egg dry, helping to prevent the "vacuum" effect.
- 2. Warm/Hot water. Wash the dirty eggs in water that is approximately 20 degrees (or more) hotter than the egg. The hotter the better, and I try not to allow my eggs to soak in any standing water. I moisten them until the dirty spots soften, wipe, and dry. Also, it's probably a good idea to use washed eggs before unwashed ones.
- 3. Bleach/Dish Soap. I've seen many sources mention bleaching or cleaning eggs with "solutions". I try to steer clear of any of these methods, especially the bleach. I suppose if you are running a commercial egg operation, then this is something you need to consider, but for my informal egg collecting? I just use plain ol' hot water. (If I WERE to use some sort of "soap," I would definitely stick with something on the natural side that isn't antibacterial.)

My personal method? I only wash eggs that are visibly soiled. Anything that comes in the house already clean is left alone. If they have a bit of dry manure or shavings stuck on them, I try to flick those things off before bringing them inside. The less washing the better!

So, my egg cleaning routine is informal, but I'm happy with it. Another factor that gives me peace of mind is knowing that our chickens are healthy, happy, and fed a better quality diet than commercial chickens. Those things go a long way in keeping your eggs safe to eat.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

MORE!

How to NATURALLY clean your chicken coop:

<u>www.theprairiehomestead.com/2011/03/naturally-disinfecting-the-chicken-coop.html</u>

School News & Events

Darnestown Elementary



By Sandy Pearce

The end to another great school year is near! Warm weather is here to stay and we hope everyone has a joyful, safe and exciting summer break. Let's wish the 5th graders farewell and good luck on their new journey to middle school. They will truly be missed. The 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 15th in the gym. Our sweet, little Kindergarteners can breathe a sigh of relief as they successfully made it through their first year of elementary school. They will have an end of year celebration in their classrooms on Friday, June 19th.

Spring was off to a great start at DES with Staff Appreciation Week! Thanks to all the wonderful and caring teachers, parents and students, lunch was provided by Whole Foods and teachers were spoiled with flowers and notes of gratitude. Even the Java Cruiser made a special appearance with unique coffees and muffins. On Cinco de Mayo, a fiesta feast was had, as well as an assortment of delectable desserts. Thank you to all the members of the PTA and DES Teachers for all that you do! You really ARE appreciated.

We had an excellent turnout at our Donuts for Darnestown, as well as the DES Variety Show. There were singing, dancing and instrumental musical acts. Our 4th and 5th graders were such the professional MC's. What a talented group of kids we have! Also, DES was fortunate enough to create some after school clubs, such as a Lego Club, Debate Club and Fun & Games Club to name a few. This would not have been possible without the time and dedication of our Darnestown teachers and parents.

The Spring Choral and Instrumental Music Concerts were another big success. And great fun was had by all at Field Day. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Be sure not to miss our annual Spring Picnic on Friday, June 10th. There will be food, sweets, music and bouncing. Due to all the snowfall this past winter, the last day of school will now be on Monday, June 20th. Try to hang in there one extra day!

Butler School



By Lisa Daly

Upper Elementary Play



Butler Montessori's Upper Elementary students performed Peter Pan, Jr this year. The musical held at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown was thoroughly enjoyed by parents, alumni and members of the community.

This is the first time these students were involved in a production of this magnitude. Students participated in every aspect of the play, including building props, creating costumes, learning music, acting and choreography. Through this process they learned invaluable lessons about collaboration, leadership, and planning, which they will build on for the rest of their lives.

Cinzia Maddalena, Butler's Music and Performing Arts Director, was heard to say after the play that "it was ALL the children", but in truth, this play was a culmination of many efforts. Ms. Maddalena led the students through a program where fundamentals of music became naturally and inherently understood. She then progressively built more complex layers of melody and drama into their understanding of music.

On the night of the play, growing excitement filled the theater, as the audience of more than 200 filed into their seats. That excitement was met as the students poured their hearts into their performances. The cast delivered an amazing show and the magic of live entertainment filled our lives with joy.



