



THE LITTLE ACORN

THE DARNESTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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President's Corner



Ode to The Acorn

By Scott Mostrom

O Darnestown Acorn, the symbol of our town,

How did you come to be?

Why weren't you a leaf or a squirrel

Or just simply a tree?

Perhaps it's Ancient, Chestnut, and Wye—

All of those 'Oak' streets in a row—

Which is why you were chosen

Some sixty-five years ago.

Barely a dot on the map

Along an up-county route,

I guess an acorn, not a tree,

Was probably a better suit.

Late fall, when it's time,

You first jump and run

To seek a place of your own

With a clear view of the sun.

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What's Happening in Darnestown

*More details on all these events
can be found in this issue.*

March 17 | 7:30 p.m.

DCA Town Meeting

Details and a link to the meeting can be
found at www.darnestowncivic.org

March 17, 24, 31; April 7 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Butler Montessori Farm & Forest Explorers

www.ButlerSchool.org/forest for details

May 1, 2022

Deadline for next issue of *The Little Acorn*

acorn@darnestowncivic.org

May 15, 2022

2022 DCA Scholarship and

Bruce Deppa Scholarship Deadline

Details can be found at www.darnestowncivic.org

April 10, 2022 | 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Front Lawn of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church

April 23rd | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Spring Festival at Gaithersburg International

Christian Fellowship, 13101 Darnestown Rd

April 24th

Darnestown Softball Opening Day!

Email dnlbivans34@verizon.net for more information

April 28th, May 5th & May 12th | 5:00 – 8:00p.m.

Food Truck Thursdays

Details can be found at www.darnestowncivic.org

April 30 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Farmers and Artists Market

Details can be found at www.darnestowncivic.org

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With a few bounces and a roll
You find your spot on the ground,
Knowing that this will be home,
So far safe and sound.

In the fertile soil you've sown
You stretch your legs out to root,
Ready to flourish come spring,
Your determination resolute.

You know there's challenges ahead,
That you'll need to be spry,
To protect this land so sacred
And precious space towards the sky.

I don't know if that's how they felt
When they chose you long ago,
But to prosper as we wish
We can relate, that I know.

So, it seems fitting after all
It's around our Acorn we unite.
To its spirit and its will
We should always hold tight.

DCA Town Meeting

"Going Green" with local well and
septic representative(s) participating

March 17, 2022 | 7:30pm

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

Community Update

Spring Events in Darnestown

Farmers and Artists Markets

Spring is in the air and it's time to head outside. We hope you can join us for these fun and exciting community events.

The first Farmers and Artists Market of 2022 will be on April 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. If you are a vendor and would like to participate, please contact Stephanie Kunkle at social@darnestowncivic.org.

Future dates and times will be listed on the DCA website at www.darnestowncivic.org.

Darnestown's 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Darnestown Civic Association and the Darnestown Presbyterian Church are excited to host their 1st annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 10th, 2022, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. There will be egg hunts, games, crafts, light lunch, and a special visit with photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny. This is a free event for the Darnestown community.

Food Truck Thursdays are Back!

The Darnestown Civic Association in partnership with the Darnestown Swim and Racquet club are excited to bring back Food Truck Thursdays. This year we have three nights planned, April 28th, May 5th and May 12th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. This is a community-wide event and open to all.

Details on the trucks and how to preorder will be listed on the DCA website at www.darnestowncivic.org.

To stay up to date on all community events,
visit www.darnestowncivic.org.

**Remember: You can view the *The Little Acorn*
online in full color and with clickable links.
Go to darnestowncivic.org.**

Darnestown Developments

Check out the DCA's periodic update on what's happening in Darnestown:

Downtown Village – Support Your Local Retailers!

By Pam DuBois

Harris Teeter — A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the store employees, including the pharmacy, who have been providing our community with all the additional pandemic needs!

Darnestown Center — For well over 30 years, one Darnestown resident and landlord has been providing our community with commercial space occupied by retail, offices, and service providers. This 16,000 square-foot two building property in the southwest corner of Darnestown and Seneca Roads currently has space available to meet a variety of needs. Contact Greater Potomac Realty at 301-840-1616.

14115 Seneca Road — A lease has been signed and three tenants are in the process of moving in and getting County sign approvals, etc.: Kerrana Kangen Water (301-518-9554), Johnson Chimney Service (844-Dr Chimney) and Dryer Vent Experts (844-372-4466).

