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President's Corner

Notes from the President

By Scott Mostrom



Recently I've been feeling like one of the Sneetches. You remember—the Dr. Seuss book with the big yellow birds, some with stars on their bellies and some without.

At first it was cool to have a star on your belly, then it was not, and then it was again. Going into the Harris Teeter at one point in early April and seeing just a couple of people wearing masks seemed so different, so strange. I didn't have a star on my belly and those that did seemed, well, out of place. Yet, less than two weeks later and just a few days before the state mandate on wearing masks, I went back into the Harris Teeter and this time felt literally embarrassed, and completely out of place myself, because I didn't have a mask. I couldn't get out of there quickly enough. I had to jump into that machine from the book that put a star on your belly ... I needed a mask!

Whether it's masks, social distancing, working from home, or helping your kids get onto school Zoom calls, we've all had to adapt to a 'new normal'. While there is some good from being more isolated—we can spend more time with family and actually get home projects done that we honestly know never would have otherwise—we're all very excited as things begin to gradually open back up. And like Sneetches, we'll adapt back to our original normal just as we adapted to our isolation, however long that takes.

On a more serious note though, we know that this 'new normal' isn't just about adjusting to stars or no stars on our belly. COVID-19 is dangerous and a good portion of Darnestown's 5,000+ residents fall into the at-risk group, either because of age or health conditions. Our at-risk neighbors literally can't go out and need assistance to get basic supplies. The financial impact of the pandemic has hit most of us in one way or another. And it's our kids who have had to bear an incredible burden, remaining separated from friends and having their social and athletic activities put on indefinite hold, not to mention the limitations of remote learning. We've been dealing with a lot of concern and uncertainty. As neighbors and as a community, we will need to support each other as we continue to deal with all of this and as we slowly transition back out of the shadows.

Now, if there's one great thing that's come out of this pandemic it's been the words "How can I help?" We've seen our residents—parents, grandparents, kids, and entire families step up to help those who

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DCA Town Meeting June 18, 2020

The link to join virtually will be available
at darnestowncivic.org, by email, and
on the Darnestown Facebook page.

Remember: The digital version of *The Little Acorn* online has pictures in full color and clickable links. Go to darnestowncivic.org.

need it the most. Individuals have launched their own efforts, including food collection for Manna and Germantown HELP and raising funds to provide lunches for Harris Teeter employees. We've also seen great creativity, from family projects to the honking horns and signs for birthday drive-bys.

For the DCA's part, we collaborated with some of these volunteer leaders and local organizations to spearhead 'The Whole of Darnestown'. See Sue Gottlieb's article for more details. We've hosted two successful Town Halls around the pandemic—one with Montgomery County Health & Human Services Directors and one with a panel of our own Darnestown business leaders to discuss the relief efforts and tactics to manage the pandemic impacts for small businesses. Additionally, we posted important links to resources and information for individuals and small businesses on our web page (darnestowncivic.org).

The infrastructure to support all of efforts is because of funding from our members. Membership is voluntary and if you're a member, thank you. As the world begins to 'open up' we'll continue our communications and Town Halls so you have the information you need and leverage this network of neighborhood volunteers so we can support each other. We're going to be in this awhile and we've worked hard to establish a strong foundation to get us through.

This resurgence of volunteerism is truly inspiring. In the decade leading up to the pandemic there was much talk about the decline of volunteerism across America. Folks were too busy with their own lives or their kids and volunteer organizations were stretched thin. It's wonderful to see Darnestown rise up and unite in a time when we have to be so separated.

The Whole of Darnestown effort will continue until we're completely through this pandemic. So, if you need assistance please reach out to your neighborhood lead or reach out to wod@darnestowncivic.org or call 301-539-9007 and we'll put you in touch. And as always, please let the DCA know how we can help and the needs you're seeing. We have an incredible community and we'll get through this together.

2020 Executive Board Elections

By Stephanie Kunkle

In preparation for the June town meeting, in accordance with the bylaws, a nominating committee has been established to prepare a list of candidates for the DCA Executive Board. This year, the nominating committee includes Stephanie Kunkle, Sheila Thomas, and Peirce Cook. The committee has identified the following individuals, who are interested in continuing their roles on the Board, however, we are still looking for someone to serve as treasurer. If you have lived in Darnestown for at least 3 years and are interested in taking a more active role in the Civic Association, please let us know by reaching out to myself at dca@darnestowncivic.org. The slate of proposed officers are:

President	Scott Mostrom
Vice President	Tim Mueller
Secretary	Susan Allaway
Treasurer	VACANT
Trustee	Paul Klee – 3-year term

In addition, Scott Damiecki has one year remaining and Tim Sanders has two years remaining in their three-year terms as trustees.

The DCA is always looking for additional leaders from our community to provide their insight and support for the Association. If you're interested in becoming more engaged with the board or supporting one of the committees, please let us know.