Intermediates to Costa Rica

Maria Montessori stated that "Character formation cannot be taught. It comes from experience and not from explanation." This year, the Butler Montessori Intermediate class (grades 7 & 8) experienced, in their own words, a "transformational," "one-of-a-kind experience," and "totally inspiring" trip to Costa Rica as part of their peace studies work.



The students visited the United World College Costa Rica where they worked with a conflict transformation specialist on how to use non-violent language in resolving issues. Travelling then to UPEACE, they met with the executive director of an organization called El Niño y La Bola (The Boy and the Ball). This organization helps to build and educate at-risk communities in Costa Rica through leadership training, academic tutoring, and recreational clubs. Guided by the director, Butler Montessori students participated in a series of important activities and discussions about power, privilege, and stereotypes.

The Intermediates were given a unique window into Costa Rican life when they spent an afternoon with an indigenous family. They learned about the childhood of the family's patriarch (in Spanish) and learned about their family business - basket weaving. The family then spent a couple of hours working with the students while they each crafted (or tried to!) their own woven coaster to take home.

A visit to a shantytown in San Jose allowed students to see first-hand what it's like for Nicaraguan immigrants living in Costa Rica. A member of the community cooked a delicious lunch for the group and met guides who were students in the organization's leadership program. After lunch, they went on a tour of the community, and met various members of the community, including

religious leaders and entrepreneurs. Afterwards, the students debriefed about what they'd seen and discussed the similarities and differences between the impoverished community in Costa Rica and their communities at home.

The students' visit to the rainforest was rich with bird watching, interesting insects, and an agouti spotting. The more serious part of their rainforest experience included long hikes making detailed observations of various species and marking them on a map. They investigated these later in the lab and added them to the rainforest database.

Upon their return, the Intermediate students worked very hard to create presentations for their families and other students inspired by their experiences and reflections.

At Butler Montessori these extra-ordinary experiences are a part of the many opportunities where students foster stronger interpersonal relationships, creativity, vision, and gives students the tools to succeed in a world that is rapidly changing.



To learn more about Montessori education or to visit our school please check out www.butlerschool.org or call 301-977-6600 for a tour.



Mary of Nazareth



By Sara Jamison

1st Annual Hispanic Food Fair to be Held on May 16

¡Todos somos bienvenidos! Mary of Nazareth middle school students have collaborated this spring on a project that will transport visitors from the Caribbean islands where Columbus first landed to the highest altitudes of the Andes. 8th grade students will take the role of tour guides, providing brochures with things to do and places to see across Latin America. 7th graders are the culinary experts, designing an individual "Menú del día", featuring traditional dishes for each Latin American country. No international travel will be required for visitors who'd like to try menu items - the 6th grade will provide take-home Spanish/English recipe cards, with the option of making and serving their dishes.

Donations will be accepted to purchase a Passport into the fair, all proceeds from which will benefit Fabretto Children's Foundation. Fabretto's mission is to help empower underserved children and their families in the poorest Spanish-speaking country in the world: Nicaragua. Fabretto families survive on a dollar or two a day to support their families. Each participant in Mary of Nazareth's 1st Annual Hispanic Food fair will help Fabretto families to reach their full potential, improve their livelihoods, and take advantage of economic opportunity through education and nutrition. Thanks in advance to Mary of Nazareth students and families for their support of Fabretto's cause.

Mary of Nazareth School Hosts Bike Tour Rest-Stop for Disabled Veterans

2016 marks the fourth year that Mary of Nazareth School has hosted a rest stop on its campus for the Face of America bike tour. "Face of America" consists of a 110 mile ride from the Pentagon to Gettysburg, and is one of the largest annual non-competitive bicycle rides in the Washington, D.C. region. The ride includes more than 700 participants, 175 of whom are disabled veterans. Participants ride together to honor US troops, and inspire injured veterans. Mary of Nazareth students and families welcomed riders to the school's 190+ acre campus, cheering them on, and handing them refreshments. Mary of Nazareth Athletic Director and veteran, Rich Huelbig, said of the event, "This is an incredible opportunity for young people to witness the sacrifices made by many US service men and women. Our community is honored give back to our veterans,

and excited to champion them to the finish line." The event, created and organized by World T.E.A.M. Sports, celebrates its sixteenth race this year.

