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## CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS & NOTES

### Notes from the President

*By Lisa Patterson-Troike*

#### DCA Hoedown October 14<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars! It's that time of year again.....time to brush the dust off your cowboy boots and hat and come on out to the best party of the year! The DCA Hoedown is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-11:00 pm here in Darnestown at Smokey Glen Farm on Riffle Ford Road. Please visit [www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org) to purchase tickets. DCA members \$35/pp, non-members \$45/pp -- an unbelievable deal for seafood bisque, BBQ chicken, German potato salad, green beans, pasta salad, baked beans, tossed salad, rolls, home baked cherry, apple, peach pies and more! Beverages included: liquor, beer, wine, sodas, etc. Can't wait to see ya'll there!

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# Fall is Here!

**DCA Hoedown**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

See page 7 for details!

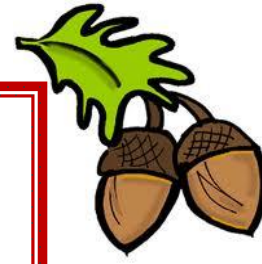
**Next DCA Town Meeting**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> | 7:30 PM**

**Darnestown Presbyterian Church**  
**Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road**

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Happy autumn to all  
of our Darnestown  
neighbors!!





## Notes from the President

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### June Town Meeting

Thanks to everyone who came out to our June Town Meeting to watch the film "Growing Legacy" and meet Lee Langstaff with Shepherd's Hey Farm and Gene Kingsbury with Kingsbury's Orchard, both located in Dickerson, MD. We are very fortunate to have a thriving agricultural reserve as our westerly neighbor providing us with fresh local produce and recreational opportunities. Autumn is a great time to get out and enjoy the AG Reserve. Many farms have "pick your own pumpkin" fields, hayrides, petting zoos and more. It's a great way to support your local farmer and get out and enjoy fresh air and beautiful landscapes.

### Rt. 28/Riffle Ford Road Intersection

Wondering what is being built on the corner of Route 28 and Riffle Ford Road? The DCA has been reporting about the new Pepco substation being built there over the past few years. It will help electric power reliability to some parts of Darnestown and is supposed to be an attractive-looking facility.

The DCA requested that the intersection be improved/ upgraded to handle traffic more efficiently. Currently, westbound 28 backs up at this intersection because there is no dedicated right turn lane to Riffle Ford Road and Riffle Ford Road backs up because there is no dedicated right turn lane onto 28. We were hoping the improvements could be made in conjunction with the Pepco construction, but it appears the intersection changes will not occur until after the substation is built. The DCA will continue to monitor the substation and intersection and update accordingly.

## SHARE THE ACORN

A colorful, electronic version of the Acorn can be found on the DCA website at

[www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org)

Share the news from our fair community with friends and family around the country!



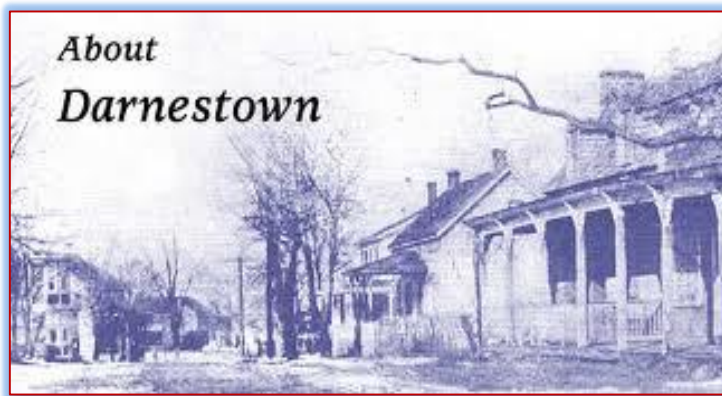
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Route 28, Darnestown looking west; late 1880's  
Courtesy Montgomery Historical Society

## ***"A Brief History of DARNESTOWN"***

*By: The Darnestown Historical Society*

*Please enjoy Part Four of five 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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### **EDUCATION IN DARNESTOWN**

The first formal education in Darnestown took place in the basement of the Presbyterian Church immediately after its construction. Education was not available to everyone and not all communities could boast of even a small school.

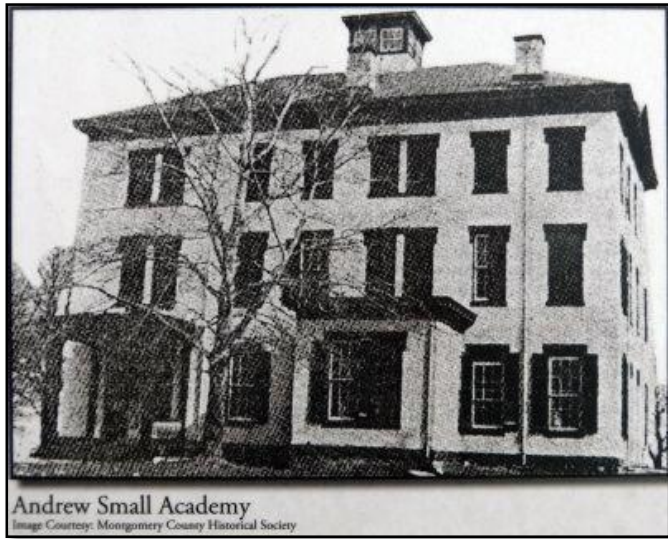
In 1867, however, the Presbyterian Church was given a gift of \$35,000 to build a real schoolhouse. The gift came from Mr. Andrew Small, a successful contractor on the C&O Canal who admired the efforts of the church to provide learning opportunities for the children of the Darnestown area.

With the ending of the hostilities of the Civil War, Small's gift gave the community a chance to turn its efforts to peaceful ends. The leaders of the church were grateful for the gift and used part of the money immediately to build a school building, saving the rest to pay for its operation.

The new school was given the name "Andrew Small Academy" when it opened in 1869. At the time it was built, the Andrew Small Academy was the largest school building in Montgomery County. The high level of the instruction given there soon established it as an accredited college preparatory school.

Because there were so few schools in the area, many families from neighboring communities sent their children to the Andrew Small Academy as boarding students. These students lived on the third floor of the building along with the teachers. Local youngsters attended as day students.

The school was closed during 1871, but operated continuously from 1872 until 1907. This photo shows the academy as I appeared around 1908.



*Editor's Note: For more detailed and very interesting information on the Andrew Small Academy, please visit [www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=69716](http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=69716)*

In 1907, the Academy ceased operating as a private school. The Montgomery County Public School System took over the building for use as a public high school. In 1927, the County discontinued use of the upper floors and began to teach elementary school in the first floor of the building.

Although the Civil War was long over and black citizens of Maryland were entitled to full rights of education, it was only in 1954 that black children and white children were educated in the same schools. This policy of racial segregation was common throughout the United States for many years after the War Between the States, but the practice persisted longer in southern and border states.

In 1955, the school building, then almost a century old, was torn down to make way for the present Darnestown Elementary School. The new school was built about 100 feet from the site of the Andrew Small building, at a cost of \$207,000.

