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Notes from the President
By Lisa Patterson-Troiike



Rescuing a Barred Owl

Driving east during morning rush hour at 8 am on Darnestown Road, Thursday, March 16th, I noticed what looked like an owl sitting upright by the side of the road near Jones Lane. After performing an illegal U-turn under the power lines, I drove back to check on the feathered creature. Sure enough, it was an owl and it was injured. I picked him up, put him in the SUV and called my husband, Rob. "Look for the closest owl rescue center ASAP", I exclaimed. I arrived home a few minutes later and Rob had found Owl Moon Raptor Center just down the road at 20201 Bucklodge Road in Boyds.

Next DCA Town Meeting

June 15th | 7:30 PM

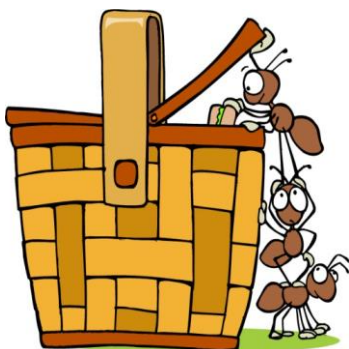
**Darnestown Presbyterian
Church**

Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road

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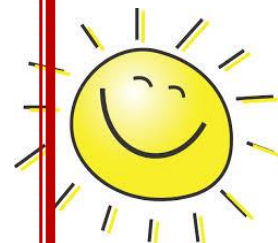
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Summer's
here!!

Hooray!



Notes from the President

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Ten minutes later, I was at the home of Suzanne Shoemaker who is a licensed Master Wildlife Rehabilitator (MD and USFWS), licensed Falconer (MD and USFWS), and current President of the Maryland Wildlife Rehabilitators Association. Suzanne is trained/educated as an Animal Scientist, Wildlife Biologist and Wildlife Rehabilitator. She went right to work on LP (we used my initials to name the owl) and administered medicine to stop any swelling. Next, she checked his eyes and wing mobility. Blood stains were around one beak nostril and we assumed it was a car strike. She told me he was a young male Barred Owl who was probably hunting for food to give his nesting young. I was told LP had a 50/50 chance of survival and to check back on his progress. After a few weeks, it was evident that LP had not struck a car but was electrocuted, possibly from landing on a transformer.



Suzanne Shoemaker and LP

As I write this, it's been seven weeks and LP is still not out of the woods. If he is not able to be released back into the wild because of his injuries, Suzanne plans to place him at a Cunningham Falls Aviary in Thurmont, MD or another wildlife center.



A licensed non-profit organization, Owl Moon Raptor Center (OMRC) was founded in 2002 and is a state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey. The center cooperates with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife & Heritage Services, and local animal agencies. The goal of OMRC is to rehabilitate raptors back into the wild whenever possible and is always in need of donations, cages, towels and other supplies. Please visit owlmoon.org to learn how you can donate, volunteer, educate children/adults and more.

Add OMRC to your phone contacts:

Owl Moon Raptor Center

20201 Bucklodge Road

Boysd, MD 20841

owlmoon.org

301-353-8947



June Town Meeting

The June Town Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Thursday, June 15th 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: Chris Collins (Springfield)
- Treasurer: Guy Armantrout (Springfield)*
- Recording Secretary: Susan Allaway (Highlands)*
- Corresponding Secretary: Michael Gottlieb (Pioneer Hills)*
- Three Year Trustee: Karen Hinrichsen (Haddonfield)*

*Indicates currently occupying this position. Paul Klee (Poplar Hill) will assume Dick Jurgena's trustee position for another year and Pam DuBois (Springfield) will assume Chris Collins' trustee position for two years.

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Membership Report - 2017

By Guy Armantrout

*The following is a list of Darnestown residents who have paid their dues for 2017 as of May 15th.
If you have any questions please contact Jean Jurgena at 301-674-1741 or email at jmjurgena@hotmail.com*

Acorn Members

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>		
Selig	Merber	Margery	Edmundson
Matthew	Ahrens	John	Evans
Susan	Allaway	David	Fitzgerald
Guy	Armantrout	Edward	Fowlkes
Connie and Mike	Barnhart	Dr. Barton	Gershen
Jim	Beach	Lawrence &	
Dave	Bivans	Marilee	Giebel
Bretton Woods		Mark	Glass-Royal
Recreation Center		Sue	Gottlieb
Woody	Bryan	Steve	Groff
Chris	Collins	Donald, Jr.	Hamberger
Peter	Cooke	Paul	Helmbrecht
Muniram	Deonarine	James	Hoffer
LeeAnne	Gelletly	Susan	Kick
Helen	Hoverman	Sandy &	
Barbara	Kahn	Terry	Killen
Brian	Klick	Mike	King
Susan	Krimigis	John	Krisko
David	Lenhoff	Brian	Lang
Sandy	Merber	Philip	Levinton
Phil	Mostrom	Brad	Long
Noahs' Preferred		Harry W.	Lowe
Properties Management		Michael	McAllister
Lisa	Patterson-Troike	Michael	McDowell
Paul	Pegnato	James	McIntyre
Priscella	Rippeon	Brian	Murphy
Joe	Rothenberg	Beth	O'Connell
Smokey Glen Farm		Ed	O'Day
Rob	Swisher	Tina	Petzold
Taste of New		Scott	Plumer
Orleans		Mark	Reichardt
Linda	White-Weaver	Michael and	
Paul	Witchie	Linda	Roberts
		Jay	Roman
		Rob	Scheer
		Robert	Schissell
		Allison	Spaccasi
		John	Theis
		Robert	Truland
		James	Weiss
		Joan	Weller
		Tom	Wheeler
		Beth	Zimet

Sponsors

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Little Footprints Early	
Care & Initial Education Center	
Joan	Abell
Reine	Blackwell-Moore
Ilene	Boorman
Jeff	Bryson
Dave	Buchanan
Darnestown Shell	
Cliff	Dean
Dan	Dean
Denise	Dombay





Friends

First

Michelle
Richard
Christy and
Edward
Patricia
Dara
John
Marvin
Ron
Jim
Therese
Michael
Jeffrey
Samuel
Delwin
Gian Paolo
James
Christopher A
Eugenio
Ronald
Lori
Sam
Frank
Debra
Mike
Sean
Gerhard
Carlos
Andrew
Ted
Keith
John
E. Worth
Steve
Barbara
Pat
Karen
Brett
Jim
Lewis
Stephen
Bobbie
Jeffre & Sandy
Joe
Peter
Amy
Ryan
Matthew
Allen
Brian
Karen
Stephen

Last

Adams
Adamson

Adelman
Albrecht
Ballow-Giffen
Barkley, Jr.
Beitler
Betson
Blue
Bodnar
Brezovec
Briggs
Brightman
Brockett
Cantarella
Carlberg
Cerone
Cerutti
Chesemore
Clogg
Coriell
Cornelius
Corr
Crough
Delaney
Dieterle
Diez
Dingess
Dmuchowski
Donson
Doran
Edwards
Ellis
Feliu
Foley
Fournier
Gamma
Garner
Gertz
Girard
Goldstein
Goodman
Greaney
Grenier
Gross
Hall
Hanson
Hefner
Helmey
Hinrichsen
Holmes

Stephen
Takao
Paul
Dick
John
Kevin
Kaspars
Peter
Wenmei
Jim
Graylin
John L.
Keith R
Patrick
Robert
Joe
C
Michael
Scott
Moynul
Joel
Bob
Craig
Geraldine
David & Ann
Nick
Mariana
Robert
Lin
Matthew
Ed
Mark
Craig
Linda
Mary
Francis
Lory
Larry
Tim
Edward
Aleksandra
Hratch
Nancy
Eric
Michael
Carl
Brad
Patrick
Terry
Mark
Andrew
Douglas
Gary
Sheila
Robert

Hsu
Ikegamii
Irwin
Jurgena
Kalil
Kirk
Kreslins
Lalos
Li
Lykins
Mann
Martin
McAllister
McCarthy
McGuire
McIntyre
Milburn
Moses
Mostrom
Mozumder
Myklebust
Neviaser
Nottingham
Oehl
Patterson
Petrucelli
Phifer
Purcell
Qi
Quinn
Rall
Rasmussen
Rathbone
Ricci
Rill
Romero
Rosenberg
Ruhland
Sanders
Saunders
Schiff
Semerjian
Slomowitz
Smart
Sotak
Sponberg
Stone
Sweeney
Sweeney
Sweet
Swick
Theurer
Theurer
Thomas
Thompson



Sunita	Tohan
Jeannie	Tucker
Gina	Tyshing
Stephen	Waechter
Jay	Wallace
Dean	Watts
James	Wheeler
Todd	While
Bud	Wildman
Matthew	Zappone
Deborah	Ziffer