In anticipation of the event, Mary of Nazareth students heard from veteran guest speakers on the Friday before the race. Veterans spoke with students about their jobs within their respective branches of the military. Three individual sessions of speakers were held for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Both Friday's and Saturday's events were organized by Mary of Nazareth's Social Concerns Committee. The Committee works during the academic year to provide classroom instruction and volunteer opportunities that raise students' awareness of their responsibility to act as good stewards within their communities.



Mary of Nazareth cheerleaders greet bikers as they enter the rest-stop



MoN Band Earns "Superior" Rating

Congratulations to the Mary of Nazareth Band on their designation of "Superior" at spring adjudication this year. Band members include:

Jacob Zeranski (8th, Percussion) Fouad Ayoub (7th, Winds) Katie Carter (7th, Winds) Daniel DeLude (7th, Percussion) Jonathan Hofmann (7th, Winds) Laura Osei (7th, Brass) Hackett Rascher (7th, Winds) Caitlin Hofmann (6th, Brass) Fiona O'Connell (6th, Winds) Amelia Maffeo (5th, Winds) Kate Nonnenkamp (5th, Winds) Madison Kelly (5th, Winds) Jacob DeAgostino (5th, Brass) Robert Castillo (5th, Percussion) Meghan Stone (5th, Percussion) Kamdi Nwakibu (5th, Percussion)



Band members celebrate earning "Superior" rating at adjudication

Mary of Nazareth 7th Grade holds Science Fair Congratulations to all participants in this year's Science Fair, with special recognition to the following overall winners:

Class 7-1

1st Dylan Olmsted

2nd Max Filliben

3rd Gates Griffin

Class 7-2

1st Hackett Rascher

2nd Kylie Ly

3rd Antonio Checchia





Overall Science Fair Winners
Dylan Olmsted and Hackett Rascher
in front of their respective Blue Ribbon projects.





Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

Michael Briggs

High School Senior Earns Scholar Athlete Award

Darnestown resident Michael Briggs, a graduating senior at Good Counsel High School, received the 2016 Scholar Athlete Award from the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame.

Michael is an AP/IB student with a 4.2 GPA and a member of The National Honor Society. Michael has earned multiple varsity letters from football, wrestling, and rugby, and he is the captain of the rugby team. He is an Eagle Scout, mentors freshman students and has completed 140 community service hours including a week long Habitat for Humanity project. Michael earned the Duty to God Award from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The NFF recognized 45 Scholar Athletes from its National Capital Region which includes over 100 high schools. Army Head Coach, Jeff Monken, was the keynote speaker at a banquet held April 10, 2016 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. Monken inspired the Scholar Athletes to keep striving for excellence, just as Thomas Edison didn't stop after inventing the light bulb and earned over 1,000 patents.

Michael will attend Brigham Young University and plans to play for its national championship rugby team.



Ingrid Gooch

Ingrid is graduating from Hood College (3.8 GPA) with a double Bachelor of Arts degree in both Psychology and French. She is a member of the Pi Delta Phi - Société d'Honneur Française and the Lambda Delta National Honor Society. Ingrid was one of only 22 seniors to have been selected as one of Hood College's 2016 Tischer Scholars - a prestigious and highly selective, yearlong program designed for students who have earned a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher in their major field of study and who wish to pursue intensive research. Ingrid's professional research publications thus far include Psychometric Examination of a Religiosity Scale (which she presented at the 61st Annual Southeastern Psychology Association Conference in Hilton Head, SC) and an undergraduate course curriculum for Hood College entitled Introduction to Neuropsychology. She will be joining the work force as a clinical research coordinator and plans to begin her PhD program in the School of Cognitive Science at the Johns Hopkins University, focusing on Neuropsychology.





Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

Zachary (Jack) Hanson

Jack is graduating from Quince Orchard High School in June, 2016. He was a two year starter on the Varsity Football Team and a very high-achieving student academically. While in high school, Jack earned his Eagle Scout Award. Jack is heading to Brigham Young University (BYU), where he will study Pre-med in hopes of one day working as a doctor.

Jack has a 3.85 GPA and has received 4's or 5's on 7 Advanced Placement exams. Jack was the JV Football MVP his sophomore year, then started as a Varsity offensive lineman his Junior and Senior years. His football record during all four years was 36 wins and 3 losses. Jack was the Montgomery County JV wrestling champion for the 195 lb. weight class his in junior year. Jack is also an Eagle Scout.



Brothers Eric (L), Match (M), and Jack (R) Hanson

Eric recently graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson. Match is currently a sophomore at QOHS.

Darnestown Directory

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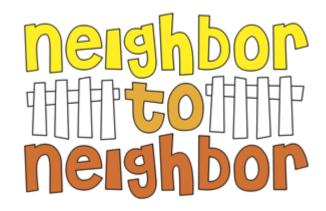
After 8 years working on the Darnestown Directory, I am ready to hand over this project to another member of our community. If you are looking for a way to give back to Darnestown and get to know some neighbors, this is the job for you! The Directory is published every other year and the next one is scheduled for 2017. Most of your time is spent in the few months before the Directory is published soliciting advertisers and working with our database administrator and the printer to coordinate the layout, etc. Computer experience and attention to detail are all that are needed — and we offer free on the job training!

When I took on this job from Marsha Crowley (who had done it for years using block captains and letters and phone calls), I had 4 little boys under 7 and was looking for something to do in the evenings after they went to bed. Now I am busy with volunteer work at Mary of Nazareth, my oldest is in high school, and I am looking for *fewer* things to do in the evenings! It has been a pleasure getting to know and work with so many wonderful neighbors, especially Lisa Patterson, Jean and Dick Jurgena, and Bruce Deppa.

Please call or email me if you have any questions or if you are ready to take on this fun project.

Thank you!

Sarah Scherer sarahscherer@comcast.net 301-509-3673



Church News!



Darnestown Presbyterian Church

By Larry Ciolorito

Vacation Bible School! (June 27th - July 1st)

We will hold our Vacation Bible School from June 27th-July 1st, starting at 5:30 PM each day. We will go on a "Cave Quest" where kids will explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. We will serve snacks for the children, and events will be staged in Fellowship Hall to the East side of our campus.

VBS is a great fellowship opportunity with adults and youth working together to help guide the younger kids in an exploration of the Bible through crafts, recreation, and even science experiments. The children walk away not only singing Sunday School songs they'll remember for years to come, but also with a whole new understanding of what the Church can mean to them and their families. Middle Schoolers have the option of developing a thematic skit to be performed on the last day of VBS, and High Schoolers have many opportunities to volunteer and interact with the children. There is also an adult Bible Study class offered. In addition, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities for adults – you don't have to be a DPC member to participate!

We welcome anyone from throughout our community, and all Children aged 4 and up are most welcome to attend. We are thrilled to see new faces and are excited by the opportunity to introduce young children to God's gifts during this special week. If you have any questions or would like to assist, please contact Melissa Mostrom at melissamostrom@gmail.com.

Our Stained Glass Windows: History on Display

Beautiful stained glass windows were added to our historic sanctuary around 1905, nearly 60 years after its original construction. These windows are of very high quality, and are evidently the product of several different stained glass studios based on differences in design and cutting technique. The window inscriptions highlight a number of prominent early citizens of this region who were active in our church, including Frederick Adolphus Tschiffeley, John Hanson Gassaway, Margaret Curry Darby, Anna Curry Nourse, and Mary Fields Pennifield. In 2010 our church commissioned skilled restoration specialists from Washington Art Glass Studio of Capitol

Heights, MD, to do a full restoration on these centuryold works of art. The results were everything we had hoped for, ensuring that these luminous testaments to our faith and our forbearers will continue to inspire worshipers for many years to come.