Since that time, two generations of students have been educated in the new school. The enrollment has continued to grow larger over the years, but

the teaching staff has always provided a sound foundation in "reading, writing, and arithmetic".

The gift that Andrew Small left the Darnestown community showed his high regard for the importance of education. The citizens of Darnestown want their children to remember Andrew Small and his Academy gift, because they also believe that education is very important.

### **DARNESTOWN AFTER THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES**

After the catastrophe of the Civil War, the entire United States turned to the problems of healing the wounds of the war, reviving productive farming, and rebuilding the ordinary family life of the Nation.

In Maryland, a border state in which brother against brother fought during the war, restoring a peaceful climate was both more important and more difficult.

Darnestown had additional problems brought on by the encampment of thousands of troops there during the war. Many of the farms had been ruined. Much work had to be done to rebuild the farms, plant crops and trees, and regain productive use of domestic animals.

Although the steam engine was invented a century before the Civil War, the industrial revolution was slow in coming to the United States. Veterans of the Civil War turned almost entirely to farming or to shop-keeping and mules provided nearly all the power that did not come from the arms and legs of men and women.

Darnestown residents of that time included a doctor, a merchant, a blacksmith, and a wheelwright. These people served the needs of the farmers and other residents of the area. The heart of Darnestown Village lay at the intersection of Darnestown Road and Seneca Road.

Mr. James Windsor, grandfather of Curry England one of the featured speakers during History Day,



opened the Windsor Store at the corner of Seneca and Darnestown Roads in approximately 1878. He operated the store for many years, and also served as Darnestown's Postmaster for some 20 years. The Darnestown Post Office was discontinued in 1911. The Windsor Store building survived until 1969, when it caught fire and burned to the ground.

Darnestown was an important community at that time. Situated at a busy crossroads, Darnestown was a center for trade in farm products and the stone and grain from the nearby mills.

At the turn of the century, the average Montgomery County farm was 100 acres in size; 90% of the County's residents were engaged in agricultural occupations.

Because horses were used for power on the farms, and because transportation was expensive, many farmers built large barns for the stabling of livestock and for the storage of hay and grain to use during the winter.

The grain farmers shipped some of their wheat to Washington by boat. As much as 4,000 bushels could be carried on each boat from the Seneca or Tschiffeley's mill.

The value of a farm during the post-Civil War period was determined in part by the quality of the nearby roads. Farms lying along paved roads, or along the train routes, brought higher prices than those served only by dirt roads.

In 1899, there were 790 miles of unimproved dirt roads in the County and only 45 miles of stone and gravel roads. As time went on, more and more of the roads were leveled and paved.

The first use of steam to multiply man's power came to Montgomery County on May 25, 1873, in the form of the steam-powered train. It ran on 42 miles of track, including runs through Gaithersburg and Germantown.

The speed and efficiency of the train for the transportation of goods and people spelled the end of the C&O Canal. The train also reduced the importance of the grist mills, and of Darnestown as a major center for commerce in Maryland. Citizens of

the town began to concentrate on farming and local commerce for their livelihood.

As the industrial revolution brought mechanical planters, reapers, balers, and tractors to the farms, farmers began to depend less and less on human labor (and thus on their own large families!) and more and more on the machines. The speed of trucks and trains also enabled dairy farmers to sell milk in Washington despite the lack of good refrigeration.

Mechanical skill became even more a vital part of a farmer's abilities than it had been in former times. Fast transportation and the use of mechanical milkers allowed a dairy farmer to enlarge his herd of milk cows. One of the largest local milk producers was Kelley's "Pleasant Hills Dairy", which ceased production only in the late 1950's.

Until recently, Mr. Tom Kelley, descendant of Darnestown's early families, farmed much of the land around Darnestown. He was famous for his "Kelley Corn" farm wagon that supplied many Darnestown families with fresh produce during the summer. Kelley corn also fed many visitors to the dining hall at the Montgomery County Fair each August.

Most of the large farms of Darnestown have been broken up and used as the sites for new houses. However, here and there one can still see a large barn that testifies to the land's heritage. One such barn, built about 1920 by Mr. Paul Bogley on the old Dr. Richard Beall property, still stands within sight of the Darnestown Elementary School today. It is used by Mr. and Mrs. James Schooley to stable horses, store hay, and shelter tools, but no longer serves as the center of a large farm.

The Bogley farm itself became the site of the community of Ancient Oak West after Mr. Bogley sold it in 1963.

There are still cattle and horses in Darnestown, although the cattle are fast disappearing. Horses, however, may be as numerous now as they ever were, offering their owners – both young and old – many opportunities to improve their equestrian abilities, or simply to spend a quiet hour riding through the fields and woods of Darnestown or nearby Seneca Creek State Park.

**NEXT:** *Darnestown Today and Tomorrow*



# 46<sup>th</sup> Annual DCA Hoedown

Join your friends and neighbors for a spectacular evening of dinner, dancing, drinks, desserts, and hayrides.

**All-inclusive for ONLY \$35 per person for DCA Members!**  
(\$45 each for Non-DCA Members - Join the DCA by using the online ticket purchase form link below and get the member price!)

**Friday, October 14, 2016**  
6:00 to 11:00 pm

**Smokey Glen Farm – Main Pavilion**  
16407 Riffle Ford Road  
Right here in Darnestown!

**Back by popular demand:**  
**Darnestown's favorite caller, Mac McCall**

Serving Smokey Glen Farm's famous complete BBQ chicken and BBQ spareribs buffet dinner, starting with seafood bisque and ending with delicious smoked fruit pies. Included are sodas, apple cider, beer, wine, bar beverages, and coffee

**ADULTS ONLY!**

Reservations with payment must be received by October 10th!  
**\*\*No refunds\*\* Payment will not be accepted at the door**

**Purchase now online:**

<https://fs7.formsite.com/Dcatreas/form4/index.html>  
(payments can be made either by check or credit card)

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If you still prefer the old-fashioned paper approach, simply **clip and submit** this form along with your check (payable to DCA) by 10/10/16 to:

**Lisa Patterson-Troiike, 13925 Esworthy Road, Darnestown, MD 20874**

Full names of those in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each (\$35 each for DCA members!!):

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list full names of those in your party. Nametags will be awaiting you at the door and will serve as your ticket.

# Community Interest

## ***Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club (DSRC)***

### ***2016 Summer Season a Splash!***

By Rob Swisher

Our 2016 summer pool and tennis season was filled with fun, sun, spins, and thrills. We kicked off on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend with the Opening Day Pool Party and said bon voyage to the summer with our Labor Day Year End Party. All summer the pool was full of cannonball splashes and laughing youngsters, and the courts were active with Novak Djokovic wannabees...

Our wonderful community pool was the just the place for Darnestown families to be for summer fun; and the best place to unwind, relax, and enjoy sunshine with friends and family.

One of the most endearing highlights of the season was our 2nd annual 4th of July Parade and Family Celebration. Sporting red, white, and blue tricycles, bicycles, wagons, and scooters, our mini patriots displayed their birthday wishes to America, while parents, grandparents, and fellow patriots shouted USA! USA! USA! Later in the day, the kids (and some young at heart adults) participated in three legged races, water balloon tosses, and a very sweet and sloppy fruit pie eating contest.

