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President's Corner

Note from the President

By Scott Mostrom



If you have lived in Darnestown for a long time, you know there has been a great deal of change. Sometimes it's within our control, but often it's not.

Outside of some enhancements here and there, I'd love to have the character of our town frozen in time. I think most of you feel the same way, which is why you chose to live here. However, that's not possible. As the region around us grows, Darnestown is increasingly a commuter route and gateway for cars and cyclists to and through the Ag Reserve. Speed, volume, and congestion have significantly impacted safety on our old roads and intersections.

This is why the DCA formed the Roads Task Force in 2019 and asked very targeted questions in our town-wide survey in the summer of 2021 to help focus our efforts. Some pertinent results from the 439 respondents:

- On major commuting roads, the top desired future experiences were: **Safe** (56%), **Bike friendly** (40%), **Walkable** (36%), and **Slower** (28%)
- 88% responded that they **would like to have bike lanes or shoulders added on major bike routes**
- The top intersections for improvements were **Rt. 28/Turkey Foot Rd.** (84%), **Rt. 28/Jones Ln.** (75%), **Seneca Rd./River Rd.** (74%), and **Seneca Rd./Esworthy Rd.** (71%),
- Finally, on page 2 is the 'word cloud' for the open-ended responses for your '**top priority.**'

Of course, the DCA does not have the power to directly implement these changes, but we have continued to advocate and meet with the

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What's Happening in Darnestown

Further details can be found in this issue.

January 1, 2025
New Years Day

January 11, 2025
Seneca Academy Open House
"Experience the Wonder" Open House, to learn more about our preschool and elementary programs. For more information and to RSVP, please visit www.senecaacademy.org/openhouse.

February 1, 2025
Deadline for the Spring issue of *The Little Acorn*
Email ideas, questions or articles to acorn@darnestowncivic.org

DCA News

The Darnestown Civic Association is very excited to welcome Elizabeth Rorick as the new DCA Secretary. We are excited to have her take the lead on this important role!

DCA News

Darnestown's 53rd Annual Hoedown *Friday, October 4th at Smokey Glen Farm*

Nearly 150 neighbors gathered for a rootin' tootin' celebration filled with dancing, great food, and live music. Attendees enjoyed a delicious spread of chicken, ribs, soup, salads, and pies. This year's event added a fun twist with square and line dancing lessons from Arielle DeReggi. The night was capped off by an energetic performance from Billy and Boogie, who kept the crowd dancing late into the evening. This beloved tradition continues to be a favorite for Darnestown residents, and excitement is already building for the 2025 Hoedown!

Looking forward to next year's celebration!



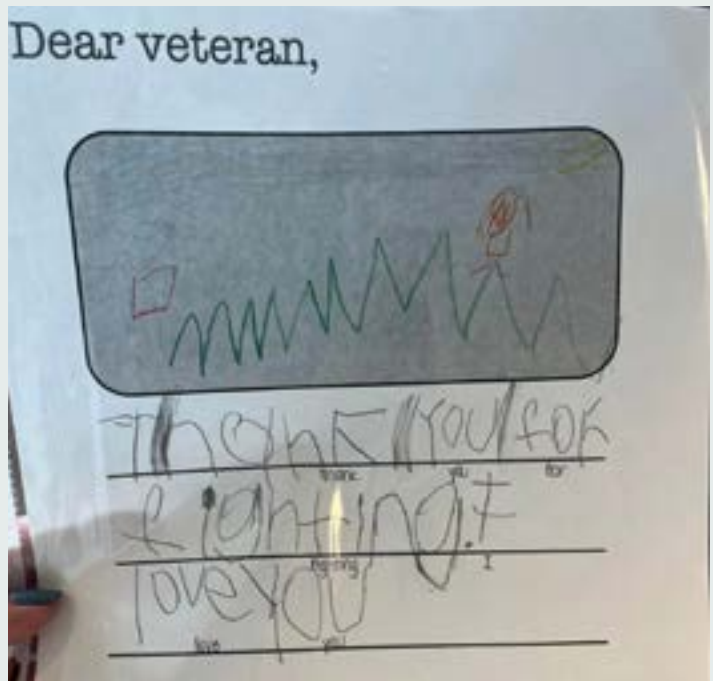
You can view *The Little Acorn* online in full color and with clickable links at darnestowncivic.org/little-acorn/