Summer Schedule starts June 19th

Starting on 19 June our summer schedule will feature a single service at 9:30 AM, followed by a fellowship period over coffee, juice and light treats. We love to see visitors and first-time attendees- why not visit us this summer?





Rev. Tamara Leonard Lara

Rev. Dave McNeilly

For information regarding upcoming events and our church in general, please visit our website at http://www.darnestownpc.org/ or friend us on Facebook. All those who seek God are welcome to our visitor and family-friendly services, and a nursery is available on Sunday mornings.

Contact Information:

15120 Turkey Foot Road
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-948-9127
http://www.darnestownpc.org/dpchurch@comcast.net



St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

We are a young and growing congregation serving the Darnestown-Germantown-North Potomac area. We are a warm and welcoming, come-as-you-are and be-who-you-are kind of congregation, grounded in Scripture and centered in life. Regardless of where you are on your personal journey of faith, you are welcome among us.

Contact Information

15575 Germantown Road Germantown, MD 20874 240-631-2800 www.saintnicks.com office@saintnicks.com



Rev. Ken Howard

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish



Liturgy Schedule

- Saturday 5:00 PM
- Sunday 9:00 AM
- ❖ Sunday 11:00 AM
- Weekdays at 9:15 AM in the Thomas More Chapel, Parish Barn

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 4:00 pm or by appointment

Contact Information

14139 Seneca Road Darnestown, MD 20874 301-948-5536 www.olvp.org parishoffice@olvp.org

Fairhaven United Methodist Church

Fairhaven's United Methodist Youth Fellowship

The UMYF meets on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 PM. All youth in middle and high school are welcome to attend UMYF meetings, regardless of their religion or church affiliation. Please join us!



Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School and Middle & High School Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
- 6:00 Youth Group

Contact Information

12801 Darnestown Road Darnestown, MD 20874 301-330-5433 www.fairhavenumc.net



Rev. Esther Holimon

ATTENTION ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP!

If you've got news, updates, or special events to share, please email the Editor at

wsgooch@comcast.net

by August 1, 2016

for inclusion in the next Little Acorn!



Darne Bloomers Garden Club



By Merikay Smith

Spring is such a fabulous time to be a gardener – every day brings new blooms, leaves unfurl, and weeds await pulling. Our garden club enjoyed a youthful March meeting as LeeAnne Gelletly and I presented "Creating a Children's Garden: Growing Gardeners." presentation was originally given at this spring's Montgomery County Master Gardener conference so the Powerpoint and a handout are available online. (MCMG website under "Special Events - Spring Conference -Handouts.")



Creating an inviting children's garden can be lots of fun. Some ideas to help you – focus on the garden experience over buying/installing items. Let your garden be a place for having fun, observing, working, imagination, and connecting with nature. Figure out what you your children want in a garden: What interests your children? ("Your children" may be family or neighbors/friends.) Select plants for child-appeal (shapes, colors, textures, scents, taste, plants names, etc.) and plants that support pollinators, birds, and wildlife. A garden theme can guide your creation - such as a fairy garden, dinosaur garden, ABC garden, butterfly garden, or sensory garden. Obviously, avoid poisonous plants. Adding a water feature that is simple and safe greatly appeals to children and attracts wildlife. Structures and paths should have child appeal and be scaled to children.

Enjoy being creative – include art, especially child-created and whimsical garden design elements. Kids love things that move or make sound (garden chimes hung low, for example). Child-sized tools and a space where children can dig are essential. Remember the fun of holding a worm or watching rolly-polly bugs? Don't yet have a

child's garden or looking for ideas? Visit one of the many public children's gardens in our area.