Our swim team competed in the "C" Division of the Montgomery County Swim League (MCSL), led by Head Coach Pat Tozzi. GO DEMONS!

Our Tennis program was active all summer, sometimes playing around intermittent thunderstorms that passed through the Darnestown area. Men's and Ladies nights, weekend warriors, Friday Night socials, and skills clinics kept all the racquet heads swinging. Tennis Pro, Carlo Impeduglia, Tennis Assistant Emily Rost, and Tennis Director, Peter Carothers ([DSRCTennis@gmail.com](mailto:DSRCTennis@gmail.com)) offered every age and skill level challenging fun and competition. Tennis programs continue well into the late fall.



This year we had a very successful Full Day and Half Day Camp. Our camp Director Rosemary DeRose showed her love of the great outdoors to our campers and inspired them with very hands on arts and crafts, games, songs, and nature experiences in our woods.

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.

We would love to have you join for the 2017 Summer season!

### **Join Us!**

A few memberships remain. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining please visit us online at [www.dsrrclub.com](http://www.dsrrclub.com) If you have questions, please contact our Club Manager, Dave Hardy, at [gmdsrc@gmail.com](mailto:gmdsrc@gmail.com), 301-330-1340, or our Membership Director, Bonnie Lane, at [BonnieLLane@yahoo.com](mailto:BonnieLLane@yahoo.com), 240-683-8206.

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

Twitter: @DSRCLUB

Facebook: Darnestown Swim & Racquet Club - Social Page

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# Community Interest



## NEW Darnestown Champions!!!

By: Dave Bivans, Seneca-Highlands-Berryville (with apologies to Yogi Berra)

A new era in co-ed recreational softball blew into town with season-ending thunder showers squashing a re-match between the league-leading Ancient Rollin Mountain Quails (ARMQ) and defending league champion Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield (BHR). What a turn-about for ARMQ – cellar dwellers for the three previous years, and a first taste of the championship for the Rollinmead neighborhood players. Sharing the ARMQ skipper duties with Joe McIntyre, co-coach Joe Gazda, an original Rollinmead player-coach, remarked, “Our off-season recruiting really helped by providing deep depth in key positions and getting a few youthful younger players.” Joe M. remains bewildered that such astuteness can be rewarded with a championship. The other coaches, BHR’s Steve Groff and Curt McCormick, Seneca-Highlands-Berryville’s (SHB) Bob McGuire and Gene Sullenger, and Western Darnestown’s (WD) new skipper Deno Photinakis, similarly amazed, will be taking a page from the ARMQ playbook in hopes of duplicating the Joes’ success.

This was a tumultuous season. Spring play included two excellent weeks of high scoring close contests. The month of May brought the delayed April showers – raining out three otherwise perfectly good Sundays in addition to the final games scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>. Coupled with a 100-degree-plus heat advisory cancellation and the sporadic forfeit, the 24-game season was cut to 10 contested games. This was the league’s shortest season since the 1990 inaugural year of six games, with Commissioner Dave Bivans noting, “I always thought that record would stand until it was broken.”

Notwithstanding ARMQ’s bumper recruiting, all of the teams can use new (or even returning) players – young and the not-so-young (there’s a real plus for men 50 and over) – anybody who has an interest in playing (and meets the ownership or age requirements). Let Dave Bivans know if you’re interested ([dnlbivans34@verizon.net](mailto:dnlbivans34@verizon.net)), and he’ll get you signed up with the next championship team.

*"Any team can win in this league. It all depends on how often players are available to play on any given Sunday."* ~Joe Gazda



TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	GB
Ancient Rollin Mountain Quails	6	1	-----
Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield	6	1	0.0
Western Darnestown	2	5	4.0
Seneca-Highlands-Berryville	0	7	6.0

# Community Interest



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## **Boy Scout Troop 1094**

By Christopher Thomas

Darnestown's Boy Scout Troop 1094 wrapped up a summer full of terrific activities and is back in the swing of things with a packed fall schedule. Fall 2016 will include an overnight canoeing and kayaking trip, a weekend on Assateague Island, and other outings as well as the normal series of meetings and other events. Additionally, Troop 1094 will spend a day in September cleaning the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will do their semi-annual Darnestown Presbyterian Church grounds clean-up and will conduct a myriad of other community service projects.

For one group of Troop 1094 Scouts, the summer's highlight was two weeks in late June spent at the Boy Scout's high adventure camp, the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. After spending a day in Colorado Springs, Colorado getting acclimated and visiting the Air Force Academy, Garden of the Gods, and Pikes Peak, our Scouts spent the rest of the trip back-packing in the rugged mountains of northern New Mexico. While at Philmont, they hiked the Tooth of Time and Mt. Baldy, got to shoot blackpowder rifles at Miranda, Cantina, did cowboy action shooting at Ponil, and the challenge courses at Urraca. The "Philmont Crew" even saw a bear in their travels. Although the Scouts (and adult volunteers) returned to Darnestown exhausted, Gerard Mulford, the adult leader for the trip, predicted, "Everyone, including the adults will happily return for another Philmont adventure in the future."

Also in late June, another Troop 1094 contingent set off on a different adventure – eschewing the mountains and two weeks of hiking, to participate in the Boy Scout's Seabase program, a week spent sailing in the Bahamas. Ten scouts, with accompanying adults, boarded two 42' sailboats to brave the calm and beautiful blue waters of the Abaco archipelago in The Bahamas. They sailed from quaint Bahamian town to town, exploring exquisite beaches, snorkeling over vibrant coral

and enjoying the warm tropical sun. While the fishing proved challenging, one scout crew caught a couple Barracuda, which could not be eaten, and a King Mackerel, which was grilled and consumed to broad acclaim. The weather was perfect for such an adventure, sleeping on deck, sailing tropical seas, and sampling conch fritters from local establishments. The scouts learned a lot about sailing, so much so that one of the captains challenged the crew to navigate and sail their vessel back to the port of origin without adult assistance. It was a great time all the way around as evidenced by one scouts' proclamation during a particularly exciting wind driven crossing, "Now this is what I call high adventure!" Stay tuned. Troop 1094 will definitely be returning to Seabase Bahamas in the not too distant future.

In addition to the Scouts who participated in the high adventure camps, 30 Scouts from Troop 1094 spent a great week at Camp Liberty at the Boy Scouts Heritage Reservation in southwestern Pennsylvania. Our Scouts enjoyed hiking, swimming, and working on Scout skills and earned a pile of merit badges while having fun in the woods! Our Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) worked as a team and got some great leadership experience under their belts - 100% of them were at camp! After some rain and thunder early in the week, the weather remained pretty nice - the temperatures stayed in the 70s. These Scouts saw plenty of action at the waterfront all week, where some new scouts earned Swimming merit badge. Older scouts earned Lifesaving, Sailing, and Kayaking merit badges, and spent time learning to boardsail and paddleboard.

The fall Scouting season kicked off August 28<sup>th</sup> with a family picnic at Seneca Creek State Park. In addition to getting reacquainted and enjoying great food, the Scouts received merit badges they earned this summer and were given new ranks they achieved. For more information about Boy Scouts or Troop 1094, contact Scoutmaster Charlie Scott at [sm@troop1094.org](mailto:sm@troop1094.org).

# Community Interest

## MOLLY'S WALK & ROLL FOR A CURE!

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**  
**BRETTON WOODS RECREATION CENTER**

Hello! My name is Molly Lichtenstein and I am twenty-three years old. I have lived in Darnestown for twenty years of my life! When I was sixteen years old I was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation, Syringomyelia, Hydrocephalus, and Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, 4 genetic disorders and my life and my families lives changed dramatically. Since my first brain surgery in 2009, I have had twenty-six surgeries to date and have struggled to find information and treatments for my conditions. I want to make a difference for future patients who are diagnosed , whether that is by raising money to help find better treatments and maybe one day a cure, or spreading awareness where I live to help the understanding of what these conditions cause.

Since 2009 I have participated in walks for Chiari Malformation and Syringomyelia and since 2012 have organized my own walk. This is where I need your help in the Darnestown area.



This year the walk will be September 17, 2016 at Bretton Woods Recreation Center and I hope that you will join me in spreading awareness and raising funds for these debilitating conditions. Registration starts at 10am and the walk starts at 11am. To sign up for the walk please visit: <http://asap.kintera.org/MollysWalkandRoll>

You can join "Molly's Army" or make your own team!!! Thank you!  
*Molly Lichtenstein*  
[mlicht5@student.towson.edu](mailto:mlicht5@student.towson.edu)





# Community Interest

## Fall Soup Recipes!

### ***Cream of Peanut Soup***

*From the King Arms Tavern*

*Colonial Williamsburg, Williamsburg, Virginia*

#### **Ingredients:**

- ¼ cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 8 cups Chicken Stock
- 2 cups smooth peanut butter
- 1 ¾ cups light cream or half-and-half
- Finely chopped salted peanuts, for garnish



#### **Instructions:**

In a large saucepan or soup pot over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and celery and cook, stirring often, until softened, three-five minutes. Stir in flour and cook two minutes longer.

Pour in the chicken stock, increase the heat to high, and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring often, until slightly reduced and thickened, about 15 minutes. Pour into a sieve set over a large bowl and strain, pushing hard on the solids to extract as much flavor as possible. Return the liquid to the sauce pan or pot.

Whisk the peanut butter and the cream into the liquid. Warm over low heat, whisking often, for about five minutes. Do not boil.

Serve warm, garnished with the chopped peanuts.



### ***Creamy Pumpkin Soup***

Simmer and whisk for 5 minutes:

- One 15-ounce can pumpkin
- 2 cups chicken broth
- ½ cup of cream
- ½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Serve with a crusty, savory bread!

### ***Apple Bacon Soup***

Make the Creamy Pumpkin Soup, but add:

- 2 tablespoons of maple syrup

Cook one cubed apple in butter until soft.

Top the soup with the apple and crumbled, cooked bacon!

### ***Pumpkin Chili***

Brown 1 chopped onion, 1 chopped bell pepper, and 1 ½ pounds ground beef in oil in a medium pot.

Stir in one 15-ounce can each of:

- Pumpkin
- Diced, fire-roasted tomatoes
- Black beans, drained
- And 2 cups of water.

Add 2 tablespoons each of:

- Chili powder
- Adobo sauce (from a can of chipotle chiles)

Simmer for 30 minutes



# Community Interest

## *Those Who Serve*

By Meakin Bennett



### ***Captain Ryan Swisher***

U. S. Army Captain Ryan Swisher recently started his second year of a two year MBA program at the MIT Sloan School of Management. Over the summer Captain Swisher toured several European countries including Greece, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. He is scheduled to earn an MBA from MIT in the spring of 2017 after which he will teach economics for three years at the US Military Academy at West Point.

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**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

*Fundraising Celebration for*

**Operation Second Chance**

At Pinky & Pepe's Grape Escape in the Kentlands!

**\*\* Raising funds for our wounded combat veterans \*\***

- ~ There will be free beer and wine tasting for all.
- ~ Sommelier Nick Materese of Siema Wines is pouring the wine!
- ~ Mindy Pitts of Duclaw is pouring the beer!
- ~ Special souvenir beer glasses will be available at the event.
- ~ Music provided by local musicians Harry Traynham and Jack Bond!



**The Honor Flight's** 2016 "Super Saturday" of the year will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the **World War II Memorial** in Washington, DC.

Several local bikers and Darnestown citizens will rally in the parking lot of the Harris Teeter that morning for some community fellowship before heading downtown to greet the arriving veterans.

Hundreds of WWII veterans from New York, Missouri, Ohio, Florida, Nevada, and California will arrive in nine separate Honor Flight busses on this single day!

World War II veterans ranging in age from 86 to 98 years old carefully disembark the buses and enter their memorial on wheelchairs provided by the Honor Flight program. Some of them become so overwhelmed by the outpouring of appreciation and respect, they are rendered speechless. Most of them are anxious to share their stories about their experiences at Iwo Jima, Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, and the D-Day invasion of the Normandy Beaches in France. Many tears are often shed... some by the elderly WWII veterans, some by their guardians and grown children, but mostly by us... the patriot bikers of the Darnestown community and beyond.

Please consider joining us on September 10<sup>th</sup> for part or all of this meaningful day to honor our WWII veterans. Please contact Bill Gooch for more information at [wsgooch@comcast.net](mailto:wsgooch@comcast.net) You don't have to have a motorcycle! It will be a day you'll never forget. ~**Bill Gooch**, *President Independent Civilians Motorcycle Club*



# Community Interest



## There's a new guy in town

### ***Some new (non-native) bees on the block!***

Have you noticed a different looking large bee flying around your flowering plants lately? Sometimes confused for carpenter bees, mining bees or European hornets, these new bees are giant resin bees (*Megachile sculpturalis*).

Giant resin bees are an introduced species and are native to parts of Asia. It was first confirmed in North Carolina in the early 1990's. They have since spread throughout the southeastern US, including Maryland.

Giant resin bees are opportunistic and use abandoned wood cavities for nesting. These include holes in trees or timbers or holes created by carpenter bees. Carpenter bees are a native species and a pollinator. Giant resin bees are aggressive towards carpenter bees by depositing a sticky resin on them leaving them immobilized. They then attack the carpenter bee, killing it.

Giant resin bees are solitary bees and are not known to sting humans unless threatened. But their impact on native species is troublesome. Spraying for them is not recommended because that would also kill pollinators and natural enemies.



Source: University of Maryland

## ***Police Blotter from the Past !!***

By Jack Toomey  
*The Monocacy Monocle*

**August 2, 1892** - Deputy Embry organized a posse that was searching for Edward Thompson who was said to have committed a felonious assault upon Mrs. John Simpson at a house near Potomac. Both the Simpsons and Thompsons occupied tenant houses on the farm of Darnes Clagett, and their houses were within calling distance of each other. Apparently, the day before, Mrs. Simpson had visited the Thompson residence and had left her comb there. Upon returning the next day, Thompson assaulted Simpson in a bedroom. Thompson then went to the Stone Brothers' store in Potomac and told a bunch of loungers that he was going to head out of Montgomery County. In the meantime, Mrs. Simpson ran into the fields and alerted her husband as to what had happened. It was speculated that Thompson headed for Washington or even to try to cross the bridge into Virginia. He had \$1.50 on his person.

**August 5, 1892** - James Maxwell and his wife, of Dickerson, were fishing in the Monocacy River when Maxwell dropped his fishing pole into the water. When he leaned over to retrieve it, he fell out of their boat and sank almost immediately. Mrs. Maxwell had no way of summoning help, and his body was recovered later that evening from an eight-foot hole.

**Don't forget to ...**



**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**



# Community Interest

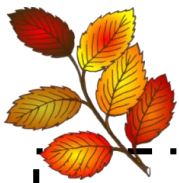
## Infrastructure

By Art Slesinger



Two projects are proceeding as planned. The new PEPCO substation at Route 28 and Riffle Ford Road is under construction and should be finished in 2017, there is a good chance it will be in service by the end of 2017. Electrical service reliability for the eastern side of Darnestown should improve when this is completed.

The intersection of Route 28 and Riffle Ford Road is under study by the State. By the end of next year the details of the design should be completed and work will begin shortly thereafter. Current thinking is the west bound 28 at Riffle Ford will have 4 lanes, two straight thru, one for left and one for right turns. South bound Riffle Ford will have three lanes, one for left turns, one for right and one for thru traffic. These plans are clearly subject to change at this point.



**Are you an animal lover?**

**Cut up your old pumpkins this season and put them out in the backyard to attract wildlife critters, or consider donating them to a local farm or animal shelter!**



## It's a Darne' Good Recipe!

DCA cookbooks are now \$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](mailto:lisaapatterson@aol.com) to get yours today!

### ***Praline Pumpkin Pie***

*From Page 255*

This pie has two advantages – it makes two pies at once and it freezes beautifully!

2 unbaked 9-inch pie shells

#### **Praline Filling**

2/3 cup butter, softened

1 cup brown sugar

1 cup chopped pecans

1. Combine butter and brown sugar, and divide into the two prepared pie shells.
2. Bake at 425\* until praline mixture is bubbling vigorously, about 5 minutes.
3. Sprinkle pecans over praline mixture and let cool.

#### **Custard Filling**

1 (4 ½ oz.) package Jello "Golden Egg" custard mix

2 egg yolks

2 ½ cups canned pumpkin

2 ½ cups cream

2 ½ teaspoons pumpkin pie spice

½ cup sugar

1. Combine all ingredients in a large saucepan.
2. Cook over medium heat, stirring until custard comes to a boil.
3. Remove from heat and pour over praline filling into two pie shells.
4. Refrigerate until firm.





# Meet the Neighbors!

## **Nine Eagle Scouts Honored**

By RoseMarie Briggs

Nine members of Boy Scout Troop 1300 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) in the Kentlands received the Eagle Scout Award at an Eagle Court-of-Honor ceremony held at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) June 4, 2016. Michael Briggs, Ryan Briggs, Caleb Chipman, Jack Hanson, Christopher Hunter, Jamon Jex, Samuel Mansfield, Andrew Parsons and Spencer Parsons received their award, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, from their scoutmaster and Darnestown resident Mr. Eric Martinis. Michael, Christopher and Samuel were also awarded the Eagle Bronze Palm.

There are over 2.3 million scouts between the ages of 7 and 21 in the United States. Of 1,000 boys that start in Cub Scouts, only two become Eagle Scouts. There are several requirements for Eagle rank, including earning 21 merit badges (13 required) and giving leadership to others in a significant service project of at least 80 combined hours of service by youth and adults. Eagle projects included leading a toy drive for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital's Pediatric Unit (Michael), organizing a 4th of July celebration and patriotic program for the LDS Church in Kentlands (Ryan), providing three service projects for Quince Orchard High School: refurbishing the ticket booth (Samuel), installing a new floor for an

athletic training room (Jack) and rebuilding and painting a large storage shed (Spencer), making bike paths for nearby Maryland State Parks and laying pavers for creek beds (Andrew), collecting and retiring over 100 used flags for the Kentlands Community (Christopher), building a fence and gate for Star Gazing Farm—a sanctuary for abused and neglected farm animals (Caleb) and collecting and donating 3,843 books for Worldwide Book Drive (Jamon).

Retired Lt. Colonel Eric G. Hansen, a former pilot for Marine One HMX-1 Squadron for Pres. Ronald Reagan, was the keynote speaker. He inspired the young men to live the scout oath, law and motto in their future careers and throughout their lives. Lt. Colonel Hansen charged the Eagle Scouts to continue to live their religious beliefs especially the LDS health law of no alcohol, no tobacco or anything harmful like drugs. He gave an example of a fellow LDS Marine who under intense pressure stayed true to his religious convictions to live the Mormon law of health.

Six of the nine Eagle Scout recipients live in **Darnestown** and the others in nearby communities. Michael, Jack and Spencer are attending Brigham Young University. (BYU was recently ranked #5 for Best Colleges from *Money* magazine.) Andrew is serving a two year proselyting and service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines. The other Eagle recipients are attending local high schools.





# Homesteading Corner!

## *What to Plant in the Fall*

Spring may be special, but fall is fine for planting. Spring-blooming bulbs, cool-season vegetables, perennials, trees, and shrubs can all be effectively planted in the fall.

Fall has distinct planting benefits. Autumn's cooler air temperatures are easier on both plants and gardeners. The soil is still warm, allowing roots to grow until the ground freezes. In spring, plants don't grow until the soil warms up.

Fall has more good days for planting than spring does, when rain and other unpredictable weather can make working the soil impossible. And there's a lot more free time for gardening in autumn than in always-frantic spring.

Plus, the late season is usually bargain time at garden centers that are trying to sell the last of their inventory before winter.

Fall showers are generally plentiful, but it's easy to deeply water plants if it doesn't rain at least an inch per week.

Pests and disease problems fade away in the fall. You don't need fertilizer, either. Fertilizer promotes new, tender growth that can be nipped by winter weather; stop fertilizing by late summer.

The window for fall planting ends about six weeks before your area gets hit with a hard frost, usually September or October.

### COOL SEASON VEGETABLES

Many vegetables thrive in cool weather, including broccoli, Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, radishes, rutabaga, spinach, and Swiss chard.

Many fall-harvested crops should be planted in early August to give them enough time to mature. Always consult the seed packet to see how many days it takes until maturity, and count backward from your frost date to allow enough time.

Lettuce, spinach, and other greens with a short maturity time can be planted later in the season. Extend the growing season by planting them under floating row covers or cold frames that will shield plants from frost but still allow light, air, and water to penetrate. Many root crops taste sweeter when they're harvested after frost.

### PANSIES

Fall is the best time to plant pansies because the still-warm soil temperatures give their roots time to establish. By planting in fall, you'll get two seasons of enjoyment out of these cool-season favorites. Remove spent flowers so the plant doesn't use its energy to set seeds, and keep the soil moist. After the soil freezes, mulch plants to prevent alternate freezing and thawing cycles that can heave plants out of the ground.