DCA Members

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Joseph	Adamik
Hans	Ahn
Kathleen	Alexander
Kutay	Alper
Rosemary	Anderson
Margaret	Andreadis
Alerta	Angeles
Chip	Arvantides
Christopher	Ashker
Constantine	Athanas
Charles	August
Pam	Baer
David	Bailey
Florencio	Ballestero
Ron	Barbour
Jenn & Kraig	Bauer
William	Becker
Carl	Berger
Bethesda Florist	
Eric	Billings
Harry	Bird
Rick	Blewett
Theodore & Yvette	Boone
Peter	Boyd
Myrtis J	Brame
M. Miles	Braun
Roy	brooks
Jim	Brown
Lawrence	Brown
Timothy	Brown
Holly & Paul	Buehler
Nicki	Bunting
Susan	Burgan
Aubrey	Bursch
Mark	Calis
Peter	Carothers
Sindy	Carpency
Robert	Carroll
Carol	Carter

Robert	Celotta
Darrell	Cheripko
Richard	Chiapparoli
Mimi	Chipman
Ruth	Choi
Stephen	Christiansen
Richard	Christner
Michael	Ciatto
Larry	Ciorito
Rachel	Clark
Vicky	Clark
Cheryl	Clausen
Jennifer	Clawson
Bruce	Clayton
Janice	Coe
Paul	Coffin
Len	Cohen
Bob	Collins
Bill	Connors
Aimee	Conroy
Kimberly	Conte
Melbalynn	Cook
Peirce	Cook
Michael	Cooper
Roger	Cooper
Frank	Cornelius
Robert	Cornelsen
Donald	Crehan
Scott	Cress
Randall	Crow
Thomas	Cupps
Madeline	D'Alessio
Mary	Damico
Scott	Damiecki
Melissa	Damschroder
David	Danoff
Farhad	Dastvan
Mike	Davis
Thomas V.	De Rosa
Kenneth	Deahl
Jacob	DeBruin
Pamela	Del Vecchio
Stephen	DeMinco
Peggy	Dennis
Philip	Desbrow
Anil & Sarala	Dhingra
Matthew	Dickson
Victor & Dolores	Dillon
Joe	DiPeppe
Edward	Dolan
Chuck	Duvall
Carlton	Einsel III
Mark	Eldridge
Steven	Ellis
Tom & Chris	Engleman, II





Rosemary	Esaman
Joseph & Kathleen	Famulare
Ronald	Farhood
Richard	Felner
Bill	Fishbein
Kristine	Fletcher
David & Jennifer	Flinchum
Richard	Fogel
Betty	Foley
Jim	Foley
Timothy	Foley
Glenn & Elizabeth	Fookes
Ingrid	Fraley
Craig	Frame
Harold	Freed
James	Frid
Matthew	Garagusi
Paul	Gaukler
Steven	Gavey
Dee	Gazda
Andreas	Georgiou
Andrew	Gerber, Jr.
Dan	Giffin
Maria	Gomez
Robert	Goren
Leslie	Grant
Chuck	Green
Tom	Greenawalt
David	Grolman
Dinesh	Gupta
Henry	Hairston
Matthew	Hall
William	Halpern
Kevin	Hanley
Doug	Harlor
Curtis	Harris
Larry	Harris
Jack	Hart
Kevin	Hart
Roy & Alice	Healander
Doug	Heck
Karl	Heineman LTC (Ret)
Thekla	Hellwig
Kimberly	Herrington
Richard	Hess
Richard	Hontz
Mary	Horwitz
Jerry	Hroblak
Marcos	Hsu
Nicholas	Humphries
Said	Jahanmir
Alan	Janos
Bandeled	Jeffrey-Coker
Kristin	Jenkins

David	Jervis
Robert	Johnson
Syd	Johnson
Steve	Jolles
Tom	Jordan
Isabelle	Juhring
Kevin	Kane
Jon	Kaplan
John	Kasianowicz
Rob	Kasunic
Tara	Kavadias
Kevin	Keegan
Nancy	Keshishian
Nannette	King
Edward	Kingman
George	Kinoshita
Paul	Klee
Jack	Knowles
Sankar	Koundinya
Edward	Krawiec
Lawrence	Kristiansen
Stanley	Kryjak
Gerry	Kunkel
Tim	Kurkjian
John	LaBarge
Mark	Labus
Brendan	Lane
Marjorie	Larson
John	Larue
Richard	Latimer
Irene	Lavorini
Marjorie	Leach
Joann	Leasure
Carolyn	Lebsock
Le	Lemon
Michael	Liebow
Allison	Linnell
Gregory	Linteris
Michael	Lippe
Taina	Litwak
Bruce	Lloyd
James	Locke
Elizabeth	Loggia
Nikolay	Lorinkov
Fu	Lu
Beverly	Lubenetski
South	Lynn
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Paul	Marmillion
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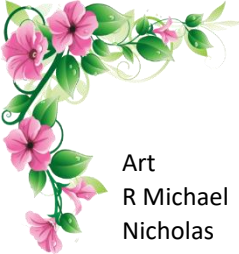




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Heru	Mboye
Kathleen	McConnell
Sandra Tern Dr	McDougall
William	McGill
Kerri	McGuire-Pressley
Dede	McMahon
William & Joyce	McMillen
David	McNeilly
Richard	Mead
Pam & Steve	Mendelsohn
Arjun	Mendhiratta
Mark	Menzel
Julie	Mikalis
Chris	Miller
Jamie	Miller
Atarod &	
Azarnouch	Modjtabei
Charles & Nancy	Moles
Shelton	Mooney
Barton	Moorstein
Laura	Morales
Vicki	Mostrom
Yoosof	Mozaffari
Timothy	Mueller
Jerome	Murrell
Charlotte	Naschinski
Arwah	Nayar
corinne	nelson
Cindy	Norcross
Audra	O'Neil
Ken	Oh
Victor	Omelchenko
Frank	Osborn
James	Otis
Roger	Oxley
Carol	Palfrey
Pranav	Pandya
Matthew	Patner
Dereck	Paul
Steven	Paul
Sandy	Pearce
David	Pearcy
Randy	Pearre
karyn	peatross
Ed	Pechous
Paul	Peeler
John	Pennnington
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James	Pettry
Jane	Phillips
Deno	Photinakis
Dan	Pinchas
Travis	Pincoski
Pete	Plamondon

John	Pleisse
Charles	Popenoe
Jeff	Popera
Martha	Popovic
Shirley	Poss
Danielle	Potter
Jim	Potter
Vicky	Prasad
David	Quackenbush
David and Sharon	Queen
Paige	Rafferty
Gopa	Rakhit
Aparna	Ramaswamy
Robert	Randall
Katie	Rapp
Devereaux	Raskauskas
Alexander	Ratnofsky
Nicole	Reap
Brian	Reed
Gerald	Reed
Hugh	Rial
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Tomas	Riojas
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Carlene	Roggin
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Robert	Sherrin
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Marcia	Simonson
Christine	Sizemore





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Nicholas	Smith
Phillis	Smith
Robert	Sonken
Don	Soskin
Mary	Staab-Michel
James	Stachura
Paul	Stack
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Stacy & Jim	Steinberg
Jessica, Ursula,	
Paul	Stephens/Rivers
David	Stinner
Tim	Strafford
Jill	Straniero
Jennifer	Suess
Steven	Swartz
Arlene	Szwed
John	Tabor
Frank	Titus
Scott	Tompkins
Michael	Tony
Clark	Torell
Thomas	Tracy
Kha	Tran
Quoc	Tran
Michael	Tschiltz
Peter	Tunon
Brian	Tupa
Russel	Turner
Neil	Tyra
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Michael	Verkouteren
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Ed	Wall
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Steven	War
Kevin	Warne
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Timothy	Whitney
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Stephen	Williams
Charles	Wilson
Jim	Wilson
Korin	Wilson

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Robert	Zaner
Sohrab	Zarrabian
Abe	Zeitoun
Terry	Zic
Shawn	Ziglari
Donna	Zumbado
Robert	Zweibel

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.

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

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

THANK YOU!

Community Interest

In Historically Black Tobytown, a 'dilapidated' Eternal Resting Place

By Bill Turque - March 7, 2017
Washington Post

James Martin, 59, has lived all his life in Tobytown, a black enclave in Montgomery County, Md. He wanders the Tobytown cemetery looking for grave markers. In the foreground is one of the few easily found gravestones.



The patch of ground hardly looks like a graveyard. Only a handful of unmarked stones break through the shroud of weeds, branches and thorn bushes that cover the fenced-off site, a few feet from the traffic on River Road in Potomac, Md.

But this is the spot where residents of Tobytown, a small enclave founded by freed slaves and now tucked into one of the nation's most moneyed Zip codes, were laid to rest starting in the 1870s and continuing, by some accounts, through the 1950s. Upkeep of the cemetery is the responsibility of Montgomery County's public housing agency, the Housing Opportunities Commission, which handles maintenance and capital improvements at the 26-home neighborhood about 10 miles northwest of Washington.

But residents say it's been years since they've seen anyone from the county put a rake or a scythe to the cemetery site. Most graves are marked with flat

slabs or rocks with no inscriptions, and they can't easily be seen because of overgrown vegetation and leaves.

The neglect adds to a sense of isolation that many Tobytown residents say they experience in Montgomery County, the state's largest jurisdiction and among its wealthiest. It was just last year that the community got its first county bus service, after three decades of being told by officials that there were not enough residents in need of public transportation to justify the expense.

The Rev. Melvin Martin says, "The graveyard is a major concern. It looks bad now, trees and things," said the Rev. Melvin Martin, 75, who, like virtually everyone in Tobytown, traces his roots back to one of the families that founded the community in 1875. "A lot of things were done wrong."

Martin said he thinks his brother, Raymond, who died in infancy when Martin was about 8 years old, may be interred somewhere on the site. He would have been among the last people buried there.

A survey on file at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission says there are between 20 and 30 graves at the cemetery.

But beyond the chain-link fence that encloses an area about 50 yards long and 25 yards wide, Martin and his neighbors point out other half-buried stones that mark what they think are gravesites.

Although the circumstances are quite different, resentment over the county's abandonment of the graveyard carries echoes of a dispute several miles east on River Road at Westbard, where members of Macedonia Baptist Church are fighting with Montgomery officials over how best to investigate and commemorate an African American cemetery that probably lies in back of an apartment high-rise. The unkempt condition of Tobytown's cemetery got the attention of the Montgomery County Council in February, when the neighborhood was featured at the council's annual commemoration of Black History Month.

A short video included resident James Wilson leading a tour of the disheveled site. “You’re walking on graves now. They just don’t have stones,” Wilson says.

At the base of a tree are two of the few gravestones that can be easily found at the Tobytown cemetery. The graves were usually marked with flat slabs or rocks with no inscriptions. Because of the ground cover, it's hard to locate them.

After watching the video, Council President Roger Berliner (D-Potomac-Bethesda) expressed his unhappiness about the “dilapidated” state of the graveyard.

“It was shocking; it was not respectful and not okay,” Berliner said in an interview. He wrote a Feb. 23 letter about the situation to the housing agency’s executive director, Stacy Spann, asking her to “promptly restore the community’s cemetery to a dignified state and develop a plan for its on-going maintenance.”

In an interview, a senior housing agency official acknowledged the agency’s responsibility for the graveyard and said it had been neglected simply because no one — including residents — had sought to make it a priority until now.

The graveyard “hasn’t come up in our conversations about improvements they want to make,” said Shauna Sorrells, director of legislative and public affairs for the agency.

Sorrells said that given the recent attention from Berliner, the cemetery will be restored and rededicated by the end of the year, “and probably before that.”

The gravesites are perhaps the last direct link to the past for the enclave, which is named for Tobias Martin, one of its earliest residents. For decades, those who lived here worked on nearby farms and raised their own food and livestock. But by the 1960s, the region’s rural economy was becoming a thing of the past. As suburbia burgeoned and mansions sprouted on what was once agricultural land, Tobytown remained a pocket of tar-paper shanties with a single outhouse.

In 1972, the housing authority bought the land and built the 26 homes that stand today. The goal was for residents to eventually purchase their homes under a federal Housing and Urban Development program, and 19 of the families have done so.

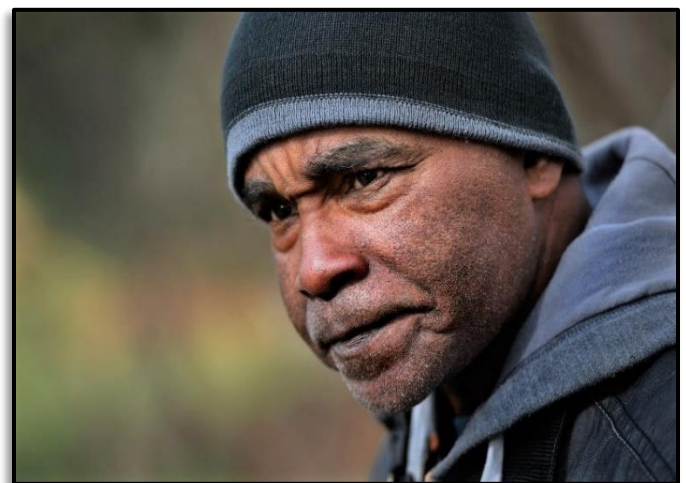
Housing officials said the absence of a homeowners’ association has hindered Tobytown’s ability to act collectively on projects such as the cemetery. Martin and other residents say there is long-standing friction between some of the founding families, which also has limited collaboration and joint advocacy.

“They’re all against each other,” said Benny Chambers, 53, who is Martin’s half-brother. “They’ll take that to the grave.”

But Chambers added that if the county brought the tools and began work on the cemetery, “I would volunteer to help.”

Berliner said the lack of a homeowners’ association is beside the point. He wants action right away from the housing agency.

“Any response short of ‘We will take care of it’ is disappointing,” he said.



James Martin, 59, has lived in Tobytown all his life and has relatives buried in the cemetery whose graves he cannot find.

Submitted to the Acorn by Guy Armantrout



Community Interest



In 2017: Memberships Available, Reduced Membership Fees and Camp Green Zone

By Aleks Schiff

Summer is Here – Are You Ready?

School is almost out, and Memorial Day Weekend signifies DSRC Opening Day! DSRC is ready for another engaging summer with our member community. DSRC offers something for everyone in your family including: a quiet, family friendly pool environment, swim team and swim lessons (group and private), tennis team and tennis lessons, tennis adult social events, Camp Green Zone, social events for all ages, and much more! Our popular School's Out Party is sure to be a hit again on June 16th.

Memberships are still available for the 2017 season, and are more affordable than ever before. We welcome new families to the DSRC community, so please contact GM, Dave Hardy, at gm@dsrclub.com for more information on our membership and everything we have to offer this upcoming season. You can also find more information at www.DSRCclub.com.

New Happenings at DSRC Tennis

A lot of great things are happening with our 2017 Tennis Program! Here are several exciting new changes:

New Tennis Pro: Juan Pablo "JP" Garcia was hired in April as the new DSRC Head Tennis Pro. JP is a young and enthusiastic Pro who is experienced at teaching all levels and types of players. His tennis experience includes success in the Junior Davis Cup and International Tennis Federation Tournaments. Most recently, he was the Head Tennis Coach at the Hong Tennis Training Center in Gaithersburg. JP says, "my goal as a coach is to make sure that all my players fall in love with the sport, strive for excellence, and great sportsmanship."

Court Resurfacing: All six of DSRC's lighted outdoor tennis courts were resurfaced in April...and boy are they beautiful.

Pickleball: In addition to court resurfacing, Pickleball lines were added to courts 4 and 5. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. It is paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Come and enjoy the new tennis courts and try your hand at Pickleball.

New Junior Tennis Programs: This season, our Junior Tennis program consists of four six-week sessions (Spring Junior Tennis Team, Summer, and Fall) starting on May 8th and running through October 21st. Each session will cost just \$180 per child, with discounts for multiple children per family. That's 12 group tennis lessons for only \$15 per lesson! More details can be found at www.dsrclub.com under the Junior Tennis menu. Register your kids today!

For more DSRC Tennis information contact Rob Swisher at 301-377-9548 or send an email to tennis@dsrclub.com.

Dive Into Summer with the Darnestown Demons!
Join in on the fun – members can register today at:
bit.ly/demons-register

It's time for Swim Team season! The Darnestown Demon Swim Team offers an opportunity for your kids to meet friends, have fun, get fit, and get faster (p.s. research also shows that swim team kids perform better in school!) This season, Pat Tozzi and Staci Armezzani will be returning as our head coach and assistant head coach. The Demons participate at competitive swim meets in a fun and positive atmosphere. The team and/or pre-team is open to all DSRC family members through the age of 18.

For more Demon Swim Team information, contact Mary Gies and Emily Popera at swim@dsrclub.com.

Camp Green Zone

Camp Green Zone, now in their third year, is offered to all pool members' kids, ages 4-11 who love the outdoors, and their parents who want them to enjoy learning about and being outdoors. Camp Green Zone is overseen by our Camp Director, Rosemary DeRose, a local resident and camp professional, who will ensure that your children have a new adventure and story to share at home each and every day they leave camp. With fun weekly themes, the camp is sure to be exciting and evolving every week!

And now, announcing the **Topic Talks**, where community experts in their field will be invited to talk with our campers. For example, through the Izaak Walton League/Save Our Streams program, campers will monitor the water quality of Hookers Branch Stream during the entire summer to teach and encourage them to take action and restore our streams. And a representative from Maryland BlueBird Society will be visiting camp on June 21st to talk with campers about bluebirds, helping them assemble bluebird nest boxes and learn about the responsibility of monitoring, observing and collecting data on nest, eggs, incubation, and fledging. **Topic Talks** at the club are open to all DSRC members.

For more Camp Green Zone information, contact Rosemary DeRose, Camp Director at camp@dsrclub.com.

Stay in the know about the Club!

Website: www.dsrclub.com

Facebook: @DarnestownSwimRacquetClub

Twitter: @DSRCLUB

General Manager: Dave Hardy, gm@dsrclub.com

15004 Spring Meadows Drive, Darnestown, MD 20874
301.330.9616

Community Interest

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!

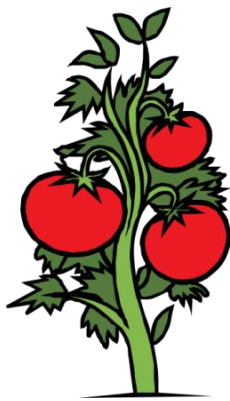
Aunt Doris' Tomato Soup Dressing

A good, basic dressing to keep in the fridge.

It's similar to French dressing.

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1 (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. can condensed tomato soup
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup wine vinegar
1 tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. paprika
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
1 tsp. dry mustard
1 small onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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!

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup melted butter
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup soy sauce
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. crushed red pepper



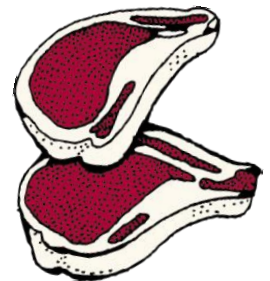
- Combine all ingredients in saucepan.
- Bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes.
- Let cool.
- Use sauce to marinate your favorite shish kabob meat and vegetables.
- Baste with extra sauce as they cook.

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### Teriyaki Sauce Marinade

Must prepare ahead!

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup orange juice  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup teriyaki sauce  
3 tbsp. olive oil  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. oregano  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. pepper  
3 cloves garlic, minced



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





# Community Interest



## DCA's 28<sup>th</sup> Softball Season!

By Dave Bivans, Seneca-Highlanders-Berryville

The 28<sup>th</sup> season of DCA adult co-ed recreational softball season finally kicked off on April 30<sup>th</sup> due to the original Opening Day of April 23<sup>rd</sup> being rained out. The first game featured 2016 champion Ancient Rollin Mountain Quails (ARMQ) taking on last year cellar dwellers Seneca Highlands Berryville (SHB). ARMQ had a good start scoring 2 runs in the top of the first, but SHB came back uncharacteristically strong, scoring 6, and then 8 more in the bottom of the third. The final score of 17-8 saw SHB win their first game in a year.

Western Darnestown (WD) took on Bondy Haddonfield Ridgefield (BHR) in a pitchers' duel for game 2. WD pulled ahead in the first with two runs, with BHR gaining one back in the bottom of the inning. WD and BHR both scored a run here and there to end up with the score tied 5-5 at the end of the sixth inning. WD was shutout in the top of the seventh, and with the sun close to setting, BHR put men on all the bases and then scored the winning run with a line drive hit in shallow left.

By the time we report again in the Little Acorn, the 2017 season will be nearly over, with play scheduled through August 6<sup>th</sup>. If you want to see how we're doing, come on out to our own Darnestown Local Park, most any Sunday evening from 5-8pm to pick up your free ticket to one of the games; or, to join in the line-up with your neighbors and friends! If you have any questions, please give me a call (301-977-4734) or shoot me an e-mail ([dnlbivans34@verizon.net](mailto:dnlbivans34@verizon.net)). We're looking forward to a great summer, and season!



## Darnestown's Sydney Tepper Selected to Play in 2017 National Lacrosse Academy

Sydney Tepper, daughter of Jennifer and David Flinchum, a current 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Holy Child, has been named as a 2017 National Lacrosse All-Star and has been selected to represent the State of Maryland at the National Lacrosse Academy and National Lacrosse Classic to be held July 18-21, 2017 in Richmond, Virginia at the River City Sportsplex.

The National Lacrosse Academy brings the top youth lacrosse players in the United States and Canada to one venue, where regional teams, coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches, compete to become the 2017 National Champion.

The National Lacrosse Academy is the first-of-its-kind lacrosse experience created to provide a curriculum focused on how a young lacrosse athlete should develop in order to compete at a top high school and collegiate lacrosse program.

To follow the National Lacrosse Classic, please visit:  
<http://www.nationallacrosseclassic.com>



*Sydney crushing it on the LAX field!*

# Community Interest



We don't need to tell you that living on the edge of Montgomery County's 93,000 acre Agricultural Reserve is really something special - the front row view for the changing seasons, abundant wildlife and recreation opportunities at your doorstep, along with the connection to local farms and food. Darnestown residents are familiar with the Ag Reserve but you'd be surprised how many Montgomery County residents have never heard of the nation's most successful farmland protection effort just minutes away.

Montgomery Countryside Alliance is the organization born of and for the Ag Reserve to promote and protect Montgomery County's crown jewel.

In Maryland, each year 20,000 acres of farmland are lost – and lost forever – to development. We rely on the support of local Montgomery County residents to help protect farms and open space here on Metro's Edge.

We support local farmers and grow their ranks with our Land Link program (MocoLandLink.org) – connecting new and expanding farmers with local landowners offering long term leases. We educate local students at all levels on the importance of farms. We keep farmland in farming through advocacy at both the local and state level and connect local folks with local food. Since 2001 we have been proactively protecting open space, farms and the local water supply for future generations.

Of course we find time to celebrate the Reserve as well. We would like to personally invite Darnestown residents to one of our annual events. Whether you bring the family to grab a wood fired pizza and see Jokgu the chicken play the piano at our Field and Fiddle Festival or bike the Reserve's rustic roads for our cause in the Ride for the Reserve this fall- there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Please visit our website for these and other events. Our 2017 work plan is ambitious but achievable with your support – please consider becoming an annual member. Warm Regards, Caroline Taylor, Executive Director

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



Become a member: [Mocoalliance.org/donate](http://Mocoalliance.org/donate)



**Bring a friend and  
kick up your heels  
at  
Field & Fiddle Fest  
June 24<sup>th</sup>**



## **Calendar of Events:**

Tickets: [MoCoAlliance.org](http://MoCoAlliance.org)

### ***Field and Fiddle Fest – June 24<sup>th</sup>***

- Fun for the whole family with music by: The Flockstars, featuring Jokgu the Patriotic Chicken seen on Jimmy Kimmel!
- Singer Songwriter Barry Louis Polisar and back by popular demand, Justin Trawick
- Food from 3rd Alarm BBQ & Cipolla Rossa Wood-Fired Pizza
- Beer from Waredaca Brewery
- Wine from Rocklands Farm & Winery, Equestrian Demonstrations, Hayrides and more!

### ***Breezy Hollow Farm in Boyds - July 8<sup>th</sup>***

Plein Air Painting Workshop at Rocklands Farm

**October 8 – The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for the Reserve** Fall Bike Tour and Picnic at Kingsbury's Orchard

**Ongoing- "Growing Legacy" film screenings**

# Community Interest

## Local Mormon Youth Participate in Good Deeds Day

By RoseMarie Briggs

Youth from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) in the Kentlands ran a "Jeans for Teens" clothing drive for Good Deeds Day, an annual, international celebration of "Doing Good!" April 2nd was the official Good Deeds Day, but service projects were not limited to that day. The LDS youth chose to do their project on a Wednesday evening when they have their weekly activity and chose a service project to make the lives of teens better. Among the several project ideas listed on the Good Deeds Day website was a "Jeans for Teens" clothing drive. It states that "over a million young people experience homelessness in the United States every year. One item they often request? A pair of jeans." LDS youth leader, Heather Cooke of Darnestown, was thrilled with how much clothing the youth donated and delivered about 10 bags of jeans and other clothing to the Interfaith Clothing Center (Interfaith Works) in Rockville. Mrs. Cooke said, "I loved the feeling inside the Interfaith Clothing Center and loved seeing the gratitude these individuals expressed for our donation." According to census data posted on Interfaith Works' website 1,100 people in Montgomery County are homeless on any given day, including 318 children. Between 2005 and 2015, childhood poverty in Montgomery County has more than doubled to 9.7 percent.

The Good Deeds Day website states that it "celebrates the value and importance of giving back to the community. It puts into practice the simple idea that every single person can have a positive impact on the lives of others and change the world. Businesswoman and philanthropist, Shari Arison conceptualized the idea for Good Deeds Day and in 2007 launched, through Ruach Tova ("Good Spirit" in Hebrew), the leading organization in the field of volunteering in Israel." Ruach Tova matches volunteers with organizations. An



estimated half a million volunteers from Israel and 61 other countries participate in Good Deeds Day. Locally, Good Deeds Day is sponsored by the Greater Washington Jewish Federation and, according to its website, over 8,000 community members make a difference.

## IN A NUTSHELL

Good Deeds Day is a global day that unites people from 93 countries to do good deeds for the benefit of others and the planet.

All over the world, hundreds of thousands choose to volunteer and help others, putting into practice the simple idea that every single person can do something good, be it large or small, to improve the lives of others and positively change the world.



Next  
Good Deeds Day  
April 15, 2018



# Community Interest

## **Girl Scout Troop 6194**

By Annie Kelly

Hello, my name is Annie Kelly, I am a sophomore at the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, and I am a Girl Scout Senior in Troop 6194. I started in Troop 6194 as kindergartener while attending Mary of Nazareth Catholic School. In conjunction with my involvement within my Troop, I also serve as a Teen Scout on the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital.

This one-year board position has allowed me the opportunity to gain a better understanding of how a non-profit organization impacts communities and helps girls. There is so much more to Girl Scouts than just our cookies, and through this experience I gained an understanding of GSCNC financial matters, the responsibilities of land ownership and maintenance, overhead costs on the payroll, encouraging volunteers, just to name a few....

Girl Scouts turns 110 years old in September 2017! As girls' roles in society have changed, so has the role of Girl Scouts within our community. This changing role was evident at the recent 2017 GSCNC Annual Meeting last month. The Council's next order of business is renovating the image of the girl leader. Using the catchy acronym G.I.R.L., they redefined what the Girl Scout means in the modern world and how every girl can make an impact. So what is a G.I.R.L.?

### **Go-getter, Innovator, Risk taker, and Leader.**

Some examples of how GSCNC is changing include: their recent partnerships with public and private sector focus on S.T.E.M. opportunities for girls; challenging girls with new outdoor activities installed at their different summer camps; and maintaining excellent working relationships with many US Government agencies, museums, and historical sites, giving girls in our area have a DC opportunity to learn and get involved locally. Finally, GSCNC actively encourages girls and troop adventures both locally as well as globally for older girls.

Girl Scouts is dedicated to providing all girls with an outlet that allows them to explore their interests while educating the scouts on their role and need to participate and contribute to the community and the world around them. Girl Scouts as an organization is very appreciative of the dedication of time and resources provided by our parents and dedicated Scout Leaders.

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital is the largest Council in the Girl Scout system in the Americas touching over 65,000 girls in DC, MD, VA, and WV.

As for me, Girl Scouts has been a lot of fun. I'm happy I'm staying with it, maintaining my friendships, and achieving many awards and accomplishments along the way. It's an opportunity where the possibilities are endless, so I have to say I would encourage any young girl to find a Troop and give it a try!

*Peace out from this Girl Scout ☺*



# Community Interest

## Sue's Reviews

By Sue Abbondanzo Johnstone

### **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2**

"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" is a 138-minute PG-13 Rated Science Fiction/Superhero film directed by James Gunn starring Chris Pratt (Peter Quill/Star-Lord), Zoe Saldana (Gomora), Dave Bautista (Drax), Vin Diesel (voice of Baby Groot), Michael Rookery (Yondu), Sean Gunn (Karolin), Bradley Cooper (voice of Rocket), Karen Gillam (Nebula), Sylvester Stallone (Stoker Gourd), Pomp Demientieff (Mantis), Chris Sullivan (Taserface) and Kurt Russell (Ego).

This superhero film is based on the Marvel Comics Guardians of the Galaxy team and is a sequel to 2014 "Guardians of the Galaxy". It is the 15th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The movie begins in 1980 with a cryptic scene in the middle of rural Missouri and quickly fast-forwards 34 years later where we are reintroduced to the five Guardians of the Galaxy. They continue to protect the cosmos from malevolent creatures as Peter Quill becomes committed to solving the mystery of his father's identity.

The original "Guardians of the Galaxy" is my favorite superhero film of all time and only one of two movies which received a perfect 10 from me in 2014. I could not wait for this sequel and was not disappointed, seeing it in standard 2D. From one of the earliest scenes featuring baby Groot dancing to the Electric Light Orchestra's classic 1977 hit, "Mr. Blue Sky", to the closing credits, I was hooked. The movie has the same great ensemble cast, all of whom deliver passionate performances. I especially like the role and acting of Michael Rookery as Yondu. There is excellent character development and great romantic, friendship and family chemistry. The story line incorporates the original plot in an effective yet fresh way.



I think this film is funnier than the original, especially the interaction between Racoon and Taserface and one hilarious scene involving Racoon and baby Groot which was featured in the previews. (I had seen it at least ten times but still laughed out-loud, again, in the theater).

Dave Bautista delivers some of the funniest and most meaningful lines. His interaction with the new character, Mantis, is a highlight of the movie. Baby Groot is the most adorable creature ever depicted on the big-screen.

"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" has a script which is not just funny and exciting but also emotionally moving, dealing with love, family, abandonment, loyalty and friendship. The special effects are phenomenal and the soundtrack, appropriately named "Awesome Mixtape #2" is, quite simply, awesome. It includes hits from Cheap Trick, Fleetwood Mack, Jay & the Americans, Sam Cooke, George Harrison, Cat Stevens and others. My only minor criticism is that the film is too long and the final 20 minutes' battle scene is drawn-out. It could have easily been streamlined to a two-hour running time.

Even if you did not see the original, I think you will enjoy this movie if you like this genre. Fans of the franchise will probably be ecstatic over this sequel which I predict will be a huge block-buster hit. Stay for several extra scenes during the closing credits which confirm that Vol. 3 is already in the works. I simply cannot wait. I give "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" a 9.5 on the ABBONDANZOMETER (Scale of 1-10).





# Meet the Neighbors!

## ***A New Author in our Midst***

By Mary Ellen York

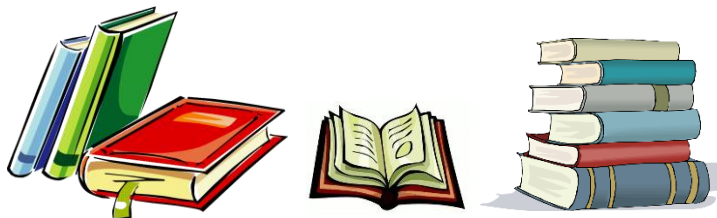
Darnestown has a new author! Mary Ellen York of Ancient Oak is the co-author of *28 Years to Nowhere: An Inspirational Tragedy* by Larry Nichols and Mary Ellen. She helped Larry tell his story. With the truth of the insider who lived this journey, this book describes the destruction of many powerful people and the impeachment of a president. Larry honestly describes his inner struggle and the price he paid as he spent nearly half his life committed to protecting our country from what he calls "a fate worse than death!" Larry lights the pathway to secure the future of the greatest nation on earth with proof of the POWER OF ONE ordinary person to make a difference. This book is a piece of history with a tale of intrigue through the minefields of the Clinton scandals and the effort to obstruct their powerful goals and expose their crimes.

The first half of the book describes Larry's incredible story, including how it began. Then there is a chapter on the toll this fight took on him and his family. Larry spends two chapters describing how he informed a small group on the tricks of rigged elections plus how he motivated efforts that effected election results. He came to the end of himself when his planned strategies led nowhere. He also describes the enemies still facing us and encourages readers to get in the fight to save the country from the attempts to do away with our representative republic. The book ends with a list of Larry's heroes and three friends who describe Larry's impact on their lives.

Here are comments from people who have read the book: "I'm on the edge of my seat! I can't turn the pages fast enough." Vicki L.

"Larry has fought the fight for good against pure evil. He is the only one who would do it. Now it's like you're sitting down and talking with him." Pat Y.

The book may be available on Amazon by the time *The Little Acorn* is printed. Otherwise, it can be ordered at [www.28yearstonowhere.com](http://www.28yearstonowhere.com) for \$19.95 plus shipping.



## ***An Invitation from Darnestown Artist***

***Sue Moses***

[mosesfineart@gmail.com](mailto:mosesfineart@gmail.com)

I am excited to announce that one of my paintings has been juried into the BWS Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition! I would like to invite you to the reception and to view the show any time during the exhibit months.

### **The Baltimore Watercolor Society 2017 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition**

Blackrock Center for the Arts

12901 Town Commons Drive

Germantown, MD 20874 (301) 528-2260

**Exhibit Dates:** June 17 – July 15, 2017

Hours vary, so please call first!



***"Sleepy Head"***

# Community Interest

## *Those Who Serve*



### ***Air Force Captain Thomas Clifford Bland, Jr.***

Capt. Bland, 26, of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Bland was killed in action in an aircraft crash off the coast of Kuwait. He was co-pilot of AC-130H Spectre Gunship "Spirit 03" of the 16th Special Operations Squadron, U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command and gave his life January 31, 1991. Row 5 Block 1 on the Gulf War Veterans Memorial. Graduated from Seneca Valley High School 1982. We have Clifford Bland photo and background on the County's Veterans Website.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A%26D%20Docs/CVA/FallenHeroesGulfWar.pdf>

*We proudly remember and pay tribute to the County's fallen service members who have died in service to our country. The records show these men and women as enlisting, being originally from, or having at one time lived in Montgomery County.*

*Kindest Regards,*

*Betsy Tolbert Luecking*

*240-777-1256 V - 240-418-4865 Cell*

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### ***US Army Captain Ryan Swisher***

US Army Captain Ryan Swisher will graduate from the MIT Sloan School of Business on June 9th. This semester, as a part of his MBA studies, he traveled to Sweden, Denmark and Norway, as well as Ireland. Following some delayed surgery in mid-June to repair an injury incurred in Army service, he will report to the US Military Academy as West Point on July 30th to begin his two year assignment as an instructor in economics. Captain Swisher is the son of Rob and Janet Swisher and the brother of Adam and Jack Swisher. The Swishers have been residents of Darnestown since 1988.



### ***1st Lt. Brandon M. Cooper***

1st Lt Brandon M. Cooper, U.S. Air Force, recently returned home from his second deployment to Vandenberg AFB in California in support of Exercise Global Thunder. U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), in coordination with U.S. and partner nation government agencies, conducted the exercise to train USSTRATCOM forces and assess joint operational readiness.

In addition, 1st Lt. Cooper completed the requirements for a Master's Degree in Engineering Management at George Washington University in December, 2016. His degree will be conferred upon him at the graduation ceremony on May 21, 2017 in Washington DC. 1st Lt. Cooper is currently stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois as the Mobile Communications Planning Officer for the Cyberspace Support Squadron.



## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization that strives to place a Christmas wreath on every veteran's grave in America. Did you know that Darnestown Presbyterian Church's cemetery includes 73 veterans, one of whom, Pvt. Edgar Tschiffely (1842 – 1930) is a Civil War veteran?

DPC has recently become a sponsor for Wreaths Across America!

Stay tuned for more details in the September and December issues of the Acorn! In the meantime, check out the Wreaths Across America website at

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



# Homesteading Corner!



***Keep your chickens clean and cool this hot summer!***

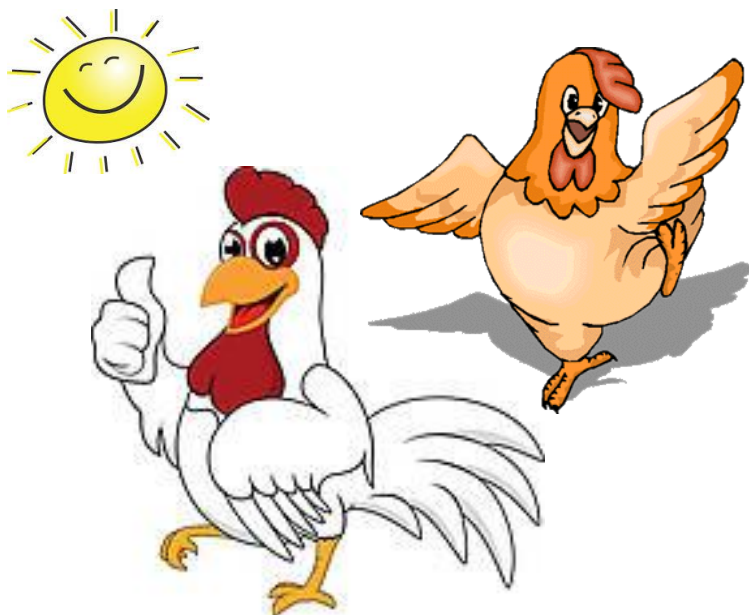


## **Chicken Coop Deodorizing Spray**

16 ounce spray bottle  
Fill halfway with white vinegar  
add 25 drops lemon essential oil  
add water to fill  
swirl gently to mix  
use for cleaning nest boxes,  
roosting bars, and general coop  
cleaning.



**GOT CHICKENS?** Emptying a few cans of corn into a muffin tray, adding water & then freezing it is a very small act of kindness. On hot days, it'll mean the world to the chickens! Pecking away at an ice block to finally be rewarded with a cold corn kernel is a great way to help them keep cool.



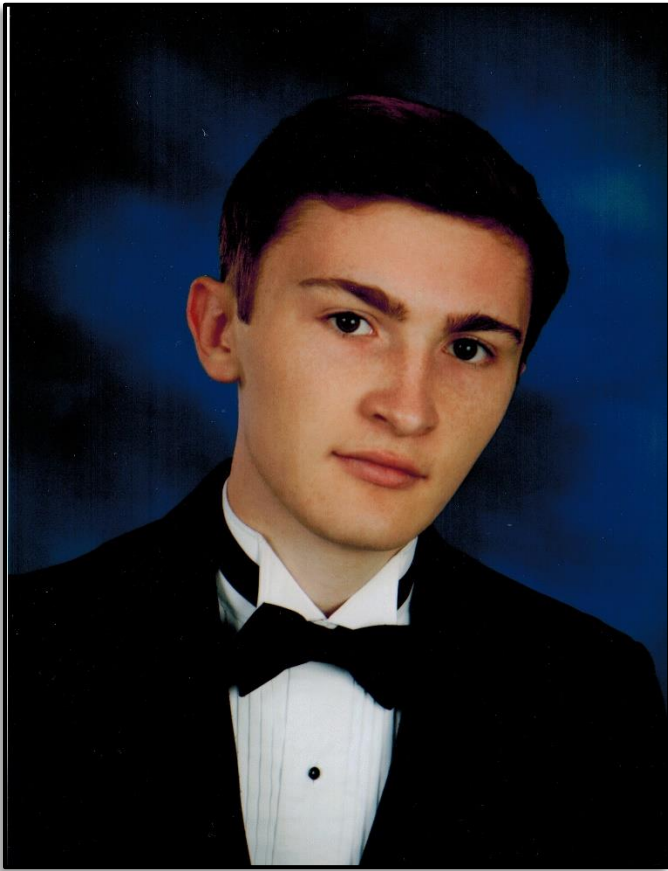




## Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

### Hunter Boothe

Hunter is graduating from Quince Orchard High School. He will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall.



### Alexander Dell'Acqua

Alex is graduating from The Heights School this June and will attend Loyola University Maryland in the fall. He has been admitted to the Sellinger School of Business and Management, and is looking forward to exploring the different majors and getting to know his new home for the next four years!



## Camryn Mercer

Camryn is graduating from Quince Orchard High School this June, and will attend Towson University in the fall. She plans to major in education. Camryn will also continue with her interests in deaf studies, ASL, and child development and hopes to continue her work with kids. Camryn is also a black belt in karate and will continue with her participation in martial arts.



## Logan Joanne Staton

Logan is graduating from St. John's College High School in Washington DC in June. She will be attending Loyola University New Orleans, majoring in Music Industry Studies. She hopes to work in the Music Industry managing bands, tours, and merchandise after graduation.





## Matty Callahan

Matty is graduating from McDaniel College and plans to enter law school in the fall. His interests include football, golf, and friends. Matty says, "My goal is to be get involved in politics and coaching after law school."



## Simon Michnick

Simon graduated from Washington and Lee University this May. He plans on interning on the Hill in Washington, DC this summer. Simon will then begin law school at Washington and Lee University School of Law in August.



## Lauren Michnick

Lauren graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law this May. She will begin working in the fall at Seward & Kissel in Washington, DC. Lauren will work in her firm's investment management practice group where she will continue to develop her focus in corporate finance and securities regulation.



## Jeff Plamondon

Jeff is graduating from Cornell University - College of Business/School of Hotel Administration. He will be moving to Atlanta to work for a large hotel development/consultant/management company. Jeff said he will miss Darnestown, where he has lived his entire life!



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# School News & Events

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## Darnestown Elementary



By Sandy Pearce

It's hard to believe another school year has come to an end. Our Kindergarteners survived their first year of elementary school, while our 5<sup>th</sup> graders are starting a new journey onto Middle School. This is a bittersweet time for parents, especially me, since one of those 5<sup>th</sup> graders is mine! Sweet memories were had this past spring with exciting field trips to Mt. Vernon and to the Montgomery County Fairgrounds for the Patrol Picnic. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders all rode together on a charter bus down to Mt. Vernon and spent the entire day there. The Patrol Picnic was a blast with fun rides and other festivities. Please join us on **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** for the Kindergarten End of Year Celebration and on **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony.

There is more exciting 5<sup>th</sup> grade news to report. My daughter, Naiya Pearce, was nominated by Darnestown Elementary to participate in "Are You up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Challenge?" this past April. She was one of 27 kids to participate and was awarded a \$500 grant by the MCPS Educational Foundation to go towards Darnestown Elementary. The game consists of one "celebrity" contestant and 4 teams of 5<sup>th</sup> graders. While an answer is read, the fifth grade teams deliberate and lock in their answer. The contestant is asked for his or her answer. The student's answers get revealed and the contestant can choose to change his or her answer. For each correct answer, the contestant will win money to be granted by the Foundation for highly impacted MCPS elementary schools. Please click on attached link if you want to watch the show! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpGlqx2eCLg> Darnestown Elementary is in the second round.

The Spring Choral concert was the best I've seen so far! The theme was "BRAVE". Not only was there beautiful singing, but there was amazing acting by



our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. I'm pretty sure a few tears were shed. The Instrumental Music concert was equally entertaining.

Teachers were spoiled once again during Teacher Appreciation Week. The week started off with a myriad of flowers and thank you letters, and ended with a well-deserved catered Mexican feast and yummy desserts. Thank you to the wonderful, caring, hardworking teachers at Darnestown Elementary!

We had a larger than ever turnout at our annual DES Variety Show, held at Northwest High School. There was dancing, singing, glow in the dark acts and instrumental music to name a few. Darnestown certainly has talent!

Save the date for the DES Spring Picnic on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Pizza, shaved ice, bounce houses, DJ's and more. It is the perfect ending to a marvelous school year. The last day of school is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a safe and exciting summer!





## Butler School

By Lisa Daly

On April 27, under direction from our music director, Cinzia Maddalena-Mattiace, Butler Montessori's Upper Elementary students performed *Madagascar Jr.* Every child had a part in the production. Experimenting with performing arts and theater helps students to put themselves in others' shoes and fosters a better understanding of realities different from their own. Performing arts is also a great means to improve cooperation and teamwork. To learn more about a Montessori education visit us at [www.butlerschool.org](http://www.butlerschool.org).



Have you made your summer plans yet? There are still select openings at Butler Camp! Horseback riding, swimming, soccer, hiking trails, a ropes course, an archery range, and arts and crafts are all part of the fun on our campus. Some of our older campers travel off campus for canoeing, caving, fishing, mountain biking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting and tubing. Our younger campers enjoy the use of air-conditioned classrooms for their "home base" during the camp day. Visit [www.butlercamp.org](http://www.butlercamp.org) for more information.



## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Legacy Project, Exhibition and Graduation**

The 2016-2017 school year is quickly coming to an end and preparations are underway to wish our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders farewell and good luck on their journeys to middle school. They have had a busy year as student leaders in the school. They have led our Safety Patrol team, spearheaded our recycling efforts, and helped plan school-wide assemblies, including taking the lead in our bilingual Cinco de Mayo Celebration. As part of our school tradition, the class has also been working on a Legacy Project that they will leave behind as a gift to the school community. This year, the students will be translating the International Baccalaureate “attributes” into the many foreign languages represented in our school community and then painting them on our front portico. As an IB school, our students practice from early on being “inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective.” These are not just words to them, but qualities that they have actively been developing in every aspect of their lives here at Seneca Academy. It feels very fitting that their legacy gift will serve as a reminder to all who enter through our front door of our mission to develop students who embody those traits and who will be, as a result, ready to thrive in a rapidly globalizing world. We are very much looking forward to seeing their final product!

Before they leave, our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will also have a chance to showcase and celebrate all that they have learned from the IB program in their capstone “Exhibition” projects. These projects are done in their last six-week transdisciplinary unit and take the form of a personal inquiry into a real-life issue that is particularly meaningful to them. With the help of their teacher and their faculty mentors, the students obtain background research, explore perspectives and offer solutions to these problems. In the process, they make use of all the “student” skills that they have developed over the years, as they organize their time, synthesize information, draw conclusions and prepare to communicate their findings to the entire school community. By the time they finish their final presentations, our students are ready to go confidently to middle school, knowing that they are fully prepared to meet all of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead!

## **International Outdoor Classroom Day**

In May, the entire Seneca Academy participated in “Outdoor Classroom Day”! This was an international effort to engage schools and children in focusing on the benefits of being outdoors and learning in and from nature. Although we are a National Wildlife Federation Certified Schoolyard Habitat and our students spend a great deal of time outdoors every day, knowing that we were a part of this worldwide effort and movement was pretty exciting! Our students planted gardens to attract butterflies and grow vegetables that they hope to harvest and enter in the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. We also created outdoor seating to use year round using recycled tires. To cap off our exciting and enriching outdoor learning, we partnered with Calleva to do some outdoor team building activities. It was a great day and much fun was had by all!

## **Summer at Seneca**

Seneca Academy invites all community members to join in the fun with our camp partners, Club SciKidz. ClubSciKidz is the premiere provider of science day camps in our area! They introduce students to the mysteries of science through hands-on, interactive make-and-take projects and experiments. If your child is interested in how things work, what things are made of and how science works in the real world, this is the perfect camp for them! A variety of programs are offered for children ages 3-15 and before and after care are available.

## **Small school. Big impact.**

Seneca Academy’s combination of intentionally small class sizes, inquiry-based, International Baccalaureate curriculum and affordability makes us a unique high-value learning investment for forward thinking families.

We are now enrolling for 2017-2018 for the following programs:

- Parent’s Day Out (1 day per week program for children who will be 2 by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Potty training is not required.)
- Preschool Three’s (2, 3, or 5 day options with before/after care available.)
- Pre-K Four’s (4 or 5 morning options, as well as Extended Day class which is popular with older 4’s/young 5’s. Before/after care is available.)
- Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Limited openings.)

For more information, please visit:

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

Tours are available, by appointment, through July.

Please call 301-869-3728 to schedule!



# Church News!



## **Darnestown Presbyterian Church**

By Larry Ciolorito

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! (June 26<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Darnestown Presbyterian Church will hold its Vacation Bible School from June 26<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. VBS will be staged in the evening *beginning at 5:30 pm daily with a family-style dinner.* Our theme this year is the Maker Fun Factory, where kids become hands-on inventors who discover that they're lovingly crafted by God. Activities include Bible stories and songs, videos, outdoor games, and crafts.

VBS is a great fellowship opportunity with adults and youth working together to help guide the younger kids in an exploration of the Bible while doing crafts, games, and even science experiments. Children walk away not only singing Sunday-school songs they will 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 their own activities, and high schoolers have opportunities to volunteer and interact with the children. An adult Bible study is also offered. **You don't have to be a DPC member to participate!** We welcome anyone from the community, and all children age 4 and up are welcome. 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](mailto:melissamostrom@gmail.com)

### **FAREWELL FOR PASTOR DAVE MCNEILLY!**



DPC is holding a farewell luncheon and celebration for Pastor Dave McNeilly following the 11:00 AM service on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, his last Sunday as our Pastor. Light catered fare and some pot-luck offerings will be served, as we celebrate Dr. McNeilly's service at DPC and offer him and his wife Cindy our best wishes for the next phase of their lives.

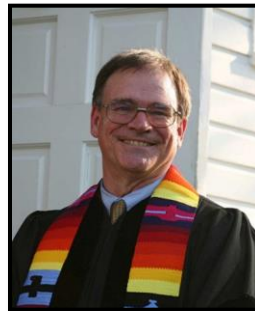
### **INTERIM PASTOR**

Our Interim Search Committee continues to seek an Interim Pastor to replace Dr. McNeilly until a permanent Pastor can be called. The Committee is working closely with the National Capital Presbytery through this process, and has now begun to interview candidates. We still hope to have our Interim Pastor in place by the beginning of June, and of course we still have our beloved Associate Pastor, Reverend Tamara Leonard-Lara, to help lead the church during this period.

### **SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>**

Starting on June 18, 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?

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.



**Rev. Dave McNeilly**



**Rev. Tamara Leonard Lara**

### **Contact Information:**

15120 Turkey Foot Road  
Darnestown, MD 20878  
301-948-9127

[www.darnestownpc.org/](http://www.darnestownpc.org/)  
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## ***Living Word Bible Fellowship***

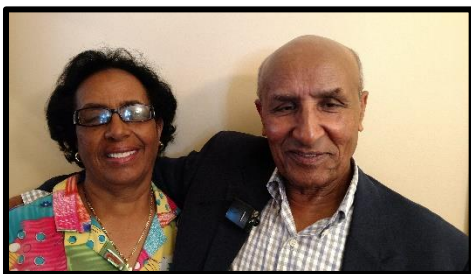
Welcome to The Living Word Bible Fellowship. We are a small but loving group of followers of Jesus Christ. We are committed to prayer, bible study, worship, fellowship, and walking with the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Worship services are traditional but informal with a combination of hymns and contemporary songs, scripture, and Bible-based sermons that are practical and challenging. Attire is modest and varies from blue jeans to business casual.

### **Worship & Prayer Opportunities:**

Sun: 9:30 AM Explore the Bible – all ages  
10:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
Wed: 12:00 PM Noon Prayer & Fasting  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

### **Contact Information**

Services at 16500 Whites Ferry Road  
Dawsonville (intersection Rtes. 28 & 107)  
1-301-789-1888 (Pastor's home)  
[www.livingwordbf.org](http://www.livingwordbf.org)  
P.O. Box 487, Poolesville MD 20837



*Pastor Tilahun & wife*

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

Welcome to Fairhaven United Methodist Church. Located on Rt. 28, Fairhaven is a very diverse, small church where many cultural traditions blend to offer a unique worship experience. We are dedicated to sharing the love of God with everyone in our community. Fairhaven is a friendly and caring church family where diversity is nurtured by faith. We work and grow together as partners in ministry, sharing the love of God by encouraging spiritual growth, providing a rich worship experience welcoming all of God's children into our fellowship, and serving the needs of our community.

### **Sunday Worship Opportunities:**

- ❖ 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School and Middle & High School Sunday School
- ❖ 10:30 AM Worship Service
- ❖ 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- ❖ 11:30 AM Coffee Hour
- ❖ 12:30 PM Young Adults (every other week)
- ❖ 6:00 PM Youth Group

### **Contact Information**

12801 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
301-330-5433  
[www.fairhavenumc.net](http://www.fairhavenumc.net)

Email: [fairhavenumc@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenumc@gmail.com)



*Rev. Esther Holimon*



## ***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](http://www.olvp.org)  
[parishoffice@olvp.org](mailto:parishoffice@olvp.org)

### ***ATTENTION ALL***

### ***HOUSES OF WORSHIP!***

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**[wsgooch@comcast.net](mailto:wsgooch@comcast.net)**

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# 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).

## BABY SITTERS & MOTHERS' HELPERS

|                  |        |              |
|------------------|--------|--------------|
| Cailynn Adelman  | age 15 | 301-537-1160 |
| Katie Apgar      | age 10 | 240-899-7118 |
| Briana Boothe    | age 17 | 301-775-2887 |
| Katelyn Harral   | age 16 | 301-325-5973 |
| Billy Harral     | age 16 | 301-325-5973 |
| Chase Hayes      | age 15 | 240-454-2383 |
| Katherine Jones  | age 15 | 240-893-2989 |
| Michael Long     | age 15 | 301-569-6367 |
| Geri McCarthy    | Adult  | 301-467-5976 |
| Mackenzie Meyers | age 15 | 301-525-6239 |
| Sydney Meyers    | age 16 | 301-525-8167 |
| Chloe Rourke     | age 15 | 240-671-8764 |
| Sydney Rourke    | age 14 | 240-671-8764 |
| Kerry Pullano    | age 14 | 301-525-8658 |
| Libby Snowden    | age 16 | 240-715-8430 |
| Logan Staton     | age 18 | 240-912-7765 |
| Megan Strickler  | age 16 | 301-330-3956 |
| George Vargas    | age 20 | 301-208-6614 |
| Julia Vargas     | age 17 | 301-208-6614 |

## CHICKEN SITTERS

|                 |        |              |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| Fiona O'Connell | age 12 | 240-477-6346 |
| George Vargas   | age 20 | 301-208-6614 |
| Julia Vargas    | age 17 | 301-208-6614 |

## NOTARY SERVICES

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Laura Bivans | 301-977-4734 |
|--------------|--------------|

## PET SITTERS/HOUSE SITTERS

|                    |        |              |
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| Briana Boothe      | age 17 | 301-775-2887 |
| Katelyn Harral     | age 16 | 301-325-5973 |
| Billy Harral       | age 16 | 301-325-5973 |
| Gwynne Cafaro      | age 15 | 301-963-7178 |
| Tom Cress          | age 22 | 301-990-9882 |
| Bella Dastvan      | age 16 | 301-330-3231 |
| Chase Hayes        | age 15 | 240 454 2383 |
| Ben Kaplan         | age 15 | 301-997-8027 |
| Hanne Kaplan       | age 12 | 301-997-8027 |
| Maureen McAllister | age 25 | 301-802-4993 |
| Mackenzie Meyers   | age 15 | 301-990-6660 |
| Sydney Meyers      | age 16 | 301-990-6660 |
| Elizabeth Phillips | Adult  | 301-802-7402 |
| Trish Poulos       | Adult  | 301-208-1007 |
| Kerry Pullano      | age 14 | 301-525-8658 |
| Libby Snowden      | age 16 | 240-715-8430 |
| George Vargas      | age 20 | 301-208-6614 |
| Julia Vargas       | age 17 | 301-208-6614 |

## MUSIC LESSONS

|                  |                              |              |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| TJ Callahan      | Guitar                       | 301-379-5646 |
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| Justin Fakler    | Guitar                       | 301-814-5111 |
| Bonnie McManaman | violin, sax, clarinet, flute | 240-643-9398 |
| Jennifer Suess   | Voice                        | 301-977-2605 |
| David Tony       | Drums                        | 301-990-6550 |
| Stefanie Zaner   | Clarinet                     | 240-678-8319 |

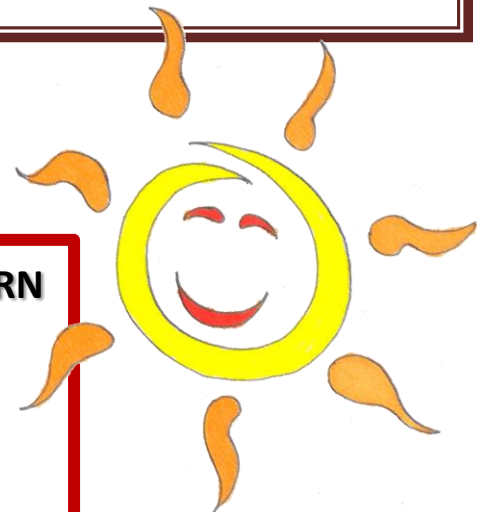


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## Darnestown Directory

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](mailto: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:***

### **Boy Scout Troop 1094**

Scout Master Jim DelVecchio  
[sm@troop1094.org](mailto:sm@troop1094.org)

### **Butler Montessori**

15951 Germantown Road  
Laura Manack, Head of School  
301-977-6600

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

15601 Germantown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Dr. Michelle Parker, Head of School  
301-869-3728

### **Darne Bloomers Garden Club**

Becky Hanley, President  
(301-330-5437)  
Barbara Andreassen Membership  
301-330-4485

### **Darnestown Civic Association**

14132B Darnestown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
Lisa Patterson-Troike, President  
301-548-0999

### **Darnestown Elementary School**

15030 Turkey Foot Road  
Darnestown, MD 20878  
Laura Colgary, Principal  
301-840-7157

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

P. O. Box 3574  
Darnestown, MD 20885  
Dave Hardy, General Manager,  
[davidhardy27@hotmail.com](mailto:davidhardy27@hotmail.com)  
301-330-9616

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

Membership, (Vacant)

### **Jones Lane Elementary School**

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

### **Lakelands Park Middle School**

1200 Main Street  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Deborah Higdon, Principal  
301-670-1400

### **Mary of Nazareth School**

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

### **Quince Orchard Community Library**

15831 Quince Orchard Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
240-777-0200

### **Northwest High School**

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

### **Quince Orchard High School**

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

### **Ridgeview Middle School**

16600 Raven Rock Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
Mrs. Monifa McKnight, Principal  
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