In April our garden club visited Hope Flower Farm in Waterford, Virginia for a demonstration/talk on "Designing Arrangements with Garden-Inspired Style," by Holly Heider Chapple. Holly has 20 years of experience as a wedding designer specializing in chic, couture events including destination weddings. Lisa Ruf arranged for this unique opportunity to introduce such a world-class designer to the club. Hosts for this event were LeeAnne Gelletly, Amanda Karst, Lisa Ruf and Marie Stiles. We designed with both hothouse flowers and flowers from the gardens of Holly Chapple Flowers. She showed us her signature style with a large vase arrangement (that was later won in a drawing by Diane Romney.) This design not only included flowering branches from her garden, but beautiful French tulips. Then we all did compote designs with chicken wire mechanics. We had a nice buffet set up in the barn, which included sandwiches and drinks to go so our members could enjoy their ride home. weather was chilly, but our spirits were high! For lovely photos of Hope Flower Farm and details on Holly Chapple's design services vou can visit www.hollychappelflowers.com Photos below come from Holly's website. Additional photos from April will be posted with the online Acorn.





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Thank you to everyone who continues to email with updates and changes to this important list! This is an ever-evolving list, so please continue to send all corrections and additions to the Editor at wsgooch@comcast.net

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August 1, 2016

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Darnestown Directory



Every two years, the DCA publishes a community directory of residents' names, addresses and phone numbers, and mails the directory to every residential address in our database.

The most recent edition (2015) is currently available! To obtain a copy of the Directory, call Sarah Scherer at 240-683-8533 or email her at

sarahscherer@comcast.net

Directories are only available while supplies last.

Organizations, Clubs, Groups, PTAs, etc., provide much of the social interaction that give any area its sense of community.

Below is a list of these groups:

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Scout Master Jim DelVecchio sm@troop1094.org

Butler Montessori

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Dr. Brooke Carroll, Head of School (301-869-3728)

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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
Dave Hardy, General Manager, davidhardy27@hotmail.com (301-330-9616)

Friends of the Library-Quince Orchard Chapter

Membership, (Vacant)

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

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15800 Quince Orchard Road Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Carole Working, Principal (301-840-4686)

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16600 Raven Rock Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878 Mrs. Monifa McKnight, Principal (301-840-4770)

Trout Unlimited

Seneca Valley Chapter, #369 website:

www.senecavallevtu.org

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www.darnestowncivic.org









Darnestown Civic Association

Why Should I Become a DCA Member?



The DCA provides important services to our community including:

- 1. The Little Acorn, our quarterly newsletter, is mailed to all Darnestown residents
- 2. Biennial telephone directory mailed to all Darnestown residents
- 3. DCA Spring Social, Hoedown, Tree Lighting, Town Meetings, and other gatherings
- 4. Darnestown community entrance sign and park maintenance
- 5. DCA Web Site www.darnestowncivic.org
- 6. American flags for our roadside holiday flag program
- 7. Email alerts: Events, lost/found pets, safety/crime notifications and more
- 8. Monitoring and reporting issues that impact Darnestown, e.g. power and telephone reliability, village development, zoning, public safety, cell towers, Montgomery County Master Plans, road construction and safety, hiking/biking trails, deer population, Agricultural Reserve, crime reports, and environmental issues to name but a few
- 9. Maintenance of the DCA "Contingency Legal Fund," money for legal battles against major issues that could negatively impact the quality of life in Darnestown.

IT'S NEVER BEEN EASIER...

You can now sign up or renew your Membership online! https://fs7.formsite.com/Dcatreas/form1/index.html?1454801504882

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact DCA President Lisa Patterson by emailing her at <u>LisaAPatterson@aol.com</u> or calling her at 301-548-0999!

Please support the Darnestown Civic Association for all they do for our community!

THANK YOU!







Membership Report - 2016

By Jean Jurgena



The following is a list of Darnestown residents who have paid their dues for 2016 as of May 15th. If you have any questions please contact me at 301-674-1741 or email at <u>imjurgena@hotmail.com</u>.

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