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President's Corner

Notes from the President

By Scott Mostrom



Darnestown Pride can sneak up and catch you when you're least expecting it. For anyone in our town, you really don't have to search far to feel it. It may be a neighborly gesture, a community party or even just a drive through the center of town this summer with the US flags adorned on either side. For that matter, you won't have to read much further in this Acorn newsletter to see all the incredible things that are taking place by groups and organizations across Darnestown.

But I think where I feel the greatest Darnestown Pride is in our youth. We've got big pockets of that pride—Mustang Pride (Darnestown Elementary), Jaguar Pride (Jones Lane Elementary), and Demon Pride (DSRC swim team), just to name a few. This time of year, we all take great pride in our high school graduates and celebrate as we reflect on the everything that they've accomplished and the young adults they've become.

And then in between, especially middle school and high school years when Darnestown kids are mixed into a much larger pot of kids, there are these moments of Darnestown Pride. I just had one happen towards the end of the Northwest High School girls' lacrosse awards ceremony. I'll admit—it had been a long day, it was my second awards ceremony of the day, and as great as it was to see these kids get awards, I was pretty ready for it to wrap up. Then, right towards the end, they handed out the scholar athlete awards, given to JV and varsity players with at least a 3.25 GPA. Now

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What's Happening in Darnestown

Further details can be found in this issue.

August 1, 2024

Deadline for the September issue of *The Little Acorn*

Email ideas, questions or articles to
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September 21, 2024

Molly's Walk and Roll

Bretton Woods Recreation Center
See page 14 for more details

Oct. 4, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

53rd Annual Hoedown

Smokey Glen Farm
www.darnestowncivic.org

Nov. 5, 2024

Election Day

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SAVE THE DATE!

Darnestown's 53rd Annual Hoedown is Friday, October 4th

Go to www.darnestowncivic.org for details

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don't hold me to the mat on this, but when the coach was done, I think almost every Darnestown girl got that award. I turned to my Darnestown buddy next to me and said, "Now that's Darnestown." My pride wasn't around the specific GPA or that it was sports. It was that Darnestown is developing well-rounded kids who are social, academic, engaged, and most importantly continuing to challenge themselves and grow. Our parents, our teachers, and our community are doing something right.

For this one example of Darnestown Pride there must be a hundred more. We would love to hear them. If you have a story of Darnestown Pride and would like to share it, please send it to acorn@darnestowncivic.org.

We Welcome Your Submissions to *The Little Acorn*

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2024 Executive Board Election Results

The Nominating Committee is proud to announce that on June 20, 2024, the following officers were elected to serve on the Board for the Darnestown Civic Association:

- Scott Mostrom: *President*
- Paul Klee: *Vice President*
- Open: *Treasurer*
- Open: *Secretary*
- Will Lowe: *Trustee (through 2025)*
- Kellie Hodges: *Trustee (through 2026)*
- Stephanie Kunkle: *Trustee (through 2027)*

The DCA is always looking for additional leaders from our community to provide their insight and support for the Association. If you live in Darnestown and are interested in taking a more active role in the Civic Association, please let us know by reaching out to dca@darnestowncivic.org.

Community News

Spring Together: A Season of Community and Celebration

The Darnestown Civic Association held a couple of events this spring that have turned into not-to-miss annual events! First, we partnered again with the Darnestown Presbyterian Church (DPC) and held the Third Annual Darnestown Easter Egg Roll on March 17th. Over 2,000 Easter eggs were hunted among the grounds of DPC! The beautiful sunny afternoon was filled with lots of treats, crafts,



Children race to find eggs at the third annual Easter Egg Roll.

photo ops, and fun! This has truly become an annual community event that brings lots of joy to the Darnestown community.

On Saturday April 13th, we held the 2nd annual Darnestown Clean-up Day. Residents came together for a morning of cleaning up areas of Darnestown. Neighborhood volunteers of all ages were able to fill several vehicles of trash that had been littering our neighborhood streets. A heartfelt thank you to all the



Volunteers help clean our local roads on Clean-up Day.

volunteers who generously gave their time and effort to help clean up our community.

Thank you to all for supporting and attending these community events. It helps build a strong, cohesive, vibrant Darnestown that we get to call home.

Community News (continued)

Spring Cleaning Darnestown's Parks and Roads



On Saturday, April 13th, volunteers spread across Darnestown to pick up trash as part of Darnestown's 2nd annual Community Clean-up Day.

Darnestown Softball Excitement!

Darnestown neighborhood softball was in full swing with a beautiful Opening Day April 14th. The Central Darnestown Swingers (CDS) took on Western Darnestown (WD) in the early game battling back and forth before closing out the seventh inning and game in a 12-12 tie well beyond the late-game start time. The late game featured Jones Lane (JL) crushing defending champion Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield (BHR) 28-17, to include some generous scorekeeping to pad BHR's stats!

We've now been blessed with seven Sunday's of typical Darnestown spring softball weather—nearly perfect on Opening Day, cloudy and quite cool for Week 2, and then hot and sunny (but not too humid) through the Father's Day break with one rain out. Jones Lane is leading the pack with a lot of solid defense and the occasional onslaught of powerhouse hitting. Will this be JL's year to take home the championship trophy?

The play of the year, thus far, has to be BHR's short-stop Darren Straniero's running and leaping catch robbing CDS's Carrie McIntyre of a for-sure two-RBI line-drive in the top of the seventh inning in Week 3. The catch ended the top half of the inning with the bases loaded and provided BHR the momentum to ring up seven runs to tie the score 12-12 at the end of regulation. Ultimately, CDS was able to recover from the seventh inning meltdown scoring four runs in the ninth while holding BHR to two to secure the win.

There are five more weeks of play scheduled through the



FIRST PITCH: Peter Moyer (WD) delivers the ball to Ed Barrow (CDS) with Danielle Sharrocks (WD) catching and Matt Legge (JL) umpiring.

end of July bringing lots of excitement to Darnestown's local park. Come on out and join us to cheer on your favorite team and/or play. Teams are still signing on new players, in particular to help fill the inevitable line-up gaps due to summer vacations. Please contact Dave Bivans (softball@darnestowncivic.org or 301-977-4734) if you're interested in playing, would like a copy of the schedule, or need additional information.

STANDINGS thru Father's Day Break	W	L	T
Jones Lane	5	1	0
Central Darnestown Swingers	3	2	1
Western Darnestown	1	3	2
Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield	1	4	1

Community News (continued)

Max Esposito Named All-American

Congratulations to Darnestown's Max Esposito for being named All-American by *USA Lacrosse Magazine*. The list was revealed in May and Esposito claimed honorable mention honors. All-Americans were chosen by *USA Lacrosse Magazine* staff and contributors with input from coaches and conferences across the country. Esposito is claiming the honor for the first time.



Max, a former Northwest High School graduate, currently attends Concordia University Wisconsin where he will be entering his senior year. Along with All-American, Esposito has a long list of other achievements in his college lacrosse career. In 2024 he was Northern Athletics Collegiate

Conference (NACC) Offensive Player of the Year, a first Team All-Conference selection, team captain, and set numerous school and conference offensive scoring



records. During his junior season, Esposito broke two NACC records in single season points and assists with 137 points, 69 goals and 68 assists. He scored a goal in all but one contest in 2024. Max has an outstanding record off the field as well, where scholastically he has been on the Dean's List and in June, was recognized as a USILA Scholar All-American. Max will graduate next spring and plans on coaching lacrosse after college.

Darnestown Native Publishes Book for Teens!

Nicole Reap, a long-time resident of Darnestown, has authored and released a new book titled *Money Skills For Teens Made Easy: What They Don't Teach You in School*. This practical guide is designed for teenagers and young adults who aim to achieve financial independence and enhance their money management skills. The book provides a comprehensive, step-by-step approach to saving, budgeting, investing, and entrepreneurship. It also includes a digital budgeting tool that helps teens set and monitor both short-term and long-term financial goals, allowing them to see their money grow.

Nicole, who was raised in Darnestown and has brought up her two daughters here, understands the significance of early financial education. She emphasizes, "It's never too early to learn about budgeting and finances. As soon as our kids start earning money, they need to know how to save and spend it wisely and to prepare for the future."



Nicole Reap, Darnestown resident and author of *Money Skills For Teens Made Easy: What They Don't Teach You in School*



Money Skills For Teens Made Easy: What They Don't Teach You in School is available on Amazon or by scanning the QR code here.

Community News (continued)

2024 Scholarship Winners Announcement

By the Darnestown Civic Association Scholarship Committee

The Darnestown Civic Association is excited and proud to announce the winners of the 5th Annual DCA Scholarship and the 5th Annual Bruce Deppa Scholarship. All applicants were graduating seniors within the DCA boundaries.

The DCA Scholarship which supports the applicant who demonstrated civic engagement, was awarded to **Naiya Pearce**. Naiya graduated Our Lady of Good Counsel High School and is starting her freshman year at the University of Florida to study Pre-Law.

The Bruce Deppa Scholarship, which supports the

applicant who embodies all things Darnestown, was awarded to **Jason Zappone**. Jason graduated Northwest High School and is starting his freshman year at the University of Maryland where he will study Finance and Management.

The DCA Scholarship program seeks to further the DCA's mission of supporting and enhancing the lives of Darnestown residents, specifically the youth. Once again, the applicant pool proved that Darnestown's future is bright! Congratulations Naiya and Jason. The Darnestown community wishes you lots of success as you begin your new journey!

DCA Scholarship Essay

By Jason Zappone

The aspect of our town that some may perceive as limiting its value and influence is precisely what makes Darnestown unforgettable to me, a place I am forever proud to call home. Living in Darnestown for 17 years has gifted me with invaluable experiences and lessons, shaping me into the person I am today. While some may view its small population as a drawback, I believe it is the essence of Darnestown's greatness.

Growing up in Darnestown Elementary School, where each grade comprised only two classes and the total enrollment was under about 330, I developed close connections with my peers early on. This intimate setting fostered a kind, judgment-free environment that encouraged me to constantly approach others with an open mind. Many other schools in the area are larger and I would not have gained the same benefits had I gone elsewhere. Several relationships I started at DES have flourished over the years into family-like bonds. Because of DES, I am a kinder, more outgoing and more understanding individual.

Beyond those deep-rooted relationships, everyday encounters with familiar faces at local spots like Harris Teeter or Darnestown Park reinforce the sense of community that defines our town. Whether it's chatting with my dentist at Darnestown Smiles

or the mechanic at the Shell gas station, these personal connections exemplify the genuine kindness that permeates Darnestown's spirit. This collective attitude of treating others as friends has instilled in me values of friendliness and patience, enriching my character immeasurably.

My gratitude for Darnestown extends beyond personal growth to a determined drive to give back to my community. Through over 25 hours of volunteering at Darnestown Elementary School, I've sought to repay the lessons and support I received during my time there. Assisting and reconnecting with teachers has been heartwarming. Encouraging and tutoring young students has been a proud accomplishment. Each moment spent contributing to the well-being of our community has been immensely rewarding and has proven that volunteering yields benefits to all involved.

As I reflect on my time in Darnestown, I am filled with gratitude for the lessons learned and values instilled in me by this unique town. While my childhood in Darnestown may be coming to an end, its impact on my life is indelible. I am eager to continue my journey, leveraging the knowledge and experiences I gained to further the greatness of Darnestown, Maryland.

Congratulations Darnestown's 2024 Graduates!



Katie Apgar

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Katie will be attending Clemson University to study Psychology.



Sophia Athanas

University of Maryland

Sophia is graduating with a BS in Biology and Entomology. She will be working at USGS Native Bee Inventory Monitoring Lab while she applies to graduate school.



Peyton Bechard

Northwest High School

Peyton will be attending Millersville University on a softball athletic scholarship and the highest awarded academic scholarship to study Psychology with an Education minor.



Jack Boulton

Northwest High School

Jack will be attending the Shepherd University to study Exercise Science & Physical Therapy.



Catherine Brady

Quince Orchard High School

Catherine will be attending the University of Maryland Honors College to study Psychology and Public Policy.



Samantha Breymaier

Winston Churchill High School

Samantha will be attending the University of Maryland Smith Business Leadership Fellows Program to study Finance.



Julia Buchta

Northwest High School

Julia will be attending York College of Pennsylvania to study Intelligence Analysis.



Carson Cassidy

Northwest High School

Carson will be attending Wake Forest University to study Computer Science/Engineering.



Claire A. Cerone

Washington and Lee University

Claire will be graduating with a BA in Politics, Minor in Mass Communication, Law, and Society. She will begin a position as an Analyst with Boston Scientific in Washington, DC.



Rachel Clark

Northwest High School

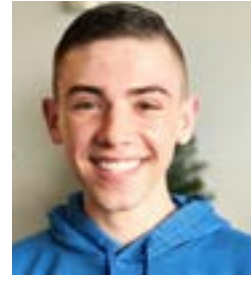
Rachel will be attending Fairleigh Dickinson University to study Marine Biology.



Benjamin Coppeler

Northwest High School

Benjamin will be attending Ohio State University to study Nursing.



Lucas Craven

Montgomery College

Lucas has just graduated from the Dual Enrollment Program through MC, completing his AA in Business while simultaneously earning his high school diploma and graduating as a Top Ten Class Valedictorian. He will be attending the University of Maryland — Robert Smith School of Business, Scholars Program to study Business Management and then Law.



Annie Cress

University of Michigan

Annie is graduating with a BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and a BS in the Program in the environment. She will be pursuing a PhD in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at the University of Texas, Austin in the fall.



Andrew Echeandia

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Andrew will be attending the University of Central Florida to study Business.



Matt Eldridge

University of South Carolina

Matt is graduating cum laude with a BS in Sport & Entertainment Management. He will begin his Sport Management Internship in Massachusetts this summer, 2024.



Lexi Fiallo

Quince Orchard High School

Lexi will be attending the University of Michigan to major in Psychology.



Katelyn Fisher

Northwest High School

Katelyn will be attending the University of Maryland / Phillip Merrill School of Journalism.



Patrick Flaig

Northwest High School

Patrick will be attending the University of Maryland to study Aerospace Engineering.



Robbie Gresham

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Robbie will be attending Carnegie Mellon University to play soccer and study Economics & Business.



Kenlee Hayes

Northwest High School

Kenlee will be attending Frostburg State University to study International Studies with an emphasis in Political Science.



Hunter Harris

Salisbury University

Huter is graduating from Salisbury's Purdue School of Business with a BS in Business Administration/Finance.



Arnav Jain

Northwest High School

Arnav will be attending the University of Maryland to study Information Systems with a minor in Information Management, Ethics, and Privacy.



Katherine Jones

Quinnipiac University

Katherine is graduating with a Master of Occupational Therapy.



Bradley Kahalas

Penn State University

Bradley is graduating with a BS in Chemical Engineering. He will begin a position with Mettler Toledo in Columbus, Ohio in June.



Ella Kaufman

Quince Orchard High School

Ella will be attending Tulane University to study Political Economy.



Nadine Kaufman

Quince Orchard High School

Nadine will be attending the University of Georgia to study Business.



Alex Krimigis

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Alex will be attending the Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee, Knoxville to study Business.



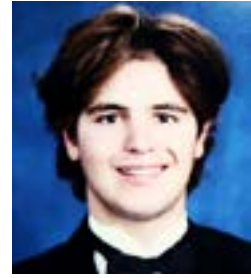
Anusha Krishman
Poolesville High School

Anusha will be attending the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and Duke University–Robertson school to study Public Health.



Anna Linteris
Poolesville High school

Anna will be attending Case Western Reserve University to study Electrical Engineering.



Boris (Bobby) Lorinkov
Northwest High School

As the winner of a 3-year Army ROTC scholarship, Bobby will be attending Bucknell University to study Electrical Engineering.



Maggie McNulty
Northwest High School

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



Carter Mostrom
Northwest High School

Carter will be attending Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Navy–ROTC



Matthew Nagy
Cornell University

Matthew is graduating with a degree in Real Estate Development and Finance.



Christina Palfrey
University of Virginia

Christina is graduating with a BA in Economics. She will be moving to New York City to be employed as a Global Financial Analyst at Bank of New York Mellon.



Naiya Pearce
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Naiya will be attending the University of Florida to study Pre-Law.



Ashley Randall
Northwest High School

Ashley will be attending Coastal Carolina University to study Intelligence and National Security Studies.



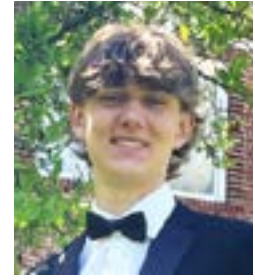
Madison Reap
Covenant Life School

Madison will be attending Lancaster Bible School to play volleyball and study Marketing.



Xavier Rivers
Northwest High School

Xavier will be attending Yale University to study Biochemistry.



Davis Rorick
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Davis will be attending Franklin and Marshall College to play soccer and study Public Policy.



Jonas A. Skucas
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Jonas will be attending Queens University in Ontario, Canada to study Engineering.



Ilana Subramanya
Gettysburg College

Ilana is graduating with a BS in Biology. Next year, she will be working at the Poolesville Veterinary Clinic while taking additional classes required to apply to veterinary school.



Lily Swick
Northwest High School

Lily will be attending the University of Richmond to major in Chemistry and minor in Creative Writing.



Rhett Swick
Northwest High School

Rhett will be attending Montgomery College to explore his academic and career options.



Owen Watkins
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School

Owen will be attending Georgetown University to explore his academic options whilst swimming for the University.



Adele Williams
Cornell University

Adele is graduating with a BS in Communications, and a minor in Indigenous Studies and Law & Society. She will begin a position with a Communications and Public Relations firm in New York City after graduation.



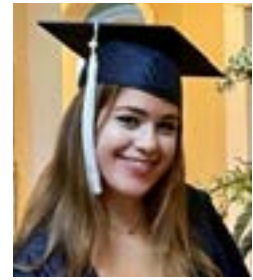
Daniel Zamaray
*Poolesville High School —
 Global Ecology*

Daniel will be attending Texas A&M University to study Architecture, Finance, and Business.



Kayla Zand
Penn State University

Kayla is graduating with a degree in Psychology and will be continuing in higher education as she pursues her graduate degree.



Nicole Zand
Penn State University

Nicole is graduating with a degree in Psychology and will be continuing in higher education as she pursues her graduate degree.



Jason Zappone
Northwest High School

Jason will be attending the University of Maryland to study Finance and Management.

“Success is loving life and daring to live it.” —Maya Angelou

**CONGRATULATIONS
 Darnestown’s
 2024 Graduates!**

DCA 2024 Membership

This membership listing should be effective through April 2024. Members who have joined since then or were mistakenly left off will be captured in the September issue of *The Little Acorn*.

Business

6-Twelve Convenient Mart
 Jennifer M. Beitler, DDS
 Birchwood Lawncare Inc.
 Jose Carbajal Lawn & Landscaping, LLC
 Carpet and Flooring LLC
 Clark Tree Services
 Darnestown Shell
 Darnestown Smiles
 Darnestown Swim & Racquet Club
 Valerie Fuster, Realtor, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.

Georgetown Hill Early School
 JB Fitness
 Johnson Chimney Service
 Kerrana Kangen Water
 Life is Better Traveling
 Lowe-Tilson Insurance & Associates
 ohDEER
 Preferred Insurance Solutions, LLC
 Real Computer Solutions
 Miguel Saba, Realtor, Compass Real Estate

Seneca Studio
 Smokey Glen Farm Barbequers, Inc.
 Stiles Denistry
 SwimLabs Swim School
 Tabor Design Build
 The Tyra Law Firm, LLC
 United Service Specialists
 Valley Mill Camp
 Windridge Winery

Acorn
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 Graham & Susan Allaway

Connie & Mike Barnhart
 Jim Weiss & Rosetta Cavallo
 Michael & Aubrey Ciatto
 John & Lisa Cohen
 Peter S Cooke
 Don Crehan
 Scott & Kendra Damiecki
 Paul Englehart & Jennifer Loud
 Sandy Merber & Andrea Grant
 Steve and Sharon Groff
 Juliet & Alan Jung
 Paul & Holly Klee
 Peter & Mary Lalos

DCA 2024 Membership (continued)

David & Sandy Lennhoff
Philip Levinton & Robin Gross
William Lowe
Mr & Mrs Lynch
Paul & Mary Pegnato
Craig & Michele Rathbone
Mark & Heather Reichardt
Fran & Joe Rothenberg
Rob & Reece Scheer
Seneca Academy
Larry & Allison Spaccasi
Jessica Stephens & Paul &
 Ursula Rivers
Rick & Lida Stifel
Peter & Josephine (Fifi)
 Trenchard
Craig Wagoner & Debra
 Massaro
Dieter & Cynthia Willkomm

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Andrew & Laura Barker
Andrea Barnhart &
 Caroleene Paul
Dave & Laura Bivans
Steve Boukedes
Jeff & Tara Bryson
David & Janet Buchanan
Christopher & Karrie Cerone
Carrie Daughtry
Dan & Monica Dean
Cliff Dean & Janice Raburn
Luanne Deppa
Denise Dombay
Margery Edmundson
Worth & Karen Edwards
Louise Evans
Lawrence & Marilee Giebel
Elizabeth Girard
Mark & Darci Glass-Royal
Bobbie Goldstein
Mauricio Camargo &
 Maria Gomez
Mary & Jeff Goodie
Jeffrey & Sandy Goodman
Ansis & Lisa Helmanis
Paul & Kalpana Helmbrecht
Jerry & Elvira Hroblak
Stephen & Stella Hsu
Marcos & Kate Hsu
Peter Johnson

Russell B Johnson
Gary & Barbara Kahn
Susan Kick
Sandy & Terry Killen
Kaspars & Dagnija Kreslins
Gerry & Bonnie Kunkel
Barbara Lichtenstein
Brad & Liz Long
Graylin & Cathleen Mann
Richard Mead & Loretta Favret
Maya Miloski
Rick & Reine Moore
Joel & Barbara Myklebust
Christina & Edward O'Day
Frank Osborn
Scott & Barbara Plumer
Mike & Shannon Priddy
Robert Purcell
Priscilla Rippeon
Michael & Linda Roberts
Petra Roman
Tim & Katie Sanders
Cary Silverman & Robin Lang
Randy & Vicki Smith
Terry & Linda Sweeney
Betty Sweet
Doug & Bridgette Theurer
Troike Family
Jeannie & Scott Tucker
Eric Smart & Pam DuBois
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
Stephen & Deborah Waechter
Stephen Williams
Joel & Sarah Andrew Wilson
Shawn & Shida Ziglari
Elihu & Beth Zimet
Larry & Faye Zoeller

Friend

Michelle Adams
Richard H. Adamson
Edward & Christy Adelman
Leo Eskin & Kathy Alexander
Cheryl & Bill Amick
Brian & Melissa Astill
Dorothy M. Bailey
John & Karen Barkley
Ed & Kim Barrow
Jennifer Beitler-Flinchum &
 David Flinchum
Maureen & Jeffrey Bigelow
David Boulton & Celia
 Kingsbury
Michael Boyland
Delwin Brackett
Roy & Sharon Brooks

Benjamin & Christina Buchta
Susan Burgan
Cyndi & Larry Cain
Charles Camp & Michelle
 Lebling Camp
Joan & Jim Carlberg
Brad & Carol Carter
Sean & Sharon Cassidy
Gabe Chang & Denise Wu
Ronald Chesemore
Valentin & Elena Chiscop
Steve & Bobbi Christiansen
Janice Coe & Keith Sinner
Jim & Jeanne Coley
Kevin & Amber Colleran
Carolyn & Tom Conlan
Kimberly Conte
The Cook Family
Gary & Christina Coppeler
Sam & Kathleen Coriell
Frank & Janet Cornelius
Michael & Bonnie Crough
David & Karen Danoff
Mark & Tara Deane
Jacob & Dina de Bruin
Jim & Pam Del Vecchio
Steve & Carole DeMinco
Ray & Jane Dickler
Carlos & Caroline Diez
Sue Dingess
Katherine Dodson
Joe & Alexandra Donahue
Keith & Marilyn Donson
Frederick Duque
Chris Engleman
Tom Engleman
Dave & Beth Erdman
Buddy Ey & Leslie Tripp
Ron & Nancy Farhood
Flieger / Wilkinson
Pat Foley
Edward Fowlkes Jr
Lorice Frost
Chris Gallagher
Paul & Beth Gaukler
Bob & Jo Gilman
Tommy & Liz Gladnick
Victor & Marya Gomez
Sue & Michael Gottlieb
Jim & Pam Grant
Amy Gross
Peter & Summer Hardinge
Roy & Alice Healander
Richard Hess & Susan
 Barbieri-Hess
Erik & Kellie Hodges

Jill Holmes
I.J. & Jan Hudson
Takao & Hiroko Ikegami
Paul & Jean Irwin
Eric & Kristin Jodts
Maris Juberts
Rob & Carol Kasunic
Jonathan & Deena Kinberg
Mike & Jackie King
Kevin & Krista Kirk
Peter Boyd & Ellen Klosson
Jack & Linda Knowles
Shank & Laura Koundinya
Lisa Kristiansen & Steve
 Robinson
Mark & Nancy Labus
Margorie Leach
Jason & Denise Levis
Wenmei Li
Mary Lindberg
Jim & Randa Locke
Lubenetskis
Harald & Donna Ludwig
Nancy L Magurn
Keith & Terri McAllister
Mike & Marti McAllister
Jamie & Joel Miller
Kathryn & Brian Montague
Michael & Susan Moses
Jon & Lauren Mullen
Cindy & Scott Norcross
Audra O'Neil
Jim & Dori O'Sullivan
Ray & Carol Palfrey
David & Holly Parker
John Pennington
Nick & Vanda Petruccielli
Gail & Peter Plamondon
Lauryn Popera
Martha Popovic
Dan & Danielle Potter
Probus Family
Matthew & Sue Quinn
Roopa & Arun Rajan
Bob & Angie Randall
Devereaux Raskauskas
Nicole Reap
Jane & Tim Riggott
Caitlin & David Rogers
Kelley Rogers
Joan & Marty Roth
Tom Ruder / Marisa Kahn
James Lykins & Susanna
 Sammons
James & Kathleen Savitz
The Schiff Family

DCA 2024 Membership (continued)

Hratch Semerjian & Margaret
Tamburello
Linda & Bob Shaver
Gigi Sissoko
Jeffrey Smith
Gerald & Roberta Solis
Steve & Jeanette Staton
Brad & Theresa Stone
Balu & Shibani Subramanya
Jason & Vanessa Sweeney
Mark Sweet
B.R. & Indira Tripuraneni
Winter & Corrie Troxel
Peter & Veronica Tunon
Carl & Kelly Tyree
Jim Veirs
Sharon & Larry Wahl
Jay Wallace & Ursula Kattner
Christopher A Walsh
Robert & Elizabeth Weaver
Carole Welsch & Will Rust
James & Nea Wheeler
Tim & Dirce Wiegand
Bud & Jackie Wildman
Laura Wilkes
James & Margaret Wilson
Charlie & Donna Yanjanin
Scott & Tracy Youngman
Igor Zamaray
Karen & Matt Zappone

Basic

Jeff Anderson
Vassilev - Andre Family
David & Margaret Andreadis
Paul & Peg Arnold
Pam & Bob Baer
Matthew & Joyce Baker
Bob Bastani
William G. Becker
Nicholas & Myrtis Brame
Miles & Marie-Claire Braun
Jim & Anne-Marie Brown
Holly & Paul Buehler
Nicki Bunting
Courtney & Paris Capalupo
Erik Carlson
Peter & Lisa Carothers
Richard & Nancy Chiapparoli
Lowell F. Christy
Larry & Sue Ciorlito
Jay & Lori Clogg
Paul & Stephanie Coffin
Michael & Veronica Cooper
Robert Cornelsen
Scott & Julie Cress

Jackie Cronin
Liz & Randy Crow
Steven & Madeline D'Alessio
Michael Davis & Laura
McClure
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Charity Events



Molly's Walk And Roll For A Cure!!! September 21, 2024 Bretton Woods Recreation Center

By Molly Lichtenstein

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

This year is different! This year we are celebrating 10 years with ASAP!!!! I have a BIG goal, to raise

\$100,000!! I don't know if we will get there, but my favorite saying is shoot for the moon and land among the stars! With that being said, If you own a small business and have an interest in sponsoring our event, We would LOVE your support! If you are free on September 21st and want to join us, we would LOVE that! If you are interested in supporting the walk in a different way, PLEASE contact me! Whatever your involvement is, I am so grateful! I cannot wait to see how Molly's 10th Annual ASAP Walk and Roll for a CURE goes! Thank you for your time!

To learn more about Molly's 10th Annual ASAP Walk & Roll for a Cure, to register or to donate, go to <https://asap.org/fundraise/together-we-can-walk-roll/#golf> or use your smartphone to scan the QR code here.



Organizations

Darne Bloomers Garden Club

By Tracy Lang

In February, the Darne Bloomers Garden Club meet at Bretton Woods Recreation Club for a dynamic presentation by Kathy Jantz on the many benefits of incorporating ground-covers into lawns and gardens. Kathy is the author of two books, *Groundcover Revolution* and *The Urban Garden*, as well as editor of *Washington Gardener* magazine, president of the Silver Spring Garden Club, and host of the DC Garden podcast.

She is also a local gardener herself and a major fan of groundcovers for the many benefits they offer, including weed suppression, replacing grass in hard-to-grow areas, providing food and shelter for pollinators, birds,



Selected groundcover plants

and wildlife, serving as living/green mulch, and reducing mowing, use of chemicals, and soil erosion and compaction. In the course of her presentation, Kathy introduced us to groundcover options for lawn substitutes,

such as liriopse, creeping rosemary and thyme, and sedums, as well as tough problem solvers for high shade areas including hellebores, ferns, cranesbill geranium, and bugleweed. Her presentation left us with a new perspective on some of our favorite plants. Who knew hostas, strawberries, lily of the valley, and Lamb's Ear were groundcovers?

For our March meeting, we met at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Kentlands for a different perspective on gardening presented by Claudia Kousoulas, author of *Private Gardens of the Potomac and Chesapeake*. Claudia worked in urban planning before her interest expanded to include landscape design. Her presentation was an informative step back from a focus on individual plants to more over-arching principles of garden design, including unseen engineering (e.g., watering systems for roof-top gardens), design goals (e.g., creating a peaceful garden around a swimming pool), and whole-site views (e.g., slow reveals of trees and gardens while moving through a site), and her concepts were illustrated with striking

slides of local sites showing the interplay between structural elements and landscape design. Claudia also discussed hard and soft scaping to frame garden views and the concept of the garden as artwork when viewed through a window.

For our hands-on activity in April, Lisa Ruf of Goodness Gracious Florals demonstrated how to create a hand-tied European-style bouquet, after which members were provided with an assortment of gorgeous blooms provided by Amy Kurtenbach of Pleasant Hills Specialty Flower Farm, assorted greens, baling wire, and cellophane to create their own bouquets. Creating the bouquet begins with holding two flowers with stems crossed in your hand, then adding blooms and greens crosswise, rotating and adjusting the bouquet as you go to ensure that flowers are in different planes, filling in spaces, adding items of interest, and making sure that the stems are flared out below. Once the



Hand-tied European-style bouquet

bouquets have been completed, they are wrapped with baling wire, and the stems are trimmed to an even length on the bottom so the bouquet can stand by itself. The bouquet can then be wrapped in cellophane, and

the cellophane filled with water to serve as a vase. While Lisa, whose record number of stems for this type of bouquet is 65(!) made this technique look easy, it proved pretty challenging when we put it into action. Despite the dexterity challenges faced during the activity, it is clearly a skill worth practicing, as every member left with a beautiful bouquet.

For our year-end May meeting, the Darne Bloomers traveled to Monkton, MD for a tour of the Ladew House and Topiary Gardens followed by lunch. The Darne Bloomers Garden Club meets the second Thursday of every month from September through May, typically at Bretton Woods Recreation Club. If you are interested in visiting with us or becoming a member, please email us at Darnebloomers@gmail.com. You are welcome to visit our website at www.darnebloomers.com. Happy Gardening!

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Open for the Summer! Swim, Racquet Sports, Camp, Social

By Aleks Schiff

Opening Day of Summer 2024 was a wonderful kick-off to summer! Our member community is already taking advantage of all the wonderful programming we have in store—Camp GreenZone, Swim Team, Racquet Sports, and fun Social Events.

Thank you to all the members who came out for our Spring Clean-up Day and helped us prepare for another productive season. You will notice some exciting new additions to the Club—the new slide is already a fun improvement, and the new platform Gazebo is ready for camp and other activities.



Tennis & Pickleball season is already underway, and we want everyone to get to know our new Pro, Gregg Van Dine, who has taken over our tennis and pickleball program. Sign up for a clinic and come have some fun.

Demon Swim Team had another successful registration for a strong team this summer in Division B. **Camp GreenZone** has booked up quickly again this year and is packed full of engaging programming for the kids with our returning Camp Director, Alyssa. Our **Social Events** team has brought back the fan favorites for all ages throughout the year.

We are a year-round active community with tennis,

pickleball, swim, camp, and social events throughout the year. **Memberships are on a waitlist** so don't delay—join it now at www.dsclub.com.

Connect with us for the latest updates!

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Girl Scout Troop 33217

By Rebekah L. Douglas

Girl Scout Troop 33217 had another fun year of growth and adventure together! This group of 3rd and 4th grade scouts were excited to tour the Capitol Building, bake holiday treats for the Darnestown home tour, explore the Air and Space Museum, learn the history of Martha Washington's family at the Tudor Place, hone their horseback riding skills, and simply grow together as supportive friends. The troop is gearing up for the end of the year and the bridging ceremony where several scouts will bridge from brownies to juniors! Congratulations! For more information on Girl Scout Troop 33217, please email troop.33217@gmail.com.



Churches



Darnestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Rev. Shelby Etheridge Harasty! Our new Senior Pastor has arrived! Rev. Etheridge holds a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary and has served as Associate Pastor at Bethesda's St. Mark Presbyterian Church since 2013. To quote Rev. Etheridge, *"Humans were created in*



the image of God. Our true humanity is realized when we live in free, equal and joyful community with one another. We are called to feed the hungry, welcome strangers, care for the sick and bind up the broken hearted." We look forward to a long and fruitful ministry at DPC, as we share the love of Jesus with the world. **Welcome!**

10:30 a.m. Sunday Summer Schedule. This summer we will continue with a single Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship over coffee and light treats. Check our website for and updates (www.darnestownpc.org), and check out our services on our YouTube channel. We love to see visitors at our child-friendly services. **Come visit us this summer!**

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

14135 Seneca Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
www.olvp.org
301-948-5536



**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 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Schools

Butler Montessori

At Butler Montessori, our dedication to environmental stewardship is woven into the fabric of our daily activities and embraced by students of all ages. We're excited to share that our commitment continues to be acknowledged with our 2024 re-certification as a Maryland Green School, affirming our tireless efforts in promoting sustainability.

This achievement highlights our comprehensive approach to environmental education, sustainable



practices, and community involvement. From integrating eco-friendly initiatives into our curriculum to organizing events like Get Out & Garden, a day of volunteering where our community actively engages in

environmental conservation activities, we're continuously striving to make a positive impact.

Most recently, during Get Out & Garden, our student

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environmental club took the lead in educating our community about watersheds and how various pollutants get into the system. This hands-on demonstration underscored the vital role we all play in preserving our natural resources for future generations.



Georgetown Hill Early School

By Nicole Reap

Summer Safety Tips For Parents

As summer continues, keeping young children safe becomes a priority for parents and caregivers. Here are a few tips to keep your little one safe and healthy this summer:

- Ensure constant supervision around water bodies, as drowning is a leading cause of accidental death in children.
- Use sunscreen with at least SPF 30 to protect their delicate skin from harmful UV rays and reapply every two hours.
- Keep them hydrated by offering plenty of fluids, especially water.
- Dress them in lightweight, light-colored clothing to reflect the sun's rays.
- Be mindful of playground equipment, which can get hot and cause burns.
- Lastly, never leave children unattended in vehicles, as temperatures can soar dangerously high.

Summer Camp at Georgetown Hill

We have already begun our fun-packed summer at GH! You can sign your child up for one week or the entire summer! School-agers will be learning about the universe through play, music, art, and food. There will be trips to the pool and four field trips throughout the



summer. Our preschoolers will be having fun splashing during water play, cooking, creating art masterpieces and using their imaginations each day!

Georgetown Hill is now enrolling for summer camp and the 2024-25 school year. Please call 301-527-1761 for more information.



Darnestown Elementary School

By Parker Silverman, 4th Grade Student

Darnestown Elementary School, wow-wee! I can't say I'm surprised that DES has done better than ever. This Spring, as the birds were chirping and the flowers are blooming, we took advantage of the nicer weather by having some events outside. DES hosted an International night where parents and kids set up stands showing the country they come from, cultures, traditions, and foods. But that's not all, we even had a DES World Cup in the field where kids played soccer games and participated in a flag parade!

You may know what Top Golf is or you may not but I will tell you now. It is a golf entertainment place with multiple floors, some even off the ground. The PTA hosted a DES Top Golf night where students all across DES played golf and rocked it all! Moving on this year, staff member Mrs. Mostrom recruited tons of new safety patrols from the fourth-grade that will soon be safety patrols in fifth-grade. Most of the fourth-grade signed up! With all of the patrols, the school will be as safe as can be. Summer is here so this is the last you will hear of Darnestown Elementary School for the school year. Farewell and see you next school year!

Spring at Seneca

This spring, our teachers and students created magical experiences in and out of the classrooms on a daily basis. We played, hiked through the woods,

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practiced yoga, stomped in puddles, had visits from community helpers, learned about cultures around the world, designed wind-powered cars, volunteered at Comfort Cases, created original artwork, sang and played songs together, sailed on a schooner, explored different genres of literature, conversed in Spanish, developed business pitches for our own version of *Shark Tank*, presented research based on the United Nations Sustainability Goals, and SO much more!

Summer at Seneca

We still have spots in our summer preschool program for rising three-year-olds through rising kindergartners! Students will get to play, learn, create, and grow together! They'll examine a different continent each week, using art, literature, science, games, and more to go "around the world" in eight weeks. This summer will be extra fun as we also explore the Paris Olympics!

You can choose from a half-day program from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a full-day program from

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After care is available until 5:00 p.m. for an additional fee.

Visit www.senecaacademy.org/summer-at-seneca for more information and to register!

Looking Ahead to Fall

We are now enrolling for 2024-2025 for the following programs:

- Parent's Day Out (two or three days per week for children who will be two by September 1st. Potty training is not required.)
- Preschool Threes (two-, three-, or five-day options with before/after care available.)
- Pre-K Fours (four- or five-morning options as well as an extended day class, which is popular with older fours/young fives. Before/after care is available.)
- Kindergarten–Fifth Grade (Limited openings. Before/after care is available.)

For more information, please visit www.SenecaAcademy.org or make an appointment to tour our beautiful campus through July. Please email info@senecaacademy.org to schedule!

HELP DRIVE THE FUTURE OF DARNESTOWN!

Become a 2024 Member of the Darnestown Civic Association

Your membership allows the DCA to provide important services to our community:

- *The Little Acorn*
- DCA Hoedown
- Town Meetings
- Town Sign Maintenance
- DCA Website
- Lead Darnestown in Key Issues Impacting our residents
 - » School Zoning & Safety
 - » Road Traffic & Safety
- » Crime
- » Power & Telephone Reliability
- » Darnestown Village Development
- » Montgomery County Master Plan Development
- » Environmental & Agriculture Reserve Protection
- » DCA Contingency Legal Fund
- Firetruck Santa and Holiday Tree Lighting
- Menorah Lighting
- Veterans Day Breakfast
- American Flag Program
- Holiday Flag Program
- Farmers and Artists Markets
- Biweekly newsletters

To join electronically, visit www.darnestowncivic.org or use your smart device to scan the QR code!

To join by mail, fill out the form on page 23 and mail it to the DCA!

Annual Dues are only \$35. Additional giving levels include \$50 'Friend of Darnestown,' \$100 'Sponsor,' \$150 'Acorn' Program. All paid 2024 members will be listed in an upcoming issue of *The Little Acorn*.



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 at www.darnestowncivic.org under the **Community Information** tab.

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www.Darnebloomers.com

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troop.33217@gmail.com

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Fairhaven United Methodist Church
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Seneca Community Church
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Babysitters & Mother's Helpers

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Jennifer Juhring (2004)	240-575-0009

Georgia Mostrom (2007) 240-480-8622

Melissa Szwed (2004) 301-519-0645

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Join the Board!

The DCA is currently looking for additional leaders to fill the roles of **Secretary** and **Treasurer**. If you are a member of the DCA and are interested in taking on a more active role, please let us know by reaching out to **dca@darnestowncivic.org**.

Become a Member

Join the DCA and help drive the future of Darnestown. You can register for a DCA membership online by going to **darnestowncivic.org/memberships/** or by scanning the QR code here.



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