14124 Seneca Road — SPI Seneca received final site plan approval in early February for the three planned residential homes on the 7-acre parcel at 14124 Seneca Road (directly across from the Mary of Nazareth driveway, vacant restaurant property and Guardians). Mitchell & Best is marketing these three two-acre lots. An adjacent one-acre parcel under the same ownership is planned as a fourth residential home.

14112 Seneca Road — Previously approved for a restaurant (country inn) back in 2005 with a special

Darnestown Center then and now:



photo credit Lewis Reed

Windsor Store circa early 1900



6-12 Convenient Mart now

exception (now expired) to use supplemental septic capacity on the adjoining property, Scheer Partners now has this 1.8+ acre vacant property listed for sale. Interestingly, years back the property supported a bank branch.

Darnestown Shell Station — The station continues to add services after completing renovations a year ago. There's now an ATM, ice machine, and propane exchanges in addition to being a full-service gas station with licensed mechanics.

Other Darnestown Projects

Darnestown Station — Six lots were sold to home builder, Craftmark Homes, last year at 13610 Darnestown Road. Craftmark is in the process of marketing homes to be built (from \$1.4+ million) and infrastructure construction is underway.

Seneca Farms — The project received final site plan approval in December 2021. This subdivision is now in the process of having the 27 lots recorded

on the plat map to be filed with the County so likely not too much physical activity on site for several months.

14300 Seneca Road — This 45+ acre property that is currently improved with a single-family home was sold last year to a member of the local Rickman family. At this time, the property is reportedly not being subdivided.

Our Rural Past and Our Rural Future

Roads Task Force — rtf@darnestowncivic.org

During the fall of 1998 Montgomery Planning surveyed 420 Darnestown and Travilah (DT/T) households as part of their research effort for our most recent and currently in effect 2002 Potomac Subregion Master Plan. The other survey areas were Potomac (308 respondents) and North Potomac (301 respondents). What follows are some highlights for your enjoyment and consideration.

KEY FINDINGS

1. "... respondents there [in Darnestown and Travilah] are particularly concerned about retaining the **rural ambiance**."
2. "Darnestown and Travilah are ... most concerned with **overdevelopment**."
3. "... **traffic** is particularly disliked in Darnestown and Travilah ..."
4. "Darnestown and Travilah residents are less interested in improved lighting than residents of other areas and more interested in **traffic control**, consistent with their more rural surroundings."

TRAFFIC



"Of the survey areas, Darnestown and Travilah residents are the most worried about **speeding** ..." followed by concerns with cut through traffic and congestion.

PARKS AND TRAILS



"**Quiet is extremely attractive to Darnestown** and Travilah residents where more than 35% selected it as what they like most." Followed by being near parks and having large lots.



83% of Darnestown and Travilah respondents said they are familiar with and go to the **C&O Canal**.

Related to trails "The only significant difference among the survey areas was a **stronger preference for natural surface trails** in the Darnestown and Travilah area ... consistent with the comparatively rural character of the area."

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



"Darnestown and Travilah residents are most likely to participate in a **civic association** if there is one. In that area, 66% of those who have a local civic association nearby participate."

"Local organization **newsletters** are particularly important resources in Darnestown and Travilah ..."



Darnestown and Travilah residents were most interested in participating [contributing further to the **master plan process**], 72% said yes.

"Darnestown and Travilah are farther from buildout than Potomac and may have more issues related to **potential growth**."

Public meetings and civic association meetings "are most popular in Darnestown and Travilah where they" were as popular as web site and email participation.

ENVIRONMENT



"The preference for environmental protection is most apparent in Darnestown and Travilah where 76% of respondents chose **environmental protection** as the higher priority" Overdevelopment was cited as the most important environmental problem facing the area with pollution being second.

"Darnestown and Travilah residents have a particular concern about **too many deer**..."



"Darnestown and Travilah residents are the most unified, with a strong preference for **spread out lots**, 66% compared to 26% for clustering."



84% of Darnestown and Travilah residents wanted no **new nearby stores** but six percent did want more restaurants as well as grocery stores. [One down one to go, unless you count Windridge and Rocklands, as well as Inferno and others just a short hop away.]

As a community overall we are consistent, specific, and active. We are currently facing down being a named Center of Activity in the County's new general plan. We are also advocating to contain the development footprint across the county.

Plan or be planned for. Stay tuned, stay involved. We would love to have your participation and work effort contributions. Please let us know if you would like to help create the future of Darnestown.

PLEASE

Slow Down

Put the Phone Down

Be Courteous

Be Visible

2022 Scholarship Opportunity

Calling all graduating high school seniors living in the DCA boundaries! The Darnestown Civic Association has two scholarship opportunities for you:

The DCA Scholarship, which supports an applicant who has demonstrated civic engagement.

The Bruce Deppa Scholarship, which supports an

applicant who embodies all things Darnestown.

The DCA Scholarship program seeks to further the DCA's mission of supporting and enhancing the lives of Darnestown residents, specifically the youth. The deadline for submissions is **May 15, 2022**. For more scholarship details and application guidelines, check the DCA website at www.darnestowncivic.org.

Q&A with Adele Williams

In 2020, Adele Williams was the recipient of the DCA's Bruce Deppa Scholarship. We caught up with Adele to see what she's been up to.

Q: Where and what are you doing now?

A: I am a sophomore studying Communication Science at Cornell University! I am minoring in law and society, which focuses on the influence of governmental and legal systems on society as we know it, and I'm minoring in Indigenous studies. Additionally, I am the president of State of the Pod, an organization that creates podcasts to combat science misinformation by connecting scientific topics to our daily lives and making them fun and digestible to the listener. I'm currently working on transforming it into a non-profit!

Q: How has your perspective on the world changed from college and now that you're not living full-time in Darnestown?

A: Being in college has definitely expanded my worldview. I have learned fascinating histories in class, and I am surrounded by brilliant individuals who will someday make a mark on the world. Darnestown is much smaller than Ithaca (which I miss!), but being in Ithaca has let me meet people from around the world. One of my good friends is from Italy, another from China, the list goes on. This mixing pot has taught me a lot about other people's cultures, and I recently attended our Mid-Autumn festival on campus, which celebrates Asian cultures.

Q: What do you miss most about Darnestown?

A: The obvious answer would be the weather. No snowzilla or snowmageddon that went through



Adele in front of Willard Straight Hall, the student union, before attending a Student Assembly Meeting (Adele is the representative for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences)

Darnestown can compare to walking to class during a blizzard so you can take a test. Cornell has no concept of snow days! But the truth is, I miss the wonderful people I know in Darnestown and attending Sunday services at DPC. While I have been involved with an on-campus ministry, nothing compares to the feeling of home I get at DPC.

Q: Are there certain experiences you reflect back on as you face new challenges in college life?

A: When I struggle with time management or leadership, I think back to my time running clubs and volunteering in high school. It can be hard to manage my college obligations' time constraints, but I have clarity when I remember the skills I learned growing up.

Q: What do you enjoy most about college life?

A: I love the freedom and fluidity of college life. One day I may have class and a club meeting, but I can easily hop on the bus and visit my friends or see a concert. While I appreciate the education I got growing up, a 7:45 am to 2:30 pm rigid schedule could get tiring. Each of my classes meets twice a week, so we can go much more in-depth with the material, and I stay engaged. The ever-changing and evolving complexities of college life are why I enjoy it so much.

Darnestown Says Goodbye to South Trimble Lynn, Sr.

July 28, 1927–January 8, 2022



South Trimble Lynn, Sr. of Darnestown, Maryland, died peacefully in his home (Southland Farm) on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the age of 94. Loving husband of Joanne Minter Lynn; loving father of Elizabeth Lynn Perraud (Art), South Trimble Lynn, Jr. (Bettina), Sprigg Singleton Lynn (Dawn). Also survived by seven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Born in 1927, South Lynn's boyhood was spent in Washington, DC. South joined the Navy on his 17th birthday in 1944, signing up for the war's duration plus 6 months.

South finished high school in DC after the war and earned a B.S. in Business and Public Administration at the University of Maryland in 1952. Working seven months at a flooring company, South figured he could do as well as his boss, so started his own Universal Floors, Inc. in 1953, becoming a thriving flooring contractor located in Washington, DC. Early 1960's floor work introduced South to our area, compelling him to buy land and build a home.

In 1973 he and several friends purchased the Kennedy Farm in Washington County, Maryland, and restored this National Historic Landmark to the snapshot from an important time in American history. In 2010 South won the John Frye Historic Preservation Award in Washington County.

South was a member of Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Masons, and the Lions Club. He was also a member of The Society of the Cincinnati, one of the few who was a direct descendant of an officer serving under General George Washington.

Darnestown Softball – Just Around the Corner!

By Dave Bivans

Yes, Darnestown's adult co-ed softball will soon begin, with Spring Training scheduled for April 10th and Opening Day April 24th! If you're not on a team and would like to sign-on, please contact Dave Bivans at 301-977-4734 or dnlbivans34@verizon.net. Stay well and we'll look forward to seeing you soon!



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April 28th, May 5th and May 12th
5:00–8:00pm
Darnestown Swim & Racquet Club
15004 Spring Meadows Drive

THE DARNESTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND
DARNESTOWN SWIM & RACQUET CLUB BRING YOU THE

DARNESTOWN FARMERS & ARTISTS Market

SATURDAY APRIL 30 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

DARNESTOWN SWIM AND RACQUET CLUB
15004 SPRING MEADOWS DR.

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Meet Our New Business Member

Tabor Design Build: Remodeling Made Easy

Tabor Design Build has been transforming homes since 1994, led by our founders (and Darnestown residents) John and Tammy Tabor. We specialize in turning houses into dream homes that perfectly fit our client's life and style — all while making the remodeling journey easy and enjoyable.

Whether you're seeking resort-style living at home, or need to add more space, we can help. Our award-winning design-build team specializes in finely crafted additions, kitchens, pools, and outdoor living areas that make every day feel like a vacation.

Some clients love their home, but it just doesn't work for their changing family. We reimagine a home's form and function by reconfiguring spaces to make living there a happier experience for everyone.

Utilizing our innovative design process, we help homeowners to better visualize every aspect of their finished

project, from layout to light fixtures, so they feel confident and clear in their choices. Whether we're designing a luxury oasis or making a home more comfortable and convenient, we make the process simple through meticulous planning and scheduling, attention to detail, and unsurpassed integrity.

Our teams work hard to exceed expectations with unparalleled customer service and craftsmanship. After all, most of our business comes through referrals and, as fellow Darnestown residents, our clients are also our neighbors. Rest assured that we are licensed and fully insured, MHIC#48169.

For ideas on how to make your house your dream home, we invite you to visit our website at tabor-designbuild.com or give us a call at 301-417-6570 to get started today.



DARNESTOWN
SWIM & RACQUET CLUB

Where Summer Memories Are Made!

Darnestown Swim & Racquet Club is a private, member-owned community Club offering swim, tennis, full day camp, and social activities for all ages.

Our amenities include:

- Full-day nature, pool, and tennis camp
- Kids Tennis and Swim Teams
- Extensive individual and group tennis and swim lessons
- 16 acres of park-like surroundings, including an 18-hole Disc Golf Course
- 6 lighted tennis courts – newly resurfaced
- 4 lighted pickleball courts
- 25-meter pool with a diving well and 2 dedicated lap lanes
- Wading pool with gradual-entrance slope
- Playground and swings with rubber mulch for safety
- Family picnic pavilion, recreation area, and Snack Shack
- Social Events including: opening and closing day parties, adult tennis, adult and teen socials, movie/raft night, live music, school's out celebration, and new member social!

Visit www.dsclub.com for more information.

Visit our pool, tennis courts, & camp!
15004 Spring Meadows Dr. Darnestown, MD 20874 301.330.1340
Contact our GM, Dave Hardy GM@dsclub.com
www.dsclub.com

Limited Memberships Available

A collage of four photographs on the right side of the advertisement. The top photo shows a group of people swimming in a pool. The second photo shows a group of people sitting at tables under a pavilion. The third photo shows a group of people playing tennis on a court. The bottom photo shows a group of people socializing and dancing at a party.

Organizations

Boy Scout Troop 1094

By Jason Woodman 1094 Troop Historian

The Scouts in Troop 1094 don't let a little winter weather slow them down.

In November, we participated in the Veteran's Day color guard ceremony at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church. We also hosted Webelos II from several cub packs in the area at our Skills Outing weekend at the Bethesda Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America. The weekend was filled with learning first aid skills, how to build a campfire, how to build a monkey bridge, axe throwing, and archery. It was a cold cold weekend. We camped in our tents and the temperature was below 32 degrees.

In December, we went back to Darnestown Presbyterian Church to conduct a fall clean-up of their grounds and to participate in the Wreaths Across America. We also had a backpacking trip at Elizabeth Furnace Recreation Area in the Shenandoah Valley.

In January, Fred Mulford led scouts on his Eagle Project. He is building beehives for an urban farming cooperative in Prince George's County, EcoCity Farms.

Our upcoming events include a February ski outing, the Nascar Race in Dover, and a weekend camping at Wye Island on the eastern shore. We will also continue to work on our ranks and merit badges.



Our biggest event is on May 22nd when we will celebrate 60 years of Scouting in Troop 1094. We will have a special ceremony at the 10:30 a.m. service at Darnestown Presbyterian Church. Following the service Troop 1094 will host a lunch in Fellowship Hall. We are seeking Troop Alumni to join us in the celebration. Please join the "Troop 1094 Darnestown 60th Anniversary" page on Facebook for updates. Or go to our website www.troop1094.org and follow the links and RSVP to the event.

Scouting is a whole lot of fun. As you read, Troop 1094 is really active. We want more scouts to join us. There are many local Webelos who will be spending the next several months earning the Arrow of Light; now is the time to start planning for their transition to Boy Scouts. For more information on Scouting and Troop 1094 please see our



website at www.troop1094.org or email our Scoutmaster at sm@troop1094.org or committee chair at chair@troop1094.org. Even if you were not a cub scout, come join us for a meeting and see what we are all about.



Summer 2022 Preparations are Underway!

Join us, Limited Memberships Available

By Aleks Schiff

With the cold outside, we look forward to an exciting summer season in 2022 and are working hard to get the Club ready in the off-season! Programming for the summer is almost complete in all areas—Summer Camp, Swim Team, Tennis and Pickleball, Yoga, and Social Events.

We are completing the resurfacing of our tennis courts and are creating 4 dedicated Pickleball courts in the process. In addition, we will continue to prioritize several other capital improvements around the Club.

Tennis & Pickleball are starting in the spring, and stay tuned for a Spring Tournament! Our **Social Events** team has some great events planned for all ages so check out our website for the schedule. Our **Demon Swim Team** is looking forward to another great season, and registration dates will be posted soon. The interclub **Junior Tennis Team** is back, and our junior tennis players are looking forward to playing other teams in the county.

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We are very excited to announce we have a new Camp Director, Alyssa Bessasparis, who will kick off a



*Alyssa
Bessasparis,
our new Direc-
tor of Camp
GreenZone*

fantastic **Camp GreenZone** with a lot of engaging programming for the kids. Our camp is only for our membership and Early Bird registration will start soon so check our website!

We are down to 10 memberships available before we are at full capacity and will have to start a waitlist. Our member community is like no other, so hurry and join! We are a year-round active community with tennis, pickleball, swim, and social events throughout the year. Check out all our latest information at **www.dsclub.com**.

Connect with us for the latest updates!

Facebook: @DarnestownSwimRacquetClub

Instagram: @DSRClub

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15004 Spring Meadows Drive, Darnestown

DarneBloomers Garden Club

By Kathy Agate

Due to the uptick in COVID cases in early January, the group decided to postpone its table scape activity until June. The added wait will build the excitement for this fun activity.

In February, we met both in-person and via Zoom to learn about poppies and dahlias from Grateful Gardeners. They are flower farmers currently moving to their new location in Poolesville, who have taken the American Grown flower farming movement by storm. With so much knowledge and enthusiasm to share, it was a fabulous lecture and the perfect mental escape from the cold winter.

In March, we plan to have a hands-on activity in which we will use Claude Monet's painting, "Woman with Parasol" as an inspiration to create personal floral arrangements. A wide variety of interpretation and creations are expected. Due to space constraints, this activity is unfortunately not open to guests.

If you are interested in the club, and would like

to attend a meeting as a guest, please go to **www.darnebloomers.com** for meeting dates, times and programs.



P.E.O. International

P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization where women celebrate the advancement of women through education. P.E.O. was founded in 1869 placing it among the oldest women's organizations in North America. Originally begun as a friendship society at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, P.E.O. has evolved into one of the largest nonsectarian, community-based organizations with nearly 6,000 chapters and almost a quarter of a million members. P.E.O. has chapters in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and in the six Canadian provinces.

As a philanthropic organization, P.E.O. supports six philanthropies that include ownership of Cottey College, a women's college in Nevada, MO, and five programs that provide higher educational assistance to women through scholarships, grants, awards, and loans. The cumulative amount of assistance provided to recipients is more than \$250 million.

Our local P.E.O. chapter here in Darnestown has been in existence since 1991 and has been quite successful in supporting the P.E.O. philanthropies. To date they have sponsored women who have received over \$101,000 in financial assistance for educational purposes, this includes three local high-school seniors who have received the STAR Scholarship to support their first year of college education.

P.E.O. is a source of encouragement and support not only for its chapter members but for the women who benefit from philanthropic assistance as they strive for educational advancement. Membership in P.E.O. is open to all women 18 years of age and older. The P.E.O. sisterhood has no political or religious affiliation.

If you would like to learn more about P.E.O. please visit **www.peointernational.org**. To learn more about the local P.E.O. Chapter here in Darnestown please contact Terri Bodnar at **TMBodnar64@gmail.com**.

Churches



Darnestown Presbyterian Church

Easter Services in Our Sanctuary. Barring further Covid surprises, for the first time since 2018 we plan to have Palm Sunday and Easter services in our recently expanded historic sanctuary. We will of course continue to monitor Covid status and ensure appropriate safety measures, and we hope that you will join us this year!

Easter Egg Roll! We are working with the leadership of Darnestown Civic Association to jointly plan a community Easter Egg Roll, scheduled for Sunday, April 10th 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. This will be primarily an outdoor event, and breakfast will be provided. Come celebrate Spring on our front lawn!

In Person Worship and Live-Streaming Each Sunday. We continue in-person worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday in compliance with safety protocols, and simultaneously live-stream on YouTube and Facebook (search for “Darnestown Presbyterian Church” and subscribe!). Please check our church website for worship times and other updates: <http://www.darnestownpc.org/>.

1st Annual

Darnestown Easter Egg Roll

Sunday, April 10th 2022 12pm-2pm
Front Lawn of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church



- Easter Bunny Photo Op
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Easter Theme Games/Crafts
- Egg Roll
- Bunny Hop Cake Walk
- Light Lunch and More

Co-Sponsored by:
Darnestown Presbyterian Church
Darnestown Civic Association
This is a community-wide event.

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

2022 LENTEN SERVICES

Stations of The Cross

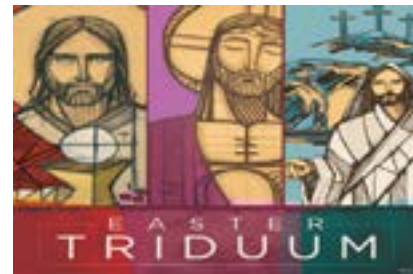
Fridays, March 4 through April 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Passion / Palm Sunday

April 9-10 • Sacred Liturgy

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.



Holy Thursday

April 14 • Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 15 • Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 16 • The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord

April 17 • Sacred Liturgy
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

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www.olvp.org • 301-948-5536

Gaithersburg International Christian Fellowship

You are invited to our first ever Spring Festival on April 23rd 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.! Come and explore an Art Exhibition that will be featured in our newly remodeled Community Center! Bring the whole family to join a scavenger hunt and enjoy family games outdoors! Tour our community garden and learn how you

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can be part of the garden that gives back! We look forward to seeing you there to enjoy a great afternoon with the community and celebrating the beauty of Spring with us!



St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

You may have noticed our sign along Darnestown Road—"Love God. Love Neighbor. Change the World." We believe that loving God, and loving and serving our neighbors will, in fact, change the world. We welcome you to visit St. Nicholas Episcopal Church at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays either in person or via livestream through St. Nicholas' Facebook page, www.facebook.com/SaintNicks. We look forward to connecting with you.

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
15575 Germantown Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
240-631-2800
www.saintnicks.com

Schools

Farm & Forest Explorers - FREE Nature Class!

Calling all young explorers!



Join Butler Montessori's **Farm & Forest Explorers Program** and experience farm life and nature through fun, hands-on activities.

From harvesting carrots to collecting chicken eggs, each class introduces children to key environmental concepts. Learn and grow while you explore our organic, student-run farm and 22-acre nature-filled campus! Sign-up at www.ButlerSchool.org/forest.

**Thursdays at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
March 17, 24, 31; April 7**

Children ages 2-5 and accompanying adults. Siblings welcome. **Rain or shine. Free!**

For more information and to sign up, visit www.ButlerSchool.org/forest. Each event is limited to 15 families. Please only sign up if you plan to attend, as space is limited and demand is high.

Butler Montessori

Ages 2 to 15
www.ButlerSchool.org • (301) 977-6600

Campfire Birthdays?



At Butler Montessori, we give the birthday child an activity choice on his or her special day. Do they want to eat lunch by the campfire? Select

a fun outdoor game to play? These choices focus on activities rather than food and give children the opportunity to make decisions and feel more independent.

Presentations & Public Speaking

Students learn these important life skills from an early age. In the Elementary, students present their work at the end of every week. A child may perform a play or song he or she wrote or present a math problem they solved. This activity helps children feel comfortable speaking in front of others and practice presenting their work.

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Jobs & Responsibilities

From preschool through middle school, every student learns about caring for the classroom and the community. In the Elementary, students have jobs like biologist (looking after classroom plants), zoologist (caring for class pets), and environmentalist (supervising recycling and coming up with ways to conserve resources). These life skills teach students responsibility and that their actions have an impact on the classroom community.

Darnestown Elementary School

By Austin Gottlieb

As the third quarter at Darnestown Elementary School comes to a close, I would like to share some of the highlights of the winter. We held our annual DES Read-A-Thon where students were able to read books to raise money for PTA events. The students raised over \$8,000 for our school! In keeping with our book theme, our Book Fair was a huge success. It was held in person this year and the students enjoyed shopping for books. We were also able to donate some books to our sister school, Gaithersburg Elementary School.

February was an exciting month because we got to celebrate Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. Also in February, on 2/22/22 we held a special "Twos-day." Students came to school in tutus or two tube socks and packed nutritious snack bags to donate to a local charity, Nourish Now. We have postponed our Science Fair until April and are looking forward to the warm spring weather.

Georgetown Hill Early School

By Nicole Reap

Many experts agree that play is an important part of early childhood and is the best method for children to learn. Play promotes communication, critical thinking, compromising, problem solving and creativity. At Georgetown Hill, PLAY is the first word in our award-winning P.L.A.N. curriculum. Our two-year-olds have been introduced to nursery rhymes by acting them out and making the stories come to life. The three-year-olds have become astronaut explorers while

learning about space and the planets. We have also been investigating ice and snow by making their own fake snow, rescuing arctic animals from being frozen in ice, and building igloos! Our PreK students had fun putting on a fashion show modeling different types of clothing from all over the world. They are also experiencing other cultures by tasting foods, learning dances and playing games from those countries. Our Kindergarten kiddos have been exploring our Earth's biomes, comparing and contrasting deserts, tundras, freshwater and marine waters, grasslands and forests and more!

Enrollment is now open for our summer program and our fall school year. We offer programs for two years old through kindergarten and also offer before and after care for school-agers. For more information about our school, please call 301-284-8144 or visit us at **www.georgetownhill.com**.

Seneca Academy

By Dr. Michelle Parker

This winter, our students have been found building snowmen and snow forts together, studying states of matter as they observe our pond freezing over, searching our outdoor habitat for animal tracks in the snow, and sledding down hills to discover how potential energy changes to kinetic energy! (Check out a video of this on our Instagram and Facebook pages!) Seneca Academy is a truly magical place for students to play, learn, and be immersed in a sense of wonder.

In other wonderful news, Seneca Academy, in partnership with Georgetown Hill, will once again be offering summer camp this year! Come join us on our 6.5-acre National Wildlife Federation Certified Schoolyard Habitat for two-week learning and outdoor adventures all summer long. Get ready to learn, grow, and have fun with this incredible inquiry-based camp! Stay tuned to the Seneca Academy website for more details.

We continue to accept applications for our Preschool 3's, Prekindergarten 4's, and elementary programs for Kindergarten through Grade 6, and will begin to accept applications for our very popular Parent's Day Out for 2-year-olds on March 15. We anticipate all classes for next year to fill quickly; now is the time to join our village! Please visit **www.SenecaAcademy.org** for more information.

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 this listing on our website under the **Community Information** tab.

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Circle School/Seneca Academy

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301-869-3728

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15030 Turkey Foot Rd
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-548-4260

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www.Maryofnazareth.org

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Gaithersburg, MD 20878
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Organizations

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sm@troop1094.org

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Darnestown, MD 20874
www.Darnestowncivic.org

Darnestown Swim

and Racquet Club

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gm@dsclub.com
301-330-1340

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