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Darnestown Veterans Honored, Recognized and Thanked

The 4th annual Veterans Day breakfast, held on November 11th, was a heartwarming event that brought veterans and their families together to be recognized and appreciated for their service. Co-hosted by the Darnestown Civic Association and Darnestown Presbyterian Church, the event featured a breakfast generously donated by Roy Rogers (Plamondon Family) and Operation Second Chance, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting veterans and their families. Over 50 attendees participated, and the veterans were celebrated for their sacrifices with the community expressing deep gratitude for their service.

A special highlight of the event was the visit from Georgetown Hill's Transitional Kindergarten class, who had created handmade thank-you notes and placemats for the veterans. This thoughtful gesture not only brought smiles to the veterans but also provided a meaningful opportunity to share stories and connect with the younger generation. It was a wonderful moment to honor those who have served and foster a sense of community and gratitude across generations.



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Darnestown's Holiday Home Tour

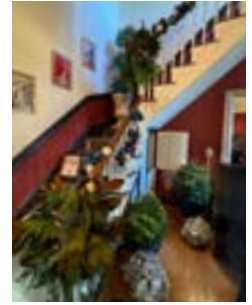
The Darnestown Community kicked off the holidays with a Holiday Home Tour. This year's tour featured four homes, including two historic homes, each of which played an important role in the formation of the Darnestown community. Each room on the tour was professionally decorated for the holidays by talented local floral designers in their own unique style and theme, showcasing the creativity and spirit of the holiday season. The designers included **Lisa Ruf** owner of Goodness Gracious Florals, **Meg Owen**, owner Meg Owen Floral Designs, LLC, **Ellen Seagraves**, Chic Florals, **Tonya Jones**, Owner of Wilding Flowers Co. and Kentlands Flowers, **Kelly Shore**, owner and lead designer of Petals by the Shore, **Anahit Hakobyan**, owner and creative director of Viva La Flora Designs, **Rachel Johnson**, owner of Floral & Bloom Designs, **Yeon Kim**, owner of Whispering Flower Farm and Cool Hollow Flower Farm, **Carol Gimmel**, from Darne Bloomers Garden Club, **Bonnie Allen** from Darne Bloomers Garden Club, **Laura Zimmerman**, owner of Cool Hollow Flower Farm, **Sidra Forman**, florist, chef and gardener, Sidra Forman, **Maddy Von Horn**, owner of East Tulip, **Sarah Campbell Needham**, owner and designer behind *LeafHopper Designs*, **Amy Kurtenbach**, owner of Pleasant Hills Farm, and **Natalie Hanson**, homeowner of the beautiful home located on Springfield Road.

The homes were open from 12:00-4:00 pm on December 14th and took nearly 100 visitors through 4 centuries of architecture and design.

1700s



Pleasant Hills plantation was the oldest home showcased in the home tour. Built in 1765 by Charles Gassaway and originally encompassed



1700 acres the land later became Spring Meadows and a large part of Darnestown. Today, the property is owned by Steve and Amy Kurtenbach, who operate a flower farm on the property, also named Pleasant Hills Farm.

1800s



The beautiful house that sits overlooking Riffleford Road was the original portion of the John Hanson Gassaway House. This house was built in 1812 and purchased by John Gassaway, a cousin of Charles Gassaway, in 1872, with additions made that year as well as 1894 and 1897. The property is currently owned by John Wagoner and Debra Massaro, who will soon be opening Giving Tree Farm, an event venue on the property.

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1900s

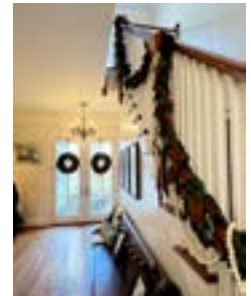


This stunningly decorated home, owned by Matthew and Natalie Hanson, was built by the couple in 1997 with Richard Leggin Architects. The couple completed a major renovation and addition in 2008. It is a truly remarkable home!

2000s



This beautiful farm house inspired home was built by Charles and Robin Hanley in 2000. The Metzger family became the proud owners of this impressive home in 2020. The architectural details make it seem much older than it is.



A special thank you to our home owners for opening their homes for this special event.

And thank you to our sponsors Darnestown Civic Association, Goodness Gracious Florals, Pleasant Hills Farm, Metzger Winery, Stiles Dentistry, DB&C Design Build, Christmas at Calleva Farm, Silco Electric, Carolyn Homes, Angelo's Pizza, Pasta, Deli, and Darne Bloomers Garden Club.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Darnestown Civic Association's scholarship fund.

Santa Visits Darnestown

By Stephanie Kunkle

Due to "frightful" weather in the forecast, Santa agreed to come to Darnestown one day earlier than expected. Instead of riding around town as he has the past few years, he set up his workshop at Pleasant Hills Farm, making his list as more than 50 children stopped by to say hello. At 5:00 pm, he headed over to Heritage Park where he lit the tree for the holidays. Darnestown residents enjoyed hot cocoa, caroling and dropped off their wish lists in the Santa mailbox.



DCA News (continued)

5th Annual Menorah Lighting



We hosted the 5th Annual Menorah Lighting on Saturday, December 28th. It was a wonderful community event that brought together neighbors and friends to celebrate the holiday season. The lighting of the menorah was a special moment of joy and

reflection, marking the significance of Hanukkah. The event was filled with warmth, unity, and festive spirit, as the community gathered to share in this meaningful tradition. It was a beautiful opportunity for everyone to come together, celebrate, and create lasting memories.

A special thanks to the Bonder family for their help with this year's lighting, Amy Gross for her support, and the incredible IJ Hudson for always capturing the moment with amazing photos.



Safety Chair Update

Pending a replacement for DCA Safety Chair, The DCA has asked Matt Quinn to continue in his capacity as DCA's liaison with the law enforcement community. As you are aware, the DCA has established an effective working relationship with Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction responding to safety matters in Darnestown. Please continue to forward your safety related inquiries to the DCA group email address via safety@darnestowncivic.org which is monitored by the DCA President and Safety Chair.

Per MCPD's website:

- Don't make it easy for car thieves. Take your keys and valuables with you and remember to lock your doors when leaving your vehicle unattended.
- Need an emergency police response? Dial 9-1-1.

- Need a non-emergency police response? Dial (301) 279-8000.

Courtesy Reminder: In addition to timely reporting matters of criminal activity directly to MCPD, please also provide pertinent information to the DCA at safety@darnestowncivic.org, so that when appropriate, the DCA can keep the Darnestown community informed.

Note: Darnestown is in the 1st District; mainly covering the western side of the "1B2" patrol beat. <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/data/weekly-crime-summaries.html>

A review of MCPD's online "weekly crime summaries" from August thru November 09, 2024, indicates no reported criminal activity within the Darnestown boundaries of the "1B2" patrol beat.

Join the DCA!

You can register for a DCA membership online by going to darnestowncivic.org or by scanning the QR code here.



Or you can join by mail by using the form on page 14!

We Welcome Your Submissions to *The Little Acorn*

Deadline for the next issue:

February 1, 2025

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acorn@darnestowncivic.org

Organizations



Here's What's Going On During the Offseason Swim, Tennis, Pickleball, Camp, Social

By Aleks Schiff



Another season is behind us! They seem to go by much too fast.

We have already moved forward with some big updates to the Club, so we are ready for next summer. A much-needed new roof and gutters have been installed and will ensure that our buildings and structures stay in good shape for years to come!



Racquet Sports continue as long as the weather stays favorable, and we are excited our Pro, Gregg Van Dine, will be back for the summer. The **Social Events** team closed out the programming with a successful *5th Annual Doggie Dip*, and is already busy planning 2025 events!

Camp GreenZone will be lead by Camp Director Alyssa for her fourth season in 2025, so stay tuned for registration opening by the end of January. And **Demon Swim Team** is looking forward to another winning season with Coach Pat Tozzi!

HELP NEEDED: We are looking for a local art student interested in painting a small and simple mural at our Club during the off-season in return for SSL hours.

If you are interