



# THE LITTLE ACORN

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## President's Corner

### Notes from the President

By Scott Mostrom



Many Darnestown Elementary School parents and students reading this are familiar with Darnestown Colonial Day, a day in which the gym transforms into a quaint

18th century village. The predecessor to Colonial Day (even fewer may recall this) was the 5th grade class trek to Colonial Williamsburg, an overnight, two-day trip. It was a huge deal to us kids but it didn't come without a price.

Our teacher Luanne Deppa, a Darnestown legend and cherished 5th grade teacher for decades, told us that we couldn't just have our parents pay for the trip. No, we had to earn it on our own. We had to find a way to make \$60 ... on our own. And so, at \$2 an hour working for our next-door neighbor, I tracked the hours I mowed, trimmed, and carried piles of brush (the worst) to earn the \$60 for the trip.

It was a very different world back in the '80s. The term "on-demand" didn't exist, there were only about 7 channels on TV (maybe a couple more if you adjusted the antenna perfectly), and the closest thing to the internet was a set of encyclopedias. To survive as a kid, you had to rely much more on your own ingenuity and creativity.

It's with that (admittedly curmudgeon) perspective that I continue to be amazed at the youth of Darnestown. The DCA Scholarship Program is in its third year and we're again granting \$1,000 scholarships to two gradu-

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## What's Happening in Darnestown

*Further details can be found in this issue.*

**June 16, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.**

**DCA Town Meeting and Executive Board Elections for 2022-2023 (see page 2)**

Details and a link to the meeting can be found at [www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org)

**August 1, 2022**

**Deadline for the September issue of *The Little Acorn***

Email ideas, questions or articles to [acorn@darnestowncivic.org](mailto:acorn@darnestowncivic.org)

**September 10, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Farmers and Artists Market**

Details can be found at [www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org)

**October 7, 2022**

**51st Annual Hoedown**

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

## Dust off your boots and save the date!

### Darnestown's 51st Annual Hoedown is Friday, October 7, 2022

**Remember: You can view the *The Little Acorn* online in full color and with clickable links. Go to [darnestowncivic.org](http://darnestowncivic.org).**

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ating high school seniors this month. The experiences and accomplishments on the applications that have come in over the past few years have been amazing. The first year we had one official scholarship but were so impressed that felt compelled to give two. That second scholarship was soon funded by Luanne Deppa and is in memory of her husband Bruce, a long-time DCA president and Darnestown champion. Even last year we were so impressed we gave out three scholarships.

If the academic, athletic, and artistic accomplishments weren't impressive enough, the involvement and leadership in other groups and activities at the same time is amazing. I appreciate that everything—school, sports, getting into college—is much more competitive than it used to be and kids are pushed harder. But what I find most striking, particularly as that competition forces kids to spend more time and specialize earlier, is the drive and initiative that the kids take to come out of high school well rounded.

I guess I thought that because the world is literally “on demand” at their fingertips that would equate to a lack of initiative, which isn't the case at all. If you've come out to one of the Farmers and Artists Market you've seen it front and center—several vendor stands of just Darnestown kids featuring their creative work and entrepreneurial spirit.

While much of the credit should go to our parents and the kids themselves, it also goes to the people in many of the institutions we have right here in town that foster that initiative and provide opportunities for a well-rounded upbringing. This includes the teachers in our public and private schools, church youth group leaders, Boys & Girls Scout troop leaders, swim club coaches, and summer and adventure camp staff ... just to name a few. We have a wonderful environment for kids to flourish and should be proud of the culture that's developed within our community.

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## DCA Office Move

The DCA has moved! Our new address is **14100G Darnestown Rd, Darnestown, MD 20874.**

A huge thank you to Gretchen Brown for managing the move and Neil Agate, Pam DuBois and Scott Plumer for all your help making this move a reality.

## 2022 Executive Board Elections

In preparation for the June Town Hall meeting and 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, including Guy Armantrout, Pam DuBois, and Amber Colleran, have identified the following individuals who are either interested in continuing their roles on the Board or who have expressed an interest to serve. The slate of proposed officers are:

- President: Scott Mostrom
- Vice President: Paul Klee
- Treasurer: Gretchen Brown
- Secretary: Matt Quinn
- Trustee (3 yr): Will Lowe
- Trustee (2 yr): Scott Damiecki
- Trustee (1 yr): Stephanie Kunkle

Will Lowe will be new to the Board this year and has expressed an interest to serve. All other candidates have held previous DCA offices and have agreed to serve in the above roles if elected.

The DCA is always looking for additional leaders from our community to provide their insight and support for the Association. 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 [dca@darnestowncivic.org](mailto:dca@darnestowncivic.org).

## DCA Town Meeting

**June 16, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.**

DCA Scholarship Awards Announced

DCA Executive Board Vote

County Council District 2 Candidate Debate  
(7:30 p.m.)

The link to join virtually, and the link to the recorded meeting will be available at [www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org), by email, and on the Darnestown Facebook page.

Virtual (Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84783396783> or  
Call 301-715-8592 Mtg ID: 847 8339 6783

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# DCA News

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## DCA Meanders from Pond to Pond

*By Pam DuBois*

The first hike of the year tackled approximately four miles on the Seneca Ridge Trail in the Seneca Creek State Park starting from The Butler Montessori School. The trail led us from the beautiful pond on the Butler Montessori's 22-acre school campus to the pond two miles west at the base of Green Meadow Road (Ancient Oak Drive neighborhood north of Darnestown Road). Although it was a chilly blustery day, the wooded trail and sunny day made for ideal hiking conditions.

Participants standing in order behind me included our trail guide Ann Satsangi, Matt Quinn, Kim and Billy Herrington, Jay Wallace, Ursula Kattner and Sarah and Graeme Clark.

Excited to learn about Ann's latest hiking adventures—anyone else familiar with the Darnestown Loop? Stay tuned, perhaps we'll start hiking that next time?



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## Busy Spring Social Season

*By Stephanie Kunkle*

Darnestown neighbors have been out and about enjoying the nice weather and socializing at some great events this spring! During the month of April, the Darnestown Civic Association kicked off the season with back-to-back weeks of fun-filled gatherings. First, we partnered with the Darnestown Presbyterian Church (DPC) and held the First Annual Darnestown Easter Egg Roll on April 10th. In a matter of minutes, more than 1,000



*The Easter Bunny says hello to young participants at the first annual Darnestown Easter Egg Roll on April 10th.*

Easter eggs were gathered (it took more than a matter of minutes to hide them...)! But not to worry, the remainder of the afternoon was filled with lots of treats, crafts, photo ops, and fun! We already can't wait to do it again next year.

After a successful run of Food Truck Thursdays in 2021, we brought it back for 3 consecutive weeks with the help of the Darnestown Swim and Racquet

Club. We were able to bring 9 different trucks to Darnestown serving a variety of foods and desserts. Kids ran around and danced to Darnestown's own Billy Herrington playing guitar, while adults relaxed with friends...it was a great time for all!

Finally, we continued to welcome in spring with the Darnestown Farmers and Artists Market on Saturday, April 30th. We were thrilled to have over 40 vendors offering an array of exciting food, products, and services to share with their neighbors. The Big Greek Café Food Truck also made a stop by the market. Our next market will be Saturday, September 10th and we would love to see you all there.



*Vendors at the Darnestown Farmers and Artists Market.  
Photos by Peter Falabella,  
pfallabella@verizon.net*

Thank you all for the support and attendance at these social events!



# Thirty-Second Season Underway!

By Dave Bivans

Darnestown was graced with a beautiful sunny, dry, and pleasant Sunday to kick off the 2022 co-ed adult softball season April 24th. Opening Day began with Jones Lane (JL) hosting Western Darnestown (WD). Both teams came out in full force and were urged on with young and not-as-young fans with cheers of “go mom” and “come on dad, you can do it” emanating from the side lines! But it was JL with a mid-game 7 run rally to breakaway from WD and secure a 14-4 victory for the first game of the 2022 season. Unfortunately, the Central Darnestown Swingers forfeited Opening Day game 2 to last year’s champion Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield squad as a result of early season schedule conflicts (and not enough players!).

And as it always seems, mother nature gets in her wins, too—raining out week 2 with a Sunday afternoon downpour. Games will resume after the Mothers Day break continuing Sunday afternoons and evenings, except for holiday weekends, through August 7th. Every team can use additional players to shore up (and fill in) their lineups, particularly as summer vacations draw near. Darnestown men 29+ and women 24+ can



*FIRST PITCH: Matt Legge (JL) delivers the ball to George Bussey (WD) with Jen Legge (JL) catching and Dave Bivans (CDS) umpiring.*

join the fun and ALL are welcome to cheer on their favorite squad. Please contact Dave Bivans ([softball@darnestowncivic.org](mailto:softball@darnestowncivic.org)) if you’re interested in playing or need additional information.

## DCA’s Welcome Committee Year in Review

By Pam DuBois, Melissa Mostrom and Maya Miloski

Every couple of months several DCA Welcome Committee volunteers create welcome bags for new Darnestown residents that are personally delivered to new homeowners. Did you know:

- As of April 2022, there were over 80 homes sold in Darnestown in the last 11 months.
- Sale prices ranged from \$575,000 to \$2.6 million with an average sale price of over \$1.0 million.
- Homes range in size from three to six bedrooms, with the average home having four or more bedrooms.
- A representative survey of these home sales for seller/prior homeowner tenure revealed that on average “Darnestowners” occupy their homes for approximately 22 years.
- Anecdotally, although we don’t connect with all the new residents, the majority of new homeowners have moved locally or have prior knowledge of/connection with Darnestown.

## The DCA needs your Support!

Become a member! The more members we have, the more impact we will have as an organization with the county and state governments. Membership dues support the publication of *The Little Acorn* and community-wide events. It’s a bargain at \$35/year!

The best way to become a member is to register and pay online at [darnestowncivic.org](http://darnestowncivic.org); the second best way is to register online and mail a check, using the form in this issue.

*Thank you for your support!*

# On the Road Again 🎵 🎶 🎷

Roads Task Force • [rtf@darnestowncivic.org](mailto:rtf@darnestowncivic.org)

You have probably noticed changes in the traffic patterns in our community.

Some things remain the same—drivers go too fast, yield to distraction, and are aggressive first and courteous second. Let’s see if we can turn the corner and reduce speeds, stay focused, and be exceptionally courteous. We can’t wait for a safer, more comfortable experience on the road again.

Volume on our neighborhood streets seems to have increased as more people work from home, use delivery services, and more pedestrians are sharing the road. Please remember your multi-ton vehicle is a threat to pedestrians and cyclists. Deference to the slower party is the rule. It is your duty to give-way and alter your speed and direction to eliminate your threat. Your need to give-way also applies to vehicles you encounter. Please be especially cognizant of your responsibility to defer in high encounter, close quarters like parking lots and neighborhood streets.

Pedestrians also have responsibilities. Many of our roads do not have shoulders or sidewalks. Pedestrians on these roads have a duty to stay at the very edges of the roadways when they choose to share the road. Everyone acting in the safest manner possible is in everyone’s best interest.

On our main roads we see reduced daily volumes.

Traffic on MD-28 Darnestown Road is at the lowest levels of the last ten years. Even so, at times, the uncontrolled intersections on MD-28 are perilous and need immediate and long-term mitigations.

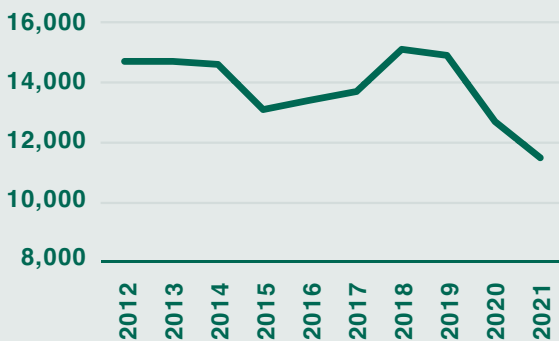
Esworthy Road is also in need of immediate and long-term mitigations as it continues to take exceedingly high-level volumes on what is meant to be a neighborhood rural road.

Much of the main road volume we see is from what we call corridor overflow or cut-through traffic. The development of Germantown, Clarksburg, Urbana, and Frederick puts strain on the I-270 corridor. We want corridor overflow traffic disincentivized to travel through Darnestown. Those who frequent MD-28 during peak times know right away if there are incidents in the corridor as they experience the inundation of overflow traffic.

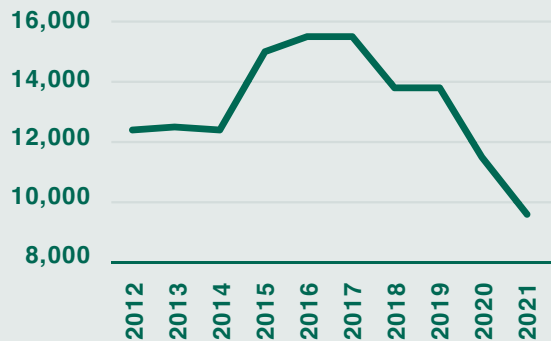
The Roads Task Force is a group of volunteers and we encourage you to join us. We act as a source of validation, agency, and standing for those who seek to make a difference. We aid in vetting well considered approaches in line with the tenants of proactive well-reasoned advocacy. We help deliver and present a facilitated public discourse and provide a backstop and management guidance. We are excited to work with you to increase safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.

## Number of vehicles expected to pass on an average weekday by year

### MD-28 at Turkey Foot Road



### MD-28 at Seneca Creek Bridge



Source: MDOT SHA

**PLEASE**

**Slow Down**

**Put the Phone Down**

**Be Courteous**

**Be Visible**

## *It's a Darne' Good Cookbook*

By Amber Colleran

If you have ever been to the Farmers and Artists Market and passed by the DCA booth, you may have spotted *It's a Darne' Good Cookbook* that was printed in 1992. In this book, there are recipes submitted by Darnestown residents, including an entire section devoted to historical recipes for things like butter, hush puppies and beef jerky. At the last market, I was lucky enough to meet Michelina Ganassa, who was part of the book's tasting committee. According to Lina, "when I passed by your booth, I was reminiscing about the days when the cookbook was being planned. Not only did recipes get collected and submitted, but also had to pass the taste test by the tasting committee which I was a part of. If the recipe tasted good, it was submitted. Much time and work went into the cookbook." There were 1200 recipes submitted from more than 200 people and of those recipes, 484 were selected.

To kick off the summer, here is a recipe for a Maryland tradition, "A Maryland Crab Feast" from the historical section of *It's a Darne' Good Cookbook*. And if you have extra crab meat after your feast, you can use the leftovers in many of the crab recipes found in the book. Don't have a copy of the book? No problem! Stop by the DCA booth at any of our Darnestown events.

### ***A Maryland Crab Feast***

Use 2 1/2 dozen large hard shell crabs for 6 people. Wash live crabs with a hose, if necessary. A lard can with tight fitting lid is a good container for steaming -- holding just 2 1/2 dozen. Put grating in bottom of pan, add 3 cups vinegar, 4 tablespoons salt, 4 tablespoons dry mustard, 4 teaspoons black pepper, 1 teaspoon red pepper and 1 teaspoon tabasco. When this is boiling rapidly, put in the crabs -- kicking vigorously. When steam rises hard, count time for 20 minutes. The crabs will turn bright red.

Spread a table with a thick layer of newspapers. Provide each guest with a paring knife, nut cracker or heavy handled knife to break claws. Paper towels and beer.

Every man for himself now. A tray of steamed crabs in the center of the table. Remove the top shell, feelers, apron and discard the gray-white spongy "dead men's fingers" and the intestines. Break the claw shell and split the body to get at the meat. Don't neglect the greenish crab fat -- it is a delicacy.

*Submitted by Ruth Robertson,  
Easton Maryland Cookbook 1930*

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## Meet Our New Business Member

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**JENNIFER M. BEITLER, DDS**

Comprehensive Dental Care

### **Jennifer Beitler, DDS—Owner/ President**

Dentistry encompasses an array of services and procedures with a common goal: to help preserve the teeth, ensure oral health, and keep you looking and feeling great!

Dr. Jennifer M. Beitler, one of the very few native Darnestownians, has been in private practice for over 25 years. Dr. Beitler was born and raised on Seneca Road right here in Darnestown, MD, and has been serving the dental needs of the local Montgomery County area since her dental school graduation.

Dr. Beitler has a practice philosophy that truly values patient relationships first. She believes that it is a priority to deliver gentle, compassionate care. Her consistent staff

of two decades will always work hard to make every patient feel at ease and provide exceptional patient care in a warm, relaxed, convenient, friendly and modern environment. The goal is to establish lifelong relationships with the patients by combining the latest dental technology with a professional and compassionate staff. She firmly believes that the patient should have sufficient information to make educated decisions about oral health, treatment options, and choice of dentist. The services include: General Dentistry (fillings, crowns, implants, cleanings), at home teeth whitening options, Implant Restoration, Preventative Care, and Periodontal exams. For more details on Dr. Jennifer M. Beitler, please feel free to check out the website [www.jenniferbeitlerdds.com](http://www.jenniferbeitlerdds.com).

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# Village Center News

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## Three New Tenants at 14115 Seneca Road



**Johnson Chimney Service**, a full restoration chimney company, has been serving Maryland, Washington DC and Northern Virginia for over 50 years. Services provided include inspecting, cleaning, servicing and repairing areas vital to the structure and safety of your chimney function. All chimneys should be inspected annually and swept when needed to remove byproducts of combustion (such as soot and creosote) and to maintain draft so that dangerous fumes can exit your home. Customer satisfaction is our top priority, as we take pride in providing customers with first-rate service through commitment to excellence. For more information visit [www.johnsonchimney.com/us/](http://www.johnsonchimney.com/us/) or call today for your chimney assessment at 844-DR-CHIMNEY.



**Dryer Vent Experts** (a Johnson Chimney Service affiliate) is a family owned and operated business that has been serving Maryland, Washington DC and Northern Virginia clients for over 45 years. Dryer vents are often overlooked, and if neglected, can increase energy costs and pose a threat to your home. Safety is our utmost priority so call today

for your Dryer Vent cleaning and inspection at 844-372-4466.

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## Kerrana Kangen

You know how important it is to stay hydrated, but have you ever investigated the difference between all the types of drinking water products available? The truth is that not all water is created equal! For over four decades, Kangen water has been the leading alkaline ionizer and water filtration machine in the world. Our passion is to transform the tap water in your home into pure healthy electrolyzed-reduced and hydrogen-rich drinking water. If you like antioxidants, you'll love our water! That's why we say: "Change your water, change your life!"

**Kerrana Kangen** is locally owned and operated. The Kangen direct sales system empowers hard-working and passionate independent distributors around the world. They fall in love with our products and they spread the word about the positive changes Kangen water has brought into their lives and finances. Health benefits span from improved physical wellness to natural household cleaning capabilities (i.e. pesticide free fruits and vegetables) and more.

For more information visit our website at [www.kerranakangen.com](http://www.kerranakangen.com) Or call today for a demonstration and free trial at 301-518-9554. You will feel the difference!

## New Business at 14125 Seneca Road

**Wilniq Auto Body & Mechanical Repairs** has been a people and eco-friendly business for the past 20 years in Montgomery County, Maryland. We are 100% female owned and family operated business dedicated to transparency and quality auto repairs. We are happy to be part of the Darnestown Community and look forward to mutual growth and contributions!

Wilniq Auto Body & Mechanical Repairs provide an array of maintenance and repair services to Domestic, European and Asian cars, including, but not limited to: Manufacturer's schedule maintenance, brakes, fluid flushes, heating & A/C work, oil change, electrical work and more! Uniquely, we offer clinics and services that educate people, particularly women and young adults, to feel empowered around their automotive repair needs. We hope you will consider trying our services the next time you need car care. For more information please visit our website at [www.wilniq.com](http://www.wilniq.com) or call 301 545-1800. Thank you!



# Congratulations Darnestown's 2022 Graduates!



**Spencer Adams**

*Northwest High School*

Spencer will be continuing his athletic and academic career at Lafayette College in Easton, PA, where he will play D1 football. Regarding a major, Spencer is currently weighing his various options.



**Kendall B. Allen**

*The Bullis School*

Kendall will be attending The University of North Carolina to study Biology.



**Chloe Athanas**

*Northwest High School*

Chloe will be attending Mitchell College to study Criminal Justice.



**Theo Athanas**

*Northwest High School*

Theo will be attending Clemson to study Biochemistry.



**Madison Bechard**

*Northwest High School*

Madison will be attending the University of Kentucky to study Psychology on a Pre-Law track.



**Samual Hamilton Carothers**

*Northwest High School*

Samual will be taking a gap year to plan his future, during which time he will be working.



**Bella Dastvan**

*University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus*

Bella graduated with her BA in Geography and Environmental Studies. She is planning to take a gap year to work in her field gaining experience prior to beginning her Master's program.



**Benjamin Delaney**

*Northwest High School*

Benjamin will be attending Virginia Tech to study Chemical Engineering.



**Danielle Dhillon**

*University of California—Berkeley Haas Business School*

Danielle is graduating with an MBA. She will be starting at Draper, Richards, Kaplan Foundation, a global venture philanthropy firm in Menlo Park that supports social enterprises, in July.





**Ava Echeandia**

*Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart*

Ava will be attending the George Washington University to study Journalism.



**Lauren Eldridge**

*Georgia Tech*

Lauren graduated with honors with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.



**Caitlyn Filler**

*Northwest High School*

Caitlyn will be attending Clemson University to study Business.



**Benjamin Goodie**

*Northwest High School*

Benjamin will be attending the University of Denver to study Business.



**Zachary Goodie**

*Wake Forest University  
Winston-Salem, NC*

Zachary graduated with honors, earning a BS in Engineering with a minor in Mathematics.



**Corey Gross**

*Northwest High School*

Corey will be attending the University of Maryland to study Applied Mathematics.



**John Helmanis**

*University of New Hampshire*

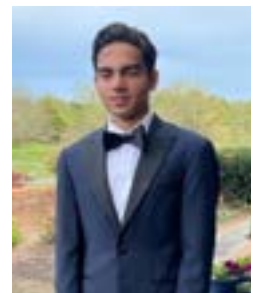
John graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS degree in Economics and Finance. He has accepted a position with Wells Fargo.



**Mia Hugo**

*Connelly School of the Holy Child*

Mia will be attending the University of Vermont to study Environmental Science.



**Ayush Jain**

*Northwest High School*

Ayush will be attending the University of Maryland Scholars Program to study Computer Science.



**Jack LeWarne**  
*Northwest High School*

Jack will be attending James Madison University to study Business.



**Benjamin Linteris**  
*Northwest High School*

Benjamin will be attending the University of Vermont to study Mechanical Engineering.



**Heather Markiewicz**  
*St. Francis University—  
Loretto, Pennsylvania*

Heather graduated with a BS in Health Sciences and has completed her academic courses for her Graduate Degree as a Physician Assistant. She will begin her clinical rotations in mid-May, 2022.



**Jordan Markiewicz**  
*St. Francis University—  
Loretto, Pennsylvania*

Jordan graduated with a BS in Nursing. She currently holds a position working as an Emergency Room Nurse in Pittsburgh, PA.



**Fiona O'Connell**  
*St. John's College High School*

Fiona will be attending University College in Dublin, Ireland to study Music, Film, and Drama.



**Ansh Patel**  
*Northwest High School*

Ansh will be attending the University of Maryland College Park Honor's Program to study Biology/Life Sciences.



**Trevor Milo Paul**  
*American University*

Trevor graduated with a BA in American Studies, with a specific minor in Black American Studies. Trevor's future plans include continuing his education in either grad school or law school.



**Jillian Roth**  
*Northwest High School*

Jillian will be attending North Carolina State University – Raleigh to study Psychology.



**Zachary Steinberg**  
*Northwest High School*

Zachary will be attending the University of Georgia to study Real Estate.



**Jack Swisher**

*Poolesville High School—  
Humanities Program*

Jack will be attending Northeastern University, D’Amore-McKim School of Business to study Business and Finance.



**Isabella (Bella) Trizzino**

*Holton-Arms School*

Bella will be attending Virginia Tech to study Biology.



**Charlie Thomas**

*Northwest High School*

Charlie will be attending the University of South Carolina to study Computer Science.



**Natasha Troike**

*Northwest High School*

Natasha will be attending the University of Richmond to study Psychology/Criminology.



**Braxton Troxel**

*St. Andrew’s Episcopal School*

Braxton will be attending LeBow School of Business at Drexel University to study Business.



**Caleigh Wilson**

*Northwest High School*

Caleigh will be attending Virginia Tech to study Accounting and Real Estate.



**Ellie Wilson**

*Plymouth State University*

Ellie graduated with a BS in Environmental Biology.

*“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”*

*~Eleanor Roosevelt*



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# DCA 2022 Membership

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This membership listing should be effective through April 2022 prior to the DCA's office move. Members who have joined since then or were mistakenly left off will be captured in the September issue of *The Little Acorn*.

## Business Memberships

6-Twelve Convenient Mart  
Ameriprise Financial -  
Brezovec & Associates  
Jennifer M. Beitler DDS  
Melissa Bernstein Homes  
BK Lang Contracting Co., Inc.  
Jose Carbajal, Lawn &  
Landscaping, LLC  
Clark Tree Services  
Darnestown Shell  
Darnestown Smiles  
Darnestown Swim &  
Racquet Club  
Johnson Chimney Service  
Kerrana Kangen Water  
Lowe-Tillson Insurance  
& Associates, Inc.  
Noahs Preferred Properties  
ohDEER  
Preferred Insurance Solutions,  
LLC  
Real Computer Solutions, Inc.  
Smokey Glen Farm  
Stiles Denistry  
The Surrey  
SwimLabs Swim School  
Tabor Design Build  
United Service Specialists  
Valley Mill Camp  
Wilniq Autobody &  
Mechanical Repairs  
Windridge Vineyards

## Acorn Memberships

Matt & Heather Ahrens  
Graham & Susan Allaway  
Connie & Mike Barnhart  
Matt & Sara Bechard  
Dave & Laura Bivans  
David & Mikel Blair  
Kate Carey  
Michael & Aubrey Ciatto  
Heidi Clemmer  
Peter Cooke  
Donald Crehan  
Scott & Kendra Damiecki  
Donna & Sean Delaney  
Xenia & Frank Garofalo  
Andrea J. Grant

Mark & Stephanie Gustavson  
Gary Kahn  
Paul & Holly Klee  
Brian & Caroline Klick  
Susan & John Krimigis  
Peter & Mary Lalos  
Brian & Tracy Lang  
David & Sandy Lennhoff  
Philip Levinton & Robin  
Gross  
William Lowe  
Phil & Jocelyn Mostrom  
Paul & Mary Pagnato  
Christina & Alan Pohoryles  
Craig & Michelle Rathbone  
Mark & Heather Reichardt  
Benjamin & Lindsey Saul  
Rob & Reece Scheer  
Seneca Academy  
Steven Swartz  
Susie Warner & Justin  
Kaufman  
Paul & Cathy Witchie  
Faye & Larry Zoeller

## Sponsor Memberships

Joan Abell & William  
Bowman  
James Amoffa  
Guy Armantrout & Susan  
Keyes  
Fernanda Bianchi & Diego  
Uriburu  
George Bronsky & Kelly  
Gallo  
Jeff & Tara Bryson  
David & Janet Buchanan  
Charles Camp & Michelle  
Lebling Camp  
Chris & Mary Collins  
Cliff Dean & Janice Raburn  
Dan & Monica Dean  
Luanne Deppa  
Katherine Dodson  
Margery Edmundson  
Louise Evans  
Larry Giebel  
Robert & Josephine Gilman  
Steve & Elizabeth Girard  
Mark & Darci Glass-Royal

Maria Gomez & Mauricio  
Camargo  
Don & Debbie Hamberger  
Paul Hobelman  
Marcos Hsu  
Stephen & Stella Hsu  
Takao & Hiroko Imegami  
Susan Kick  
Kaspars Kreslins  
Kunkle Family  
Barbara Lichtenstein  
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### Participating in Your Darnestown Community— A Membership Reminder



Resident engagement is key to the identity of Darnestown that benefits us all. The combination of a broad-based membership, pooled financial resources and civic involvement provides the foundation for your community association's (DCA) many initiatives and activities. Please join your neighbors and fellow DCA volunteers by updating your membership in support of our community-wide interests and programs.

***Visit [www.darnestowncivic.org](http://www.darnestowncivic.org) or mail the form on page 23 to join or renew now!***

Annual Dues are only \$35. Additional giving levels include \$50 'Friend of Darnestown,' \$100 'Sponsor,' \$150 'Acorn' Program. There is also a \$250 Business Membership category. All paid 2022 members will be listed in an upcoming issue of *The Little Acorn*.



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# Community News

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## Molly's ASAP Missions

### Molly's Story

A 29-year-old young woman who has had over 50 surgeries because of these conditions has made it her goal to raise funds so that other individuals with these conditions may have an easier time.

### ASAP

The American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) donor-supported organization whose mission is to improve the lives of persons affected by these disorders while we find a cure.

### Chiari Malformation

A serious neurological disorder where the bottom part

of the brain ("cerebellum") descends out of the skull and crowds the spinal cord. This puts pressure on both the brain and spine, and disrupts the normal flow of cerebrospinal fluid (csf).

### Syringomyelia

A serious neurological disorder where a fluid-filled cyst ("syrinx"), develops inside the spinal cord, stretching the cord and damaging nerve tissue. Up to 90% of cases involve a chiari malformation, spinal cord injury, tumors, and arachnoiditis.

Why syrinx's form are not known, but might involve the abnormal flow of cerebrospinal fluid (csf).



**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATES \*\*\***

**PLEASE JOIN IN MY MISSIONS!**

Molly's 4th Annual Match: A Tennis Event: September 7, 2022

Molly's 5th Annual Mulligan Golf Tournament: September 9, 2022

Molly's 8th Annual Amazing Auction: September 5-17, 2022

Molly's 8th Annual ASAP Walk & Roll for a Cure: September 17, 2022

**MollysASAPMissions.org**

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## ESPN's Tim Kurkjian Talks Baseball in Darnestown!

*By Larry Ciolorito*



Darnestown's own Tim Kurkjian, the well-known ESPN baseball analyst, entertained a large group of baseball fans over breakfast on April 9th in Darnestown Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall. Tim shared entertaining baseball stories as only he

can, followed by a free-flowing Q&A period. Among the highlights were Tim's takes on the evolving nature of the game—from efforts to speed up play (he's in favor), to the adoption of the Designated Hitter in both leagues (he's against it), to the "feast-or-famine" prevalence of home runs and strikeouts in the game today (he laments it). Tim also celebrated some of the historic young stars of today's game, including the National's Juan Soto and the Angel's Shohei Ohtani, whose achievements have already staked a claim to baseball history.

Another subject—raised not by Tim but by those in attendance—was his recent selection for the Baseball Writers Association of America Career Excellence Award. The annual award recognizes a single sportswriter "for meritorious contributions to baseball writing" during the Baseball Hall of Fame's July induction weekend in Cooperstown, NY. This is a real capstone to Tim's career, and reflects not only his achievements at ESPN, but also his service at the old *Washington Star*, the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Baltimore Sun* and *Sports Illustrated*, plus his three books. He is only the 72nd person so honored, and he follows such luminaries as Ring Lardner, Grantland Rice, Damon Runyon, and Shirley Povich. Tim was at pains to say that this does not represent actual induction into the Hall of Fame, but this is the highest honor that a baseball writer/reporter can receive!

## “Be a Hero for a Hero”

### *Darnestown Residents Have Opportunity to Raise Future Service Dogs for Wounded Warriors*

*By Diana Foley*

Service dogs aren't simply born into the role—they're raised and trained through the support of a team and community. Warrior Canine Connection (WCC), headquartered in Boyds, is recruiting neighbors in the Darnestown community to join their team of “Puppy Parents.”

WCC's Puppy Parents provide stable homes, care, and training for future service dogs for military service members and veterans. Almost anyone can apply to become a Puppy Parent. WCC has volunteers ranging from college students to retirees who take on this important role. If you have kids or pets in your home, WCC will match you with the right puppy for your household.

I recently met with experienced Puppy Parent Marielena McGuire and her service-dog-in-training, a 6-month-old Golden Retriever named “Stacie.” Marielena started volunteering for WCC in 2017, helping to clean kennels and greet newborn puppies before taking on the task of puppy parenting. Stacie is Marielena's second WCC puppy. On the day we met, Stacie was practicing basic socialization and polite behavior in the At Home store in the Kentlands. We met outside where Marielena introduced me to her pup and told me about her volunteer work. As we spoke, her eyes carefully caught the leaf blowing down the sidewalk, the landscaper using noisy equipment, and the large truck approaching the parking lot—every



*WCC Puppy Parent Marielena McGuire socializes her service-dog-in-training at the At Home store.*

detail that might seem mundane or even invisible to us, but becomes a valuable learning experience for a future service dog, whose mission is to remain calm and focused in any environment. Marielena delivered carefully timed treats to her puppy, and rewarding the dog's appropriate responses, before we headed inside to watch Stacie work indoors.

One of the many benefits of being a Puppy Parent is getting to take your puppy almost everywhere with you. These service-dogs-in-training have access to most public spaces, so they can (and should) accompany you grocery shopping, at the office, or dining on the patio at your favorite café, expanding their social experiences as they learn and grow.

This may sound like a big commitment—which it is—but all Puppy Parents receive the training and support of the staff and volunteers of WCC. There is no prior experience required to become a Puppy Parent. New “parents” begin by attending a series of three one-hour classes and one-on-one training before being matched with their first puppy to raise. Once they receive their puppy—a Labrador Retriever or a Golden Retriever between eight and ten weeks old—they will attend weekly group training classes together at WCC's Boyds facility. Volunteers receive guidance and help throughout the entire process—including access to a private Facebook group with other Puppy Parents and puppy-sitting services when traveling. WCC also provides a service dog vest, a leash, collar, and crate, as well as all food and veterinary care.

Marielena said it's extremely fulfilling and rewarding to watch your puppy advance through the various levels of training and, “It's amazing what these dogs can do. They know when you're upset or not feeling well.”

When your WCC puppy is approximately 12-18 months old, it's time to handle what may be the most challenging part of your work as a volunteer—saying goodbye. Once your puppy-parenting job is complete, your dog will return to WCC headquarters for advanced service dog training; and if your pup doesn't meet the high-level requirements for service work, they will make a “career change” and be placed in a valuable role as a companion (pet) dog to a military person or veteran.

When discussing the challenge of returning her first dog to WCC for advanced training, Marielena said, “There were tears, but you go into it knowing the dog is going back and they are going to make such a difference in someone's life that it's worth it.”

If you are interested in becoming a WCC Puppy Parent, apply online at [www.warriorcanineconnection.org](http://www.warriorcanineconnection.org).

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# Organizations

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*The Tudor Place in Georgetown*

## DarneBloomers Garden Club

*By Kathy Agate*

The DarneBloomers service project in April was a huge success. Members of the club designed 72 small floral arrangements for the inpatients at Adventist Healthcare Rehabilitation Hospital in Rockville, and the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. Our past service projects have included installation and maintenance of the Quince Orchard Library garden bed, maintenance of the grounds at the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, and maintenance of the Cliff Bland Memorial Park in Darnestown.

In May, the club gathered at the Tudor Place in Georgetown for tea and a tour. We enjoyed seeing historical items and hearing the stories of six generations of Martha Washington's descendants. After a tea of scones, fruit, and sandwiches, we moved outside for self-guided tours of the lovely gardens.

In June we will be tapping into our creative sides to design several tablescapes. This activity involves setting a table with a centerpiece, place settings, and decorations, all with a specific theme in mind. We will break into groups to create tablescapes with the following themes: Cinco de Mayo; Picnic in the Woods; and a Spring tea. The meeting will be held at the Pleasant Hills Farm in Darnestown.

If you are interested in the club, and would like to attend a meeting as a guest, please go to [www.darnebloomers.com](http://www.darnebloomers.com) for meeting dates, times and programs.



## Opening Day Was Saturday, May 28th! Swim, Tennis, Camp

*By Aleks Schiff*

Let's all get excited about our Opening Day for Summer of 2022, which was a great day on May 28th. We are looking forward to a full and active season! Our summer programming is fully active—summer camp, swim team, tennis and pickleball, and many social events. And our memberships are very limited!

We have been doing several projects around the pool to get ready for the season, and after a very successful Spring Clean-up day, the whole Club and tennis courts are summer-ready.

**Tennis & Pickleball** seasons are under way, and our Jr. Tennis program kicked off May 2nd. **Demon Swim Team** had a very successful registration for a strong team this summer. **Camp GreenZone** booked up quicker than any past year and is packed full of engaging programming for the kids with our new Camp Director, Alyssa. And our **Social Events** team has some great events planned for all ages.

We are a year-round active community with tennis, pickleball, swim, camp, and social events throughout the year. **Memberships are very limited** and more details on all our programming is at [www.dsclub.com](http://www.dsclub.com).

**Connect with us for the latest updates!**

Facebook: [@DarnestownSwimRacquetClub](https://www.facebook.com/DarnestownSwimRacquetClub)

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# Churches

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## Darnestown Presbyterian Church

By Larry Ciorlito



**Our New Music Director!** We're thrilled to welcome Adam Scott Graham as our new Music Director! Adam is an acclaimed Conductor and Organist, and in addition to his role at

DPC, he remains Artist in Residence at the Takoma Park and Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Churches. We pray that Adam's faith, enthusiasm and virtuoso organ skills will grace our church for years to come!

**Summer Schedule Starts June 19th.** Our summer schedule features a Sunday service at 9:30 a.m., followed by coffee and light treats. We love to see new faces among us—please visit us this summer!

**Events on Our Campus.** We loved seeing children of all ages at the recent Easter Egg Roll! We're planning to make that an annual event and are seeking more opportunities to invite the community to our campus—including our annual picnic in September. For information regarding upcoming events and our church in general, please visit our website at <http://www.darnestownpc.org/> or friend us on Facebook. All those who seek God are welcome to our visitor and family-friendly services, and a nursery is available on Sunday mornings.

### Contact Information:

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

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

Email: [dpchurch@comcast.net](mailto:dpchurch@comcast.net)



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## Fairhaven United Methodist Church

**Hybrid Worship Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**  
Join us for worship in the sanctuary or via Zoom.

Our service is fully interactive for those at home and at the church. Soloists and small groups offer special music throughout the summer to enhance our worship celebrations. At this time all in person attendees are required to wear masks. The Zoom link can be requested from our church administrator, [fairhavenumc@gmail.com](mailto:fairhavenumc@gmail.com).

**Vacation Bible School—Monday, July 25—Friday July 29— 9 a.m.–12:00 p.m.:** Children, ages 4-10. Using the curriculum, *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, we will explore and learn about “the whole armor of God,” through story-time, music, science activities, recreation and of course, snacks! We look forward to our first in-person Bible School since 2019 and hope you will join us!

12801 Darnestown Road  
Gaithersburg, MD

[www.fairhavenumcmaryland.com](http://www.fairhavenumcmaryland.com)



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## Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

Summer is finally here. Get to the beach. Get some sun. GET TO CHURCH on Sundays! Our Mass schedule remains:

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.

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

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**

12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday and Thursday**

8:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m.

14135 Seneca Road  
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[www.olvp.org](http://www.olvp.org)  
301-948-5536

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# Schools

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## Darnestown Elementary School

*By Austin Gottlieb*

While summer is nearing, Darnestown Elementary School is sending the 2021-2022 school year off with a bang. The annual Science Expo had an amazing turnout in early April with lots of students demonstrating and explaining their assorted topics. Students and parents were able to dance and sing to some of their favorite songs, both current and past, while wearing fabulous 80s inspired attire at our 80s dance. DES had their International Night at the beginning of May which allowed families from across the world to showcase their heritage. On May 23, DES held their first Inaugural Golf Tournament at Bretton Woods Country Club to help raise money for our sister school, Gaithersburg Elementary School. The School Energy and Recycling Team from DES won a grant from the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education which allowed them to provide indoor plants in every classroom in the school. The students learned about the vast number of benefits to having indoor plants and even got to plant some by themselves.

Have a happy and healthy summer break Mustangs!

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## Georgetown Hill Early School

*By Nicole Reap*



Our school year is coming to an end and we are gearing up for summer! Summer Camp at Georgetown Hill brings exploration, discovery, and FUN to our pre-school and school age families! Our PLAN<sup>TM</sup> philosophy expands into our camp experience through activities focused on imagination and a

variety of enriching and fun-filled experiences. Count on an assortment of interactive recreations such as games, music, swimming or water play, sports, nature,



art, cooking, and joyful wonder. Summer Camp runs for 9-weeks (June 20-August 19). Registration for summer camp is now open for two year olds to school agers and is weekly to provide maximum flexibility for your summer schedule. We are also open for registration for our twos program for

fall. There are only a few spots open, so call now! You can reach us at 301-284-8144 or [georgetownhill.com](http://georgetownhill.com) for more information.

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## Seneca Academy

### Spring at Seneca

Spring has been action-packed here at Seneca Academy! Our sixth graders have just completed their capstone projects of the IB PYP: Exhibition. Students skillfully embarked on this independent research project exploring topics that fall under the umbrella of the **UN Sustainable Development Goals** and presented their findings to community members in the form of a 15+ minute oral presentation as well as digital and visual displays. Bravo! Students in our preschool and elementary were also busy! They spent copious amounts of time outdoors, exploring, planting, building, or just having a blast at recess.

### Summer at Seneca

Seneca Academy invites all community members to join in the fun here at Seneca with our camp partners, Georgetown Hill. Camp offers a variety of programs for rising kindergartners—sixth graders; before and after care are available. To learn more, visit [www.senecaacademy.org/camp-seneca/](http://www.senecaacademy.org/camp-seneca/).

### Looking Ahead to Fall

We do still have a few spots available for next year in our 2-Year-Old classes through sixth grade, so now is the time to join our village! Please visit [www.SenecaAcademy.org](http://www.SenecaAcademy.org) or email [info@senecaacademy.org](mailto:info@senecaacademy.org) for more information.

# Darnestown Elementary School PTA's 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

By Jenn Moss

Darnestown Elementary School's PTA was proud to host the 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Bretton Woods Golf Course on Monday, May 23. With 64 golfers, the event proved to be an impactful major fundraiser, whose proceeds will benefit Darnestown Elementary School's PTA and Gaithersburg Elementary School's Linkages to Learning Program (DES's sister school). The total amount being donated to DES and GES will be announced officially the first week of June.

Darnestown Elementary School's PTA is tremendously grateful to our community partners and businesses who served as tournament sponsors including:

## Title Sponsor

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A special thanks is extended to Bretton Woods Recreation Center for being a gracious tournament host and to the DES PTA Golf Tournament Planning Committee Team:

Miguel Saba (Chair), Jamie Miller, Jon Kunkle, April Johnson, Carrie Klingenberg, Anna O'Dwyer, Chris Foster, Brian Miloski, Lauren Mooney, and Jenn Moss.

## Service Providers

To be included on this list in the next issue of *The Little Acorn*, please email your contact information including your year of birth to [acorn@darnestowncivic.org](mailto:acorn@darnestowncivic.org) before August 1, 2022. Please let us know if you no longer want to be listed. Of course, for those over 21, you may be listed as an adult. We reserve this listing for those who are members of the DCA. A great reason to join! Please note that babysitters and mother's helpers must be under 21 to be listed.

### Babysitters & Mother's Helpers

Esther Clark (2007)  
240-328-9842

Ashley Mostrom (2003)  
240-277-8526

Rachel Clark (2005)  
240-618-5809

Georgia Mostrom (2007)  
240-480-8622

Jennifer Juhring (2004)  
240-575-0009

Melissa Szwed (2004)  
301-519-0645

### House/Pet Sitters

Jonas Skucas (2005)  
301-525-2501

Darius Skucas (2002)  
301-525-2728

### Notary Services

Laura Bivans  
301-977-4734

Tina Kalil  
301-943-9840

Elisa Lane  
301-990-2993



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# Business Directory

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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.

**6-Twelve | Convenient Mart**

14100 Darnestown Rd  
301-990-1700  
6-12beerwinemart@gmail.com

**Ameriprise Financial - Brezovek & Associates | Financial Advisor**

15120 Water Oak Dr., Darnestown  
301-320-1483  
mbrezovec@ampf.com

**Jennifer M Beitler, DDS PC | Dentist**

9601 Blackwell Road Suite 240, Rockville  
301-972-0260  
info@jenniferbeitlerdds.com

**Melissa Bernstein Homes, RLAH, Berkshire Hathaway | Realtor**

4600 N. Park Ave., Chevy Chase  
301-908-4007  
www.melissabernstein.com

**BK Lang Contracting Co Inc. | Residential Roofing**

15721 Pagano Ln., Darnestown  
301-775-7635  
bklang@comcast.net

**Jose Carbajal | Lawn & Landscaping, Tree removal, Snow removal, Firewood**

14111 Esworthy Rd, Darnestown  
jose.lawnandlandscaping@gmail.com

**Clark Tree Services | Tree Service**

5 Finegan Ct, Darnestown  
240-560-8733  
daniel@clarktrees.com

**Darnestown Shell | Gas, Convenience, Auto Repairs**

14020 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown  
301-840-8515  
darnestownshell@gmail.com

**Darnestown Smiles | Family Dentistry**

14128 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown  
240-477-8251  
mail@darnestownsmiles.com

**Darnestown Swim & Racquet Club | Swim, Tennis, Summer Camp & Disc Golf Club**

15004 Spring Meadows Dr, Darnestown  
301-330-1340  
GM@dsrclub.com

**Johnson Chimney Service | Chimney Repair & Restoration**

14115 Seneca Rd, Darnestown  
301-949-1780  
www.johnsonchimney.com/us/  
walter@johnsonchimney.com

**Kerrana Kangen | Alkaline Ionized Water**

14115 Seneca Rd, Darnestown  
301-518-9455  
www.kerranakangen.com  
joni@kerranakangen.com

**Lowe-Tillson Insurance & Associates, Inc. | Full-Service Insurance Agency**

2403 Research Blvd. Suite 350, Rockville  
301-258-7773  
www.lowetillson.com  
service@lowetillson.com

**Noahs' Preferred Properties | Real Estate Management**

313 Main St, Kentlands  
301-674-0990  
jnoah@noahsproperties.com

**ohDEER | Organic Deer, Tick & Mosquito Control**

833-ohDEERMCo | 833-643-3376  
MoCoMD@oh-DEER.com  
www.oh-DEER.com/MoCo  
@ohDEERMCo

**Preferred Insurance Solutions, LLC | Auto, Home and Business Insurance**

20030 Century Blvd, Suite 201, Germantown  
301-428-3344  
ins@preferredinsurancesolutions.com

**Real Computer Solutions, Inc. | IT and Technology Support**

1 Research Ct, Suite 450, Rockville  
301-330-REAL (7325)  
www.realcomputersolutions.com

**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

**The Surrey Inc. | Gifts & Riding Clothing & Equipment**

14120 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown  
301-299-8225  
thesurreyinc@aol.com

**SwimLabs Swim School | Swim School**

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

**Tabor Design Build | Home Improvements**

15740 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville  
301-417-6570  
www.tabordesignbuild.com

**United Service Specialists | HVAC Services**

7559 Rickenbacker Dr, Gaithersburg  
dispatch@calluss.com

**Valley Mill Camp | Camp**

15101 Seneca Rd, Darnestown  
301-948-0220  
www.valleymill.com  
evelyn@valleymill.com

**Wilniq Auto Body & Mechanical Repairs | Auto Body Shop**

14125 Seneca Rd, Darnestown  
301-545-1800  
www.wilniq.com  
autobody@wilniq.com

**Windridge Vineyards | Vineyard**

15700 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown  
301-607-4399  
robert@windridgefarm.com

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**Interested in joining this list?**

Please use our online application form at **darnestowncivic.org**.

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# Darnestown Schools, Organizations & Churches

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## Schools

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### Butler Montessori School

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

### Circle School/Seneca Academy

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

### Darnestown Elementary School

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

### Jones Lane Elementary School

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

### Lakelands Park Middle School

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

### Mary of Nazareth School

14131 Seneca Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
301-869-0940  
www.Maryofnazareth.org

### Northwest High School

12501 Richter Farm Rd  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-601-4660

### Quince Orchard High School

15800 Quince Orchard Rd  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-840-4686

## Organizations

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### Boy Scout Troop 1094

sm@troop1094.org

### Darne Bloomers Garden Club

www.Darnebloomers.com

### Darnestown Civic Association

14132B Darnestown Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
www.Darnestowncivic.org

### Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club

15004 Spring Meadows Dr  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
www.dsclub.com  
gm@dsclub.com  
301-330-1340

## Churches

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### Darnestown Presbyterian Church

15120 Turkey Foot Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20878  
301-948-9127  
www.Darnestownpc.org  
dpchurch@comcast.net

### Fairhaven United Methodist Church

Rev. Kenneth Hawes  
12801 Darnestown Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
301-330-5433

### Gaithersburg International Christian Fellowship

13101 Darnestown Rd  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-869-8343  
welcome@gicf.church

### Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Father Greg Shaffer  
14139 Seneca Rd  
Darnestown MD 20874  
301-948-5536  
www.Olvp.org  
parishoffice@olvp.org

### Seneca Community Church

Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson  
13900 Berryville Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
301-869-9326

### St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

Rev. Beth O'Callaghan  
15575 Germantown Rd  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
240-631-2800  
www.Saintnicks.com

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## DCA Membership Renewal/Application Form

Membership Category, please check one:

Basic \$35     Friend \$50     Sponsor \$100     Acorn \$150     Business \$250

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you would like to have your name(s) appear in the annual membership listing:

*(if you leave the line blank we will use your first and last names, to opt out see below)*

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

1st E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

2nd E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to:  
Darnestown Civic Association

Mail to:  
14100 Darnestown RD  
STE G  
Darnestown, MD 20874

The following section allows you to opt-out of having information related to your members published by the DCA. If you would like your information listed in *The Little Acorn* or in a DCA Directory you can skip this section.

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

DO NOT publish my name in *The Little Acorn* membership listing.

The DCA occasionally publishes a directory for its membership, please check below if you do not want your information provided:

DO NOT publish my name and contact information in the DCA directory.

**We Welcome Your Submissions  
to *The Little Acorn***

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Email ideas, questions or articles to: [acorn@darnestowncivic.org](mailto:acorn@darnestowncivic.org)





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