We Welcome Your Submissions to *The Little Acorn*

Deadline for the next issue:

August 1, 2020

Email ideas, questions or articles to:
acorn@darnestowncivic.org

Other Ways the DCA is Working for You

Whole of Darnestown

Community volunteer and communication initiatives to support Darnestown during the coronavirus pandemic. *See this page.*

Roads Task Force

See page 9.

1st Annual DCA Scholarship

The DCA has launched the first annual DCA Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship available to graduating high school seniors that's based on civic engagement. Application deadline was May 15th but the recipient will be announced at our June Town Meeting. Special thanks to our Social Chair, Stephanie Kunkle, for driving this important initiative. For more details please visit darnestowncivic.org/dca-scholarship.

Input on Thrive Montgomery 2050 Process

Thrive Montgomery 2050 will result in the first full revision of the 1969 Montgomery County General Plan, this new plan will drive the strategic approach for among other things, development, roads, schools, and land use for all County master plans. This includes the Potomac Subregion Master Plan that dictates zoning and land use within Darnestown. The DCA has been actively engaged, providing input at every step. The final draft from the Planning Board is due to the County Council this fall.

All DCA efforts are supported by our members. To become a member, please visit darnestowncivic.org/memberships or use the form *on page 15*.

The Whole of Darnestown

By Sue Gottlieb

It started as a few comments on the Darnestown community Facebook page as the coronavirus pandemic started and things began shutting down. A few folks were wondering how we could support each other during this extraordinary time in our country. The DCA leadership, supported by many of the businesses, parishes, community associations and village leaders in town, brought together people who were interested in helping and came up with a plan to create a network of volunteers based in every neighborhood called The Whole of Darnestown. Sounds easy, right? Well, the easy part was finding the volunteers! Forty volunteers signed up in no time at all and recruited others. But the tricky part became how to connect these volunteers to their neighbors. Some neighborhoods have email listservs, some do not. Some people are on Facebook, some are not. Not all the older folks in town are computer savvy. Oh, and it has to be contactless! So, how do we make all the connections?

The answer was postcards sent through the US mail, made possible with DCA resources. The DCA already had access to all the street addresses in Darnestown since The Little Acorn newsletter is sent to all households. Using some "technical Excel magic" we were able to match each household address to their designated volunteer. The postcards were custom printed and mailed out by the print shop that prints and mails The Little Acorn, so we were able to leverage that relationship. All of this was made possible with funds from the DCA, which are provided by the members.

In addition, as federal, state, and county websites started to list information and resources, we gathered these onto one page for the DCA website, on a page called The Whole of Darnestown – Individual Resources. This page is found at: darnestowncivic.org/wodindividuals/

If you need assistance and do not have the postcard, send an email to the DCA Whole of Darnestown email address at WOD@darnestowncivic.org or call 301-539-9007 and we will connect you with your neighborhood lead volunteer.

A big thank you to all of those who volunteered!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We want to acknowledge all of those in our community who have given their professional and personal time to serve the greater need during this time, including first responders, health care workers, essential employees, and those who serve individuals and businesses struggling with the impact of this pandemic. Here are some Darnestown people and organizations that have come to our attention.

Rob Scheer and Jenn and Doug Whitman



When the Covid-19 pandemic hit our area Whitman Summer Camp and Comfort Cases joined forces to make sure we did not forget so many who needed support in our community. Since March, Rob Scheer, and Jenn and Doug Whitman have done food drives, collected diapers, and other household items with the help of so many families from Darnestown and the Whitman Summer Camp community. This has been a hard time for so many families in our area and it has been so comforting to see that Darnestown has stepped in to show that our community is bigger than just our zip code.

These necessities for families are still being collected every day and will be delivered every Friday to local families. If you would like to help please drop your donations off at the Whitmans' (15636 Haddonfield Way) or Scheers' home. They are collecting groceries, diapers, baby wipes, laundry pods and grab and go snacks for hospital workers.

Susie Gooch



Susie has been a Darnestown resident since 1985 when she married her husband Bill and moved to Esworthy Road from Potomac. Formerly the editor of *The Little Acorn*, Susie has acted as the Admin for the Darnestown Facebook Page since 2017. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and Governor Hogan ordered us all into isolation, Susie reached out via the Facebook page to volunteer to do the shopping for any at-risk neighbors or neighbors who were simply too concerned to leave their houses. She's jokes that she's been to Harris Teeter so many times in the past two months that people think she works there! In addition, Susie has prepared a homemade lunch, including mac & cheese, vegetarian lasagna, and venison chili, every week since the pandemic began for all of the health care workers at Shady

Grove Adventist Rehab next to Shady Grove Hospital. Susie says she's really looking forward to the now-postponed We Survived COVID-19 neighborhood gathering at Windridge Winery with everyone once the pandemic has passed. For more information on that gathering, please check out the Darnestown Facebook page!

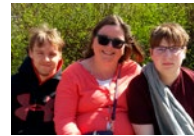
Sue Gottlieb



Sue and her family, husband Michael and kids Allie and Austin, are celebrating 10 years of living in Darnestown this May! Sue loves living in Darnestown and has been an active member of the Darnestown

Elementary PTA and the wider Darnestown community. Sue hopes that the volunteer program has made people feel connected and supported during the stay-at-home order in Maryland.

The Skucas Family



Ruta and Tomas Skucas and their sons, Daumantas (18), Darius (17) and Jonas (14), have lived in Darnestown since 2004, when they moved to Spring Meadows Drive. They now live on Poplar Hill Road, having loved Darnestown and the Spring Meadows community enough to stay in the same neighborhood when moving. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Ruta and the kids began volunteering for Germantown HELP, both collecting food from the Darnestown community to donate to the food pantry, and making deliveries to needy families from the food pantry. If you have food to donate, shoot us a note and we'll get it over to the food pantry. skucasfamily@gmail.com We'll be making a run over there roughly weekly for the foreseeable future.

Shibani Subramanya

Shibani Subramanya and her husband, Balu, moved to Darnestown in 1997 and have raised two high school daughters. During the COVID-19 pandemic Shibani wanted to support our essential employees at Harris Teeter who have been on the frontlines. These employees are exposed every day yet continue

to support Darnestown residents and have been a vital supply line for all of us. To demonstrate her support, Shibani led an effort to collect money from Darnestown residents to supply weekly lunches for the employees. This effort has since grown to include providing lunches from Mamma Lucias, Neal's Bagels, and Cuginis. Additionally, Shibani's made more than 108 masks to donate to MocoMask Makers and towards the Million Mask Challenge.

Thoughtfulness in Ridgefield

By Chere Butler

The Butler family would like to thank our neighbor Brian from White Rock Road for his act of kindness. We met Brian one afternoon while doing yard work. During small talk we mentioned that we were having a hard time obtaining toilet paper. Well, the next day Brian showed up at our door with 48 rolls of toilet paper! Thanks for showing up in our time of need. We are very grateful to have such thoughtful neighbors.

Quarantine Stories

Kristin Crook

As our quarantine enters week seven, I've had plenty of time to reflect and thought I would share my insights about this trying time.

I'm becoming more like my grandmother every day. Hoarding toilet paper, obsessing about feeding my family and patiently waiting for my 5 pm cocktail.

It's possible to own one pair of pants and be content.

Watching the news causes dry throat and difficulty breathing.

Carole Baskin definitely did it.

It's the little things in life that bring the most joy – M&M's, Hot Tamales, sleeping pills.

Games are fun! My favorite are: Why'd I Marry You?, NOT IT, Corn Chip Bingo.

You really can watch paint dry and a watched pot does actually boil.

There's plenty of time to ponder deep philosophical questions like "Is it worth the risk to get powdered sugar, buffalo wing sauce and toothpicks?" (The answer is yes.)

I'm reliving my middle school years with dark greasy hair, bad make-up and no friends.

I will NEVER take for granted the dedication of our healthcare workers, grocery store clerks, delivery people and everyone else who is keeping us safe and fed.

Wash your hands! See you in July...

Kristin has lived in Darnestown for 16 years. This entry comes from her blog that can be found at hardlygettingby.com.



The Kunkle Children show their appreciation for essential workers.

The Saba Family

The Saba children, Marco (8), Catarina (4), and Luca (1) drew rainbows to put in every neighbor's mailbox on our street as well as postcards to send to friends and family. They have also made thank you cards and left treats for our essential workers in our community: our mail carrier, delivery drivers, sanitation workers, and individuals in a local assisted living.



Lack of Social Distancing

By Kent Goulding, Concerned Citizen

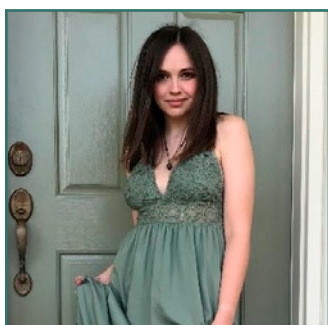
It was a gorgeous spring day hiking on the C&O canal downstream from Violette's Lock...but my bliss was shattered when I came across these dangerous scofflaws! Something should be done immediately. Although, one note in defense of the social distancing scofflaws: They get high marks for Personal Protective Equipment.



Community Interest

CONGRATULATIONS

Darnestown's 2020 Graduates!



Madeleine Banks Carter

Quince Orchard High School

Madeleine will be attending St Mary's College of Maryland to study psychology.



Annie Cress

Northwest High School

Annie will be attending the University of Michigan Honors Program to study Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity.



Matthew Eldridge

Northwest High School

Matthew will be attending the University of North Carolina to study marketing.



Michael Firestine

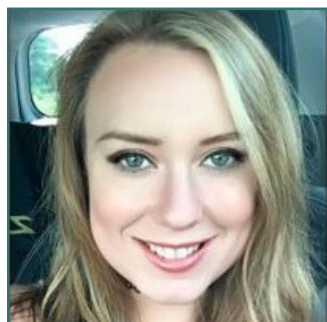
Northwest High School

Michael will be attending Towson University to study nursing.



Nicholas Firestine

Northwest High School
Nicholas will be attending Loyola College to study finance and business information systems.



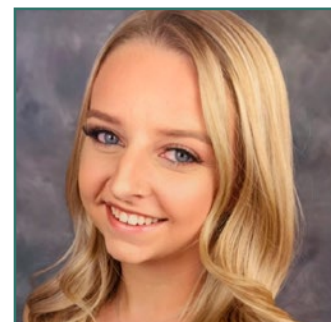
Ingrid Gooch

Ingrid has graduated from Hood College with a Masters of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. After a successful year-long internship with Kolmac Outpatient Recovery Centers, Ingrid was hired by Kolmac as an Addictions Counselor at the Intensive Outpatient Care Level for Substance Abuse.



Colin Hanley

Colin has graduated from the University of Virginia with a double major in Computer Science and Economics. He will be working for Anheuser Busch in Sales Analytics in the St. Louis corporate headquarters, after a successful internship position last summer in NYC.



Shelby Hardy

Quince Orchard High School 2016
University of Arizona Tucson 2020

Shelby has earned her BS in Communications with a minor in Business Administration.



Ryan R. Jones

*University of Georgia
Franklin School of
Arts and Sciences*

Ryan has earned a BS in biology and a BS in psychology, pre-med curriculum. He plans to work in the behavioral health services and to attend graduate school in 2021.



Brad Kahalas

Northwest High School

Brad will be attending Penn State to study chemical engineering.



MarchWell Kaplan

Poolesville High School

MarchWell will be attending MICA (MD Institute College of Art) in Baltimore to study illustration.



Aileen Kelly

Stone Ridge Academy

Aileen will be attending Xavier University to study nursing.



Drew Kline

Bullis School in Potomac

Drew will be attending Penn State in the fall.



Bryson Leonard

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Bryson will be attending the University of Miami to study architecture on a President's Architecture Scholarship award.



Andrew Markiewicz

Northwest High School

Andrew will be attending Salisbury University to study business.



Simon Michnick

"Juris Doctor" – Washington & Lee School of Law

Simon plans to continue his education at NYU in the fall toward an advanced Masters of Tax degree.



Kelly Miller

Kelly has graduated from University of Maryland with a BS degree in Kinesiology and a minor in Human Development.

She will be attending Drexel University accelerated nursing program in the fall.



Shannon Myers

Shannon has graduated from the Dental Hygiene Program at Hagerstown Community College with a 4.0 GPA.



Emily Pohl

Emily has graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in International Economics & Development. She has accepted a position in Chicago to start in October 2020.



Annabelle Ried

Northwest High School

Annabelle will be attending the University of Florida to study Sociology



Emma Rogers

Emma has graduated from Tulane University with a BS in Biomedical Engineering (with honors).



Sean Sackett

Northwest High School
Sean will be attending Towson University to study business and finance.



Sam Sherman

Sam has graduated from Stanford Law School and will be working as an antitrust lawyer in Washington, DC.



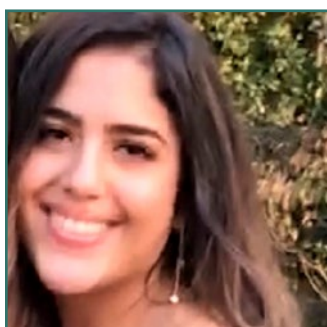
Alyssa Steinberg

Northwest High School
Alyssa will be attending Penn State to study elementary and special education.



Ilana Subramanya *Northwest High School*

Ilana will be attending Gettysburg College to study biology with the goal toward veterinary medicine.



Kayla Zand *Quince Orchard High School*

Kayla will be attending Penn State to study criminology.



Nicole Zand *Quince Orchard High School*

Nicole will be attending Penn State to study pre-med.

Your Darnestown neighbors are so proud of you and your accomplishments!



Emergency Preparedness

By Dick Jurgena

By the time you are reading this we will hopefully be a lot further down the road to recovering from the Covid-19 virus. But we can use this as an opportunity to analyze how well we were prepared for this crisis. Who knew how quickly toilet paper can become scarce and how important it is to our daily lives?

The next thing we learned was how quickly the availability of medical supplies, food and water can become scarce. And finally, that there really are bad, selfish people, who will hoard those necessary supplies in order to make a buck.

I encourage each of you to sit down with your family members and consider what you needed and had a hard time finding, or worse, ran out of, during this latest survival test. As I am writing this May 2nd, it looks like the shortages are beginning to lessen. But, before you forget, consider what could have happened if the emergency was worse. Consider, closing the circuit breaker on your house and eliminating availability to electricity for the next two weeks. What is the first thing you are going to miss? Well, after the Internet. Water. You can live for two weeks without food; sadly, only three days without water. No, I am not encouraging you to petition the County Council for county provided water and sewer. Start filling and storing some containers with water for drinking (a minimum of 5 gallons/person), and consider some methods of collecting rain water for bathing and use to flush toilets.

We have become so dependent on our local stores to supply what we need with bountiful choices. Ask yourself, what did you need, you couldn't find? Canned goods have an expiration of a year or better. Buy whatever you feel you will need for a month and set up so you use the oldest first, then replace each one each time you use it.

Consider what you would do if the problem were even greater and gasoline was in short supply. Always keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full. Needing to avoid a regional problem like a hurricane is no time to fill up when the lines at the gas station stretch for a mile.

Be Safe, be a good neighbor, and think ahead so you don't become a burden on someone else during

Returning Roads to Residents

By DCA Roads Task Force

With the current stay-at-home-order, we have observed a drop off in through traffic around Darnestown. It gives us a glimpse of what it would be like if our roads were being used mainly by residents, people living nearby, or those visiting local attractions. We are hopeful advancements in technology, increased transportation corridor funding, and new safety policy efforts will lead us to a future with less commuter overflow traffic. The DCA plans to advocate for solutions to reduce commuter overflow and increase overall safety.

Along with good design, we must also reduce risk taking and encourage safer behavior by everyone using our roads. Engineering can help. Education can make a difference. Broad community engagement and encouragement will certainly make our roads safer and enjoyable.

Many more people than usual are out and about and many of our neighborhoods do not have sidewalks. Please be extra cautious, attentive, and courteous. If walking or biking: be especially visible. If driving: obey the posted speed limits. It's an unforgiving fact that the forty percent difference between 25 and 35 mph can make all the difference in everyone's ability to react safely or the extent of damage. We all need to try our best.

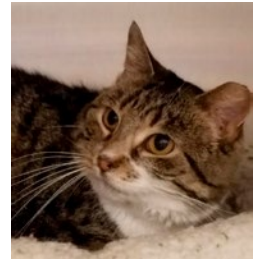
DCA Softball League

As with so much else, the DCA Softball season will be delayed since all county recreational facilities are closed. But there is still hope that a season will be possible. We will post updates on the Darnestown Facebook page and by email. So make sure that the DCA has your email address when you pay your membership. If you are interested in playing in the neighborhood based DCA league, contact Dave Bivans (softball@darnestowncivic.org) for more information. Hope we will "Play Ball!" this summer!

Foster Feature

By Diana Foley

We are re-featuring the gorgeous tabby cat, Gypsy, who was part of a large rescue operation on an abandoned farm. Gypsy was diagnosed with a chronic respiratory infection that will



require medication for the rest of her life, therefore Friends of Montgomery County Animals (FMCA) is looking for a *permanent foster home* for her. This is different from an adoption—in a permanent foster home Gypsy will have a forever family to care for and love her, but FMCA will continue to pay for her medical care. Gypsy is very affectionate and loves to be with people. She would love a person or family to call her own. If you'd like to provide permanent foster care to Gypsy, please contact FMCA at info@fmca.org.

*Do you have a pet behavior question? Diana Foley has volunteered to answer behavior and training questions in the next issue of The Little Acorn. Submit your question to acorn@darnestowncivic.org and your answer may appear in the June Little Acorn. The deadline for question submission is **July 26th**. Diana, a Darnestown resident, is a Certified Professional Dog trainer; with 20 years of professional experience in animal care, training, and sheltering.*

Free Programs from Butler Montessori School

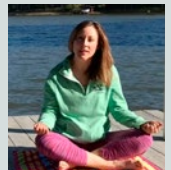
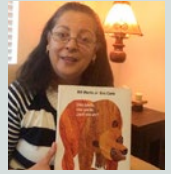
Farm & Forest Fridays— FREE Virtual Nature Exploration

We're excited to announce a FREE virtual version of our Farm & Forest Explorers nature class. Join us every Friday at 10am on our Butler Montessori Facebook Page (**Facebook.com/TheButler.School**) for a virtual video exploration with Bridgette Downer, Butler Montessori's Environmental Educational Specialist. Perfect for your preschool and elementary explorers!



Something New Saturdays— FREE Enrichment for Young Children

From Spanish to Yoga Stories, learn something new every Saturday! Join us on Saturday mornings on our Butler Montessori Facebook or YouTube channels for music, Spanish, sign language, yoga and more! Check back weekly for new offerings. **Facebook.com/TheButler.School** or **youtube.com/user/butlermontessori/**. Once there, go to the playlists and choose the topic of interest.



History

1803—Finding a Darne Date

By Scott Plumer

Ed. Note—We know that Darnestown has been around for a long time. But how long? The DCA was interested in having a date associated with Darnestown and Scott Plumer took on the challenge of finding a credible date. He endeavored to use primary sources (as good historians do) such as newspaper articles, private letters, family bibles, court, land, and legislative records, Darnestown's recorded modern history appears to begin in the middle of the 1700s. There were no formal public schools, birth records were not kept, and the closest newspaper may have been in Annapolis. America was not declared a country and there was no Montgomery County until 1776. Special thanks to the Montgomery County Historical Society and especially to Jane Sween who spent countless hours mentoring Scott and helping do the research. Scott combed through many resources and what follows is a portion of what he found.