### TREES, SHRUBS, & PERENNIALS

Fall is an ideal time to plant trees and shrubs. The weather is cool but the soil is still warm enough for root development. Before digging, always check with your local utility companies to locate any underground lines. Always plant trees and shrubs at their natural soil lines. Keep newly planted trees or shrubs well-watered until the ground freezes so they get a good start before going into full dormancy during winter.

It's fine to plant perennials in the fall, especially specimens with large root balls. Peonies should always be planted or transplanted in the fall. Avoid planting them too deep -- no more than 2 inches above the bud on the root -- or they won't bloom.

Source: [www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/garden-care/what-to-plant-in-the-fall](http://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/garden-care/what-to-plant-in-the-fall)





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# School News & Events

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## Darnestown Elementary



By Sandy Pearce

Farewell to long, hot summer days spent at the pool, on the beach or at camp and hello BACK TO SCHOOL. Welcome back teachers and families of Darnestown Elementary!

First off, there are some notable staff changes this year. Second grade teacher Rory Dower, Reading Initiative teacher Sarah Heitzler, Instrumental Music teacher Jennifer Bryan and longtime Attendance Secretary Anna O'Dwyer are in new positions at other MCPS schools. Fifth grade teacher Kevin Thompson is now a PE teacher at another MCPS school and First grade teacher Kelly Mertz is teaching in Baltimore. Let's give a warm welcome to our new staff, First grade teacher Jennifer Frederick, Second grade teacher Stacy Hurney, Third grade teacher Sarah Levin, Instrumental Music teacher Terri Morra and Attendance Secretary Tammy Lightcap. Also worth mentioning, Vicki Mostrom will now be teaching Fifth grade and Audra O'Neil will teach Reading Initiative.

If you have not already, please be sure to register for our PTA at <http://www.darnestownelementary.my-pta.org/>. When you register your email, you will receive information on DES, a full calendar of events, plus weekly reminders and updates. The PTA is responsible for funding numerous projects throughout the year, one of which is providing a much anticipated shade structure on our wonderful playground.

We will kick off the year with the **BACK TO SCHOOL Supply Drive**. This school year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year that Darnestown Elementary has partnered with Gaithersburg Elementary in the Adopt-A-School program. Please remember to contribute to students in need when BACK TO SCHOOL shopping for supplies in the next column. There will be a collection bin by the front office. All donations should be received by BACK TO SCHOOL night on September 8<sup>th</sup>. ☺

## We're Going Back To School



### Back to School Supplies:

- crayons
- colored pencils
- pink medium erasers-glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- scissors
- highlighters
- pens
- school boxes or zippered pouches
- wide rule filler paper
- folders
- backpacks
- lunch boxes
- binders
- composition books



Our main fundraising events this year will be the **DES READ-A-THON** and the **DES Scholastic Book Fair**. For the READ-A-THON, students are encouraged to read as much as they can within a given timeframe and are awarded with prizes as motivation. Last year, nearly \$18K was raised and over 100,000 minutes read! The Book Fair is a great place for your family and friends to purchase books as gifts for the holidays. All profits will go towards improving our school and to fund events such as the Fall & Spring Picnic, Donuts for Darnestown and Bingo Night.

### Important Upcoming Calendar of Events

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| September 5  | No School – Labor Day, Schools and Offices closed               |
| September 6  | PTA General Meeting, 7:00-8:30 PM, Media Center                 |
| September 8  | Kindergarten through Grade 5 BACK-TO-SCHOOL Night, 7:00-9:00 PM |
| September 12 | Professional Day for Teachers, No school for Students           |
| September 16 | BACK-TO-SCHOOL Picnic at DES 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM                  |
| September 20 | Parent Volunteer Training, 10:00 AM                             |
| September 30 | Early Release Day K-5, Students dismissed at 1:20 PM            |
| October 3    | No School for Staff and Students Rosh Hashanah                  |
| October 10   | Open House Parent Visitation Day, 9:45 AM – 12:45 PM            |
| October 12   | No School for Staff and Students Yom Kippur                     |

## Seneca Academy



By Dr. Michelle Parker

Seneca Academy is looking forward to an engaging and inspiring 2016-2017 school year! The summer has been a busy one, saying good-bye to Dr. Brooke Carroll and welcoming our new Head of School, Dr. Michelle Parker. Dr. Parker, a child psychologist by training and a former teacher, comes to us from the Sidwell Friends School, where she served as the All-School Counseling Coordinator. As a passionate, bilingual educator committed to fostering the academic, social, and emotional development of children, she is particularly well suited to lead our International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program!

Plans are well underway for a wide range of activities and off-campus trips this fall to support our hands-on, inquiry-based learning model. As an IB World School, we are committed to helping our students become knowledgeable, caring, open-minded, principled, and balanced communicators and thinkers and there is no better way to do that than by actively engaging with the environment and our community. Here on campus, students will make use of our 6 ½ acres of National Wildlife Federation Habitat to explore a wide range of topics from math and physics to art and creative writing. As they venture off-campus, many of the trips they take will also focus on how students can make a difference in the world. One example is our fifth grade overnight trip to the Anita C. Leigh Estuary Center on the Chesapeake Bay as part of their Unit of Inquiry: "Water is Essential to Life." They will study water quality and how it is impacted by development and other factors.

Our preschoolers will also be busy building competencies by exploring the world around them and by engaging in age-appropriate thought-provoking problem-solving (also known as play!). Limited spaces are available in our preschool program. More information and all forms can be found on our website at:

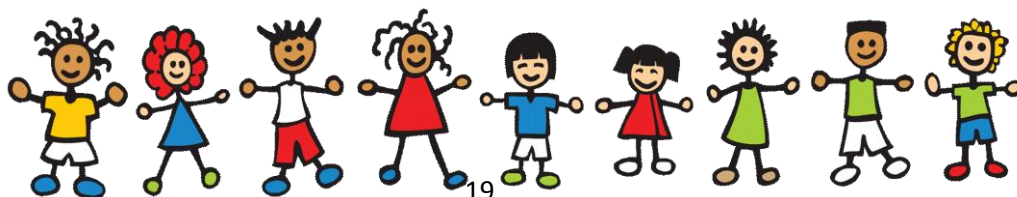
[www.senecaacademy.org/private-preschool-maryland/](http://www.senecaacademy.org/private-preschool-maryland/).

Due to popular demand, we have opened up an additional section of our Parent's Day Out program for 2-year olds, which provides children one morning of play each week and an opportunity to prepare for preschool. Children who are 2 by September 1, 2016 are eligible -- potty training is not required. This program will begin in late-September. More information can be found at: [www.senecaacademy.org/parents-day-out/](http://www.senecaacademy.org/parents-day-out/).

If you are interested in our program and in seeing our students "at work" and immersed in their journey of discovery, we invite you to join us for "Walk-In Wednesday" tours from 9:30-11:00am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month starting in October. Find out more at [www.SenecaAcademy.org](http://www.SenecaAcademy.org) or call us at 301-869-3728.

Students from around the area can also join us for after-school clubs. There are offerings each day for students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade including choir, sculpture, video game design, magic, cooking, play production and engineering. We also offer the Darnestown Community Band for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please call the office at 301-869-3728 if you are interested- clubs start the first week of October.

Calling all Circle School and Seneca Academy to Alumni! Join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Homecoming & Fall Picnic on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>! Check out our website this fall for more details about this family-friendly event!



## Butler School



By Lisa Daly

Butler Montessori is very pleased to welcome **Colleen Coughlin** as the new Director for the Equestrian Program. Colleen has come to us as a graduate of the University of Delaware, where she studied Applied Animal Science. She was born and raised in the Potomac/Poolesville area and has over 20 years of riding experience. She was Captain of her interschool horse show team, and she completed several 25- and 50-mile endurance rides. Upon graduation from university, she worked in a dressage training facility. From there she developed a passion for eventing, and operated a successful boarding, teaching, and training business in Pennsylvania. In 2016 Colleen moved back to the area where she continues to train and compete her own horses.



We are sad to say goodbye to **Jennie Garraffa**, our Equestrian Director for the past 4 years. Jennie relocated back to Florida with her family. Luckily for Jennie, she is returning to an area where much of her family is located. Luckily for us, she still has some family here, so she will be back to visit. We wish Jennie, Ron, and their son only the best in their future endeavors. They will be sincerely missed!

Butler Montessori maintains an open to the public Equestrian program and Colleen will strive to help every rider reach their full potential in a safe, positive and friendly environment. For more information about the Butler Equestrian Program visit our website:

[www.butlerschool.org](http://www.butlerschool.org)

## Lakelands Park Middle School



By Janet Swisher



It is that time of year again where we welcome you BACK TO SCHOOL! First let me congratulate our principal, Deborah Higdon. Mrs. Higdon has been selected by the Montgomery County Junior Councils Awards Department to receive the **MCJC Principal of the Year** award. This award

recognizes middle school principals who empower student leaders, support their school's student government, and overall make their school a welcoming place for all their students to excel in.



LPMS has a new Parent, Teacher and Student Association PTSA board this year and our motto is JOIN, PARTICIPATE, ENJOY! The PTSA calendar has wonderful social and academic activities planned for all students this year, but we need your help and participation to bring these activities to fruition! We are giving away a chance to win \$100 Not Your Average Joe's Gift Certificate to all new members.

Please LIKE US on our new Facebook page @LPMSPTSA and/or visit our website at <http://www.lakelandsparkpta.org/> where you can conveniently join our PTSA on-line, view our calendar of events, and directly donate to the student educational enhancement and experience cause. The LPMS PTSA will generally meet the second Tuesday of each month in the Falcon's Nest at LPMS at 7p.m. These meetings are free for all LPMS parents and students. Please mark your calendars to join us and participate in these meetings.







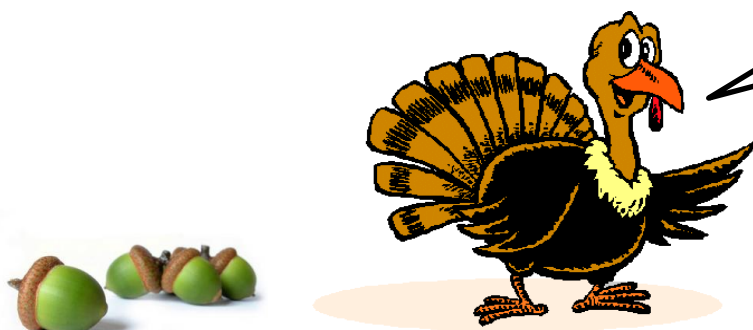
## LPMS Upcoming Events:

September 6	Back to School Night 6- 9 PM (Join PTSA from 6 - 7 PM)
September 7, 8, 9	Special Spiritwear Sales in ALL Grade Lunches
September 13	PTSA Meeting, 7 - 9 PM (Pinky & Pepe's Great Escape)
October 5	Spiritwear Sales in ALL Grade Lunches
October 11	PTSA Meeting & Sixth Grade Parents Middle School Workshop
October 28	Fright Night Halloween Dance 7 - 9 PM
November 2	Spiritwear Sales in ALL Grade Lunches
November 4	SPIRIT DAY CONTEST Wear your Spiritwear to Lunch
November 8	PTSA Meeting

## Quote of the Quarter

**Sometimes you will never  
know the value of a  
moment until it  
becomes a memory.**

-- Dr. Seuss



## And for the kids...

### ♪ *Humphrey the Blue-Nosed Pumpkin* ♪

Sung to the tune of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Humphrey the blue-nosed pumpkin,  
had a very spooky nose.  
And if you ever saw it,  
you might even say it shows.



All of the other pumpkins,  
used to laugh and call him names.  
They never let poor Humphrey  
play in any pumpkin games.

Then one foggy Halloween Eve,  
the Great Pumpkin came to say,  
"Humphrey, with your nose so blue,  
you'll make all the ghosts say BOO!"

Then all the pumpkins loved him,  
and they shouted out with glee,  
Humphrey, the blue-nosed pumpkin,  
You'll go down in history!

**Design your own pumpkin faces  
to go along with this song!!**

[www.dltk-  
holidays.com/halloween/mpumpkinfaces.htm](http://www.dltk-holidays.com/halloween/mpumpkinfaces.htm)

Site contains templates for a tall pumpkin,  
a short pumpkin, 10 eyes, 5 mouths & eyebrows,  
and 10 noses!

**Thanksgiving is  
Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Eat chicken ☺*



# Church News!



## **Darnestown Presbyterian Church**

By Larry Ciolorito

### ***Annual Darnestown Presbyterian Women's Bazaar Saturday, November 5th***

Our most ambitious event of the year at DPC is a true Darnestown institution- the annual Bazaar sponsored by our Darnestown Presbyterian Women. The Bazaar begins at 8:30 AM on Saturday, 5 November, and offers something of interest to just about everyone. It features multiple rooms with differing motifs, including Crafts, Home Décor, Holiday Gifts, Jewelry, a Christmas Room, pre-owned Books, Toys, Vintage and Garage Sale Treasures and designer Women's and Children's Clothing, plus a Silent Auction for a wide variety of goods and services. Each section stays open until between 2:30 and 3:00 PM. We will also offer a selection of home baked goods and homemade jams in our Country Kitchen, and while you browse you can enjoy a hot lunch or delicious homemade dessert at modest prices in our Café. This is a great opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors as you shop for that one-of-a-kind treasure, and the proceeds of the Bazaar will be used to support multiple charities. If you have items or services to contribute, a tax receipt can be provided and business cards are welcome. Contact Terrie May at [daleandterrie@msn.com](mailto:daleandterrie@msn.com) with any questions or if you have items to contribute. Hope to see you there!

### ***Annual Outdoor Service and Picnic Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>***

DPC has its annual **Outdoor Worship Service** on the morning of 11 September, conducted under the trees on the church lawn beginning at 9:30 AM. This tradition provides a memorable and moving service in which we feel God's presence very directly. The service is followed by our annual **Picnic and Barbecue**. The picnic features pony rides, games, our cakewalk, and plenty of great food which is served beginning around 11:00 AM. Seating is provided for the outdoor service, but families are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. The outdoor service is of course weather contingent, so in the event of rain we'll move our family-friendly service indoors- but the picnic and barbecue are rain or shine! Everyone is welcome and we are always delighted by visitors.

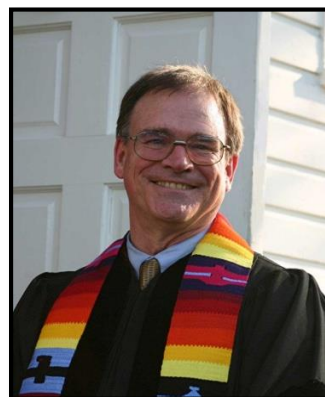
### **Fall Schedule**

Starting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, we return to our standard Sunday schedule with services at 8:45 and 11:00, Sunday School for all ages at 9:45, and a Coffee Hour at 10:30 in our Fellowship Hall. We have a nursery for young children on every Sunday morning. For info regarding upcoming events and our church in general, please visit our website at [www.darnestownpc.org/](http://www.darnestownpc.org/) or friend us on Facebook. All those who seek God are welcome to our visitor and family-friendly services!



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**Rev. Dave McNeilly**



**Rev. Tamara Leonard Lara**



## **St. Nicholas Episcopal Church**

### ***It's Welcome Back from Summer Time at St. Nicholas Church!***

By the Rev. Ken Howard, Rector

Well, it's that time of year. Families are returning from vacation. Kids are getting ready to go back to school. And the crowds are beginning to swell at church once again!

Great things are in store for you this fall at St. Nick's:

#### **8/28 | 10:00am – Blessing of the Backpacks**

Attention parents of kids from toddler to teen. As your children prepare for another year of school – or their first – what better way to prepare them than the prayers and blessings of the community of faith. So on Sunday, August 28 bring your children, along with their backpacks bursting with school supplies to our 10:00am service for blessings and prayers for themselves, their studies, their relationships, and their entire school experience. For more information, contact [info@saintnicks.com](mailto:info@saintnicks.com).

#### **9/11 | 10:00am – Welcome Sunday Celebration and BBQ**

Sunday, September 11 is Welcome Sunday at St. Nicholas Church and our Fall 2016 Parish Barbeque. So, if you are looking for a church home – or even if you just like great Barbeque – c'mon over to St. Nick's for our 10:00am service and stay for our own grill-master Christopher Prall's award-winning BBQ, starting around 11:30am. For more information, contact [info@saintnicks.com](mailto:info@saintnicks.com).

#### **9/18 | 10:00am – Gifts and Ministry Fair**

What's a Gift's and Ministries Fair? Well, at St. Nicholas Church we believe you don't have to be a clergy person to be gifted for ministries. We encourage everyone in our congregation to engage in discernment to figure out what God is calling them to do and to be. Members of our various ministry areas will be available to answer questions and take names. And if you're not sure what your gifts are...not to worry, we can help you figure that out with a Gifts Assessment. For more information, contact [info@saintnicks.com](mailto:info@saintnicks.com).

#### **9/25 | 11:15am – Worship Server Boot Camp**

Ever thought of being on a worship team? Reading the Scriptures or setting up the altar? Being an acolyte (worship helper) or helping distribute the wine? Greeting newcomers or being an usher (liturgical traffic director)? Come and find out more on Sunday, September 25 and we will train you! For more information, contact [info@saintnicks.com](mailto:info@saintnicks.com).

#### **10/2 – Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Sunday**

Be they furry or feathery, slippery or scaly, bring your animal companion to St. Nicholas Church on St. Francis' Sunday for a blessing. We've had everything from hamsters to horses...even an occasional Pot-Bellied Pig or Komodo Dragon. For more information, contact [info@saintnicks.com](mailto:info@saintnicks.com).

#### **Contact Information**

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[www.saintnicks.com](http://www.saintnicks.com)  
240-631-2800  
[office@saintnicks.com](mailto:office@saintnicks.com)

## ***Fairhaven United Methodist Church***

### **Sunday Worship Opportunities:**

- ❖ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School and Middle & High School Sunday School
- ❖ 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ❖ 10:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School
- ❖ 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
- ❖ 12:30 PM Young Adults (every other week)
- ❖ 6:00 Youth Group
- ✓ Homecoming, September 11th
- ✓ Gospel Choir Anniversary, October 2nd at 4:00 PM

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### ***ATTENTION ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP!***

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



By Merikay Smith

With sorrow we note the passing of Karen Campbell, a member of our club, on June 5 of cancer. Karen loved both gardening and caring for animals – and had a reverence for all life. She rescued many animals and provided them homes, even those requiring special care. At the time of her passing Karen had been studying to be a Master Gardener. A beautiful, artistic and caring friend, we will miss her. Members of our club cut flowers from their gardens and brought them to Lisa Ruf who created a beautiful bouquet for Karen's funeral service. Our sincere condolences to Ted, Karen's husband.



Before adjourning for the summer, the Darne Bloomers enjoyed a morning of garden tours followed by a potluck luncheon. We began with a visit to Diane Romney's lovely garden on Spring Meadows Drive. A key feature to this garden is a waterfall to a large pond filled with blooming lilies. The side garden leading to the pond has natural stone pathways through blooming perennials to an enclosed vegetable garden in raised beds. Dan Romney also built Diane a spacious garden shed with electricity and water, quaint and functional. A new patio overlooking the pond offered comfortable chairs and a great garden view. After visiting together at Diane's we drove the short distance to the garden of Lena Ganassa on Cervantes.



## **Happy Fall**

Lena's garden is more formal in tone with clipped shrubs and symmetrical pots of lovely blooms. With a swimming pool surrounded by patios and formal flower beds, the highlight of this garden for me was the gorgeous roses. I have never seen such beautiful roses in Maryland. Lena had also prepared a table of delicious treats including cookies garnished with fresh lavender. If we had not needed to proceed to Carol Gimmel's for lunch, it would have been delightful to spend hours simply taking in the various colors and textures in this garden.



Carol's garden includes a shady woodland. A sloped path winds through the woodland area where Carol has added hostas, ferns, jack in the pulpits, and other shade loving plants for a cool and inviting oasis. Carol also showed us an area in the front where she has replaced lawn with native trees and shrubs – a response to one of our garden club talks about reducing lawn to provide habitat. Carol's gracious dining area was decorated with many cobalt blue vases of various sizes filled with flowers set out on a reflecting mirror the length of the dining table. The flowers provided a striking setting for the delicious dishes prepared by the club members.





# Service Providers

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](mailto:wsgooch@comcast.net).

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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

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*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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### **Darnestown Elementary School**

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Darnestown, MD 20878  
Laura Colgary, Principal  
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### **Friends of the Library-Quince Orchard Chapter**

Membership, (Vacant)

### **Jones Lane Elementary School**

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Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
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### **Lakelands Park Middle School**

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Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Deborah Higdon, Principal  
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### **Mary of Nazareth School**

14131 Seneca Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
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### **Quince Orchard Community Library**

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# 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](http://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...***

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

## ***THANK YOU!***



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