The Roads

The road from Seneca Mill was a north/south road from the Potomac River and was roughly where Seneca Road is now. A 1712 map featured a road from what is now Georgetown at Rock Creek to the Mouth of Monocacy on the Potomac that connected these two trading hubs. The road would later

become known as the Road from Georgetown to the Mouth of the Monocacy. Both roads were used by indigenous people before colonists arrived. The junction of these two roads is Darnestown.

Later in the 1700s, it would appear a third road emanated from Darnestown and extended to the area now known as Rockville. It is unclear, but seems unlikely the original Road from Georgetown to the Mouth of the Monocacy went through Rockville. The Rockville area land began to be patented in the early 1700s and by the mid-1700s permanent structures appeared. In the later part of the 1700s the area grew rapidly after being named the county seat of newly created Montgomery County. The Rockville area was then mostly known as Montgomery Court House until its formal naming as Rockville in county land records on July 16, 1803.



*A portion
of 1794
Griffith
map*

The 1794 Griffith map of Maryland clearly shows the current distinctive Darnestown Road (MD-28) shape as it was formed by the road to Montgomery Court House (labelled Montgomery C.H.) and the western portion of the road from Georgetown to the Mouth of Monocacy.

The People

In 1749 Ninian Beall (pronounced “bell”) patented land called Barren Hill just north of Seneca Creek and west of MD-118 between what is now Germantown and Darnestown. Beall also amassed extensive land holdings all around the junction totaling over two thousand acres much of which went to his children and their spouses. Beall’s wife was named Mary and they had eight children.

Two of the Beall’s daughters settled in what is now Darnestown. Ruth Beall married Charles Gassaway (d 1816). The Gassaways were a prominent family in Anne Arundel County. Charles acquired extensive land around Darnestown and served as a Captain in the Militia and as coroner for the county.

The Gassaways built and settled in a house and land that came to be known as Pleasant Hills. The house was built on land originally patented as Mount Pleasant and contained the junction that was to become Darnestown. The Gassaways had six children. One of their daughters was Elizabeth Gassaway.

The Gassaway family sold the property in 1829. Pleasant Hills still stands today on Kelley Farm Drive and the current owners operate a small farm (pleasanthillsfarm.com). Kelley Farm Drive is named after the family who purchased the homestead in 1868 and operated it for generations. During the 1970s most of the land surrounding the core twenty acres was sold off to developers.

Ruth’s sister Eleanor Beall married Zachariah Offutt. Zachariah obtained extensive land holdings including his homestead, part of which became the Nathan Allnutt Farm and then the Darby/Kramm Farm at 15800 Darnestown Road across from Black Rock Road and Bellingham Drive. The Offuts had eight children.

Third generation Zachariah Offutt came to what is now the Darnestown area about 1772. He married a local girl, Eleanor Beall, daughter of Ninian Beall, and settled nearby. He accumulated considerable property.

About 1802 or 1803, he built a large brick house on his “Petersburgh” tract for one of his sons, Andrew. This is now part of the present-day Windridge Farm, the home of Barbara and the late Thompson Butz.

Source: Nancy Houston June 2012 *The Little Acorn* p14, reprint of a March 1987 *The Little Acorn* article. Nancy Houston did extensive research work on Darnestown’s history and was an active member of the Darnestown Historical Society.

The Town and the Year 1803

In 1798 William Darne established himself near the junction by marrying Elizabeth Gassaway; daughter of Ruth and Charles Gassaway and maternal granddaughter of Mary and Ninian Beall. The Gassaways lived on and owned the land containing the junction. Elizabeth and William lived on the Gassaway land near or at the junction. Soon afterward the junction took on Darne’s name. The Darnes had five children. William was a county representative to the state legislature, on the board of the C&O Canal Company, and a Justice. On his marriage certificate, in the census, and in legal documents William sometimes listed his last name as Darnes.

John Candler also established himself in the area. John Candler (b 1779 d 1833) married Adelaide Sarah Hays (b 1785 d 1854) of Barnesville in 1804. They had ten children. John was a Postmaster, tavern owner, and merchant in Darnestown.

The 1800 Census shows the Darne, Candler, Gassaway, and Offutt households all in the vicinity.

In 1803, a post office named Darnes was established with John Candler as the Postmaster. By 1823, the name of the post office was changed to Darnestown. While Darnestown has never been incorporated or officially ‘established’, there are several important historical dates that could be used to justify a year for the “beginning the Darnestown”. The establishment of a post office in 1803 demonstrates an official recognition of the existence of a village at the junction of Seneca and Georgetown to Mouth of Monocacy Roads. Named after Darnes, the post office establishment seemed the most viable date that Darnestown became a village—1803.

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Meet Our New Business Members

Larry Akinde

Allstate Insurance



It is a great joy and pleasure to be part of this wonderful, friendly and quiet community since October 2017 as a Financial & Insurance Professional with Allstate. I recently became a business member of

DCA at the invitation and recommendation of good friends and business associates, Nick & Rachel Petruccelli.

I feel immense gratitude to all members and residents of this close-knit society for visiting and reaching out to our agency at the Darnestown Center for past few months.

As a reminder, at Allstate, we help families and businesses alike to grow and protect all that matters to you, i.e. auto, homeowners, business, life and retirement through education and a well-rounded financial guidance. In the current economic and financial climate, I cannot wait to meet and share our knowledge to cultivate educated consumers in all of Darnestown. We work hard for our money; we will ensure your money and resources work harder for you and your family.



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DCA Membership Renewal / Application Form

Membership Category, please check one: ☐ Basic \$35 ☐ Friend \$50 ☐ Sponsor \$100 ☐ Acorn \$150

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The DCA publishes a list of our paid members in *The Little Acorn*, please check below if you do not want your information provided:

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Organizations

DarneBloomers Garden Club

By Lisa Ann Ruf

The DarneBloomers Garden Club concluded its last meeting of our year at The Philadelphia Flower Show on March 5th. A bus was chartered to take our members and their guests. Thank you to our hostesses, Carol Gimmel, Merikay Smith, Marie Stiles, Elizabeth Weaver and Summer Hardinge. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) staged the annual world-class floral show with an amazing spectacle of specimen flowers and plants, demonstrations, and exhibits. This year's celebration was about the gardens and flowers of The Mediterranean and The Riviera. Next year's Philadelphia Flower Show will have the theme "Habitat" and run from March 6-14, 2021. According to Jenny Rose Carey of the PHS, "The theme will revolve around the trendy topic of pollinator gardening and other wildlife-friendly techniques." This topic has been presented to our club many times in the past, and will also be a topic for our future programs.

In April, while adhering to Governor Hogan's Executive Orders, we were able to still enjoy a hands-on program with the help of the April Hostesses and



our program sponsor, The Good Earth Nursery. The Good Earth Nursery provided an instructional video and DIY Spring Planter Kits for pick-up, and members were able to enjoy creating a planter box for their homes. It was a welcome respite of creativity and beauty in an uncertain time. Thank you to Joy Strickler and her fellow hostesses, Tamara Lyons, Leslie Grant, & Mitzi Brooks. It was lovely for all of our members to have a little spring in our homes and in our step!

A huge thank you to Technology Chairwoman Jan Micare for our newly updated website. You can still find us at **darnebloomers.com**. She has created a lovely new interface to show you who we are, our mission, and our plans for the future. Our September program is in place and we are looking forward to

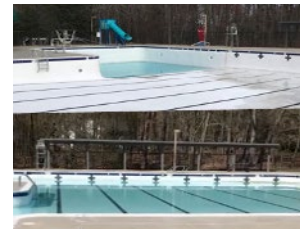
another fun and creative year. Gardening is your power to create a beautiful healthier world for all of us. Happy Gardening to you all.



Contingency Summer of 2020! Stay Informed, Stay Safe

By Aleks Schiff

With the current state of our world, planning for Summer 2020 have been difficult, to say the least. We are constantly updating our members on the latest contingency plans and are keeping costs down by doing only the minimum critical preparations we need to do, which are required for us to open as soon as we get the green light.



We are getting the pool ready for any scenario we may encounter.

We are constantly thinking about our Tennis, Pickleball, Swim, Camp Green Zone, and Social programming! Our wonderful directors, coaches and staff has been posting fun videos, activities, and information on social media, so make sure you connect to us and participate. And, check our website for the latest information! **dsrclub.com**

For a fun outdoor activity, our Disc Golf Course remains open and is easy and fun for the whole family!

Connect with the Club and Stay in the Know!
Facebook: **[@DarnestownSwimRacquetClub](https://www.facebook.com/DarnestownSwimRacquetClub)**
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15004 Spring Meadows Dr., Darnestown, MD 20874
301.330.1340, **GM@dsrclub.com**

School News

Butler Montessori

By Miki Boulin

Celebrating 50 Years



We're excited to announce that Butler Montessori turns 50 in October 2020! We want to thank our Darnestown community for being part of our journey. In recognition of this special milestone, we'll be celebrating in many ways throughout the year. We'd love for our Darnestown neighbors to join us. Learn more at ButlerSchool.org/community

Summer Solution: *Butler Camp in a Box!!*



Looking for something camp-tastic for your child in June? Launching **June 12** to camp families *and* the local Darnestown community, *Camp in a Box* contains fun arts and crafts activities that'll keep your camper busy. The box also includes video tutorials, music classes and more! These limited-time boxes can be delivered to our Darnestown neighbors at no additional charge.

Camp in a Box is recommended for kids ages 4-8 (with some supervision required). Not only are you supporting a local non-profit, but you're giving your child a piece of camp at home. Learn more at ButlerSchool.org/campbox

Georgetown Hill

By Nicole Reap

As our community copes with COVID-19, we at Georgetown Hill Early School want you to know that we are continuing to nurture our young learners! Our teachers and staff are engaged with our scholars on a daily basis through Zoom classes, Facetime, small group sessions, and one-on-one time. We continue to provide creative learning experiences and social opportunities for our little ones! This is a great opportunity to engage your preschooler with our loving faculty! Please contact us at darnestown@georgetownhill.com for learning opportunities. Stay safe and healthy!

Church News

Darnestown Presbyterian Church

By Larry Ciorlito

LIVE-STREAMING ON YOUTUBE

We cannot meet in person right now, so we now **live-stream our 11 a.m. Sunday service on YouTube**. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel: youtube.com/channel/UCL30udK1ZD_IWit5-Bqh9Mg. Or, just search "Darnestown Presbyterian Church" on YouTube, and you'll easily find our live-stream, which begins promptly at 11 a.m. And yes, services do include some music (turns out there's an app for that!).

OUR NEW CAMPUS:

READY WHEN WE ARE!

OK, so we never anticipated a situation in which our new campus and sanctuary would be ready, but attendees would not—irony lives in the age of Covid-19! As the photo shows, we finally have new pews installed, and our new organ is next. Our renovated campus is now more interconnected, has expanded worship space, more expansive welcoming/gathering space, and is fully ADA compliant. It will be ready when we are—and we can't wait to show it to you!

INTRODUCTORY EVENTS

(WELL, MAYBE NOT)

Obviously, we've had to do a total rethink on how and when to welcome you to our new facilities. But patience is a virtue...especially when there's no alternative! You will eventually have an opportunity to tour our new campus and attend worship services. Please continue to check our webpage for updates: darnestownpc.org/.

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

Worship on Sundays at 10:00 am
St. Nicholas Facebook Live & Zoom
facebook.com/SaintNicks/

To receive the Zoom information please connect to St. Nicholas at saintnicks.com/

Monday Night Yoga is also being held via Zoom. For more information email Rev. Beth at Rector@saintnicks.com.

Business Directory

Looking for a local business? The generosity of these local businesses helps to pay for the printing and distribution of *The Little Acorn*. You can also access the listing on our website under the Community Information tab.

Allstate | Insurance & Financial Services
14100 Darnestown Road, Suite D, Darnestown
301-670-4150, larryakinde@allstate.com

Bretton Woods | Recreation Center
15700 River Rd, Darnestown
(301) 948-3357, bwrc.org

Brezovec and Associates
15120 Water Oak Dr, Darnestown
301-300-6279, michael.brezovec@gmail.com

Michael D. Fox | Real Estate
Compass Real Estate
14100 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown
301-938-3148, mikefoxrealtor@gmail.com

Darnestown Smiles | Family Dentistry
14128 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown
240-477-8251, mail@darnestownsmiles.com

Guardians Complete Land Care | Landscaping
14119 Seneca Road, Darnestown
240-328-5805, steve@guardianslandcare.com

McConnell Heating & A/C, Inc.
HVAC Installation and Service
14701 Poplar Hill Rd, Darnestown
301-537-8524, office@mcconnellhvac.com

Mercer Goods
Scott Vuocolo
15600 Indian Run Ct, Gaithersburg
609-647-6830 | scott@mercergoods.com

Noahs' Preferred Properties | Real Estate
313 Main St, Kentlands
301-674-0990, jnoah@noahsproperties.com

Preferred Insurance Solutions
Auto, Home and Business Insurance
20030 Century Blvd, Ste. 201, Germantown
301-428-3344
ins@preferredinsurancesolutions.com

Secco Plus Cleaners, Inc | Dry Cleaning
14100 Darnestown Rd, Ste. A, Darnestown
301-869-5400

Smokey Glen Farm | Event Facilities and BBQs
16407 Riffleford Rd, Darnestown
301-948-1518
jsweet@smokeyglenfarm.com

Stiles Dentistry | Dentist
333 Main St, Gaithersburg
301-947-6900, smile@stilesdentistry.com

SwimLabs Swim School
353 Muddy Branch Rd, Gaithersburg
240-801-4518, ddombay@swimlabs.com

Valerie Fuster | REALTOR®
Long and Foster, Inc.
10200 River Rd, Potomac
301-299-6000 office
301-980-3083 direct, valerie@lnf.com

Valley Mill Camp
15101 Seneca Rd, Darnestown
301-948-0220, evelyn@valleymill.com

Whitman Summer Camp
14131 Seneca Rd, Darnestown
301-820-8008
whitmansummercamp@gmail.com

Windridge Vineyards Farm | Farm, Winery
PO Box 149, Adamstown
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Interested in joining this list?

Business members receive:

- a listing in the Business Directory section of four issues of the TLA
- a logoed, linkable listing on our web site Business Directory tab for twelve months
- a listing in the all members listing published in the June TLA

Please use our online application form
darnestowncivic.org.

Darnestown Schools, Organizations & Churches

Schools

Butler Montessori School

15951 Germantown Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
301-977-6600

Circle School/Seneca Academy

15601 Germantown Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
301-869-3728

Darnestown Elementary School

15030 Turkeyfoot Road
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-548-4260

Jones Lane Elementary School

15110 Jones Lane
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-840-8160

Lakelands Park Middle School

1200 Main Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-670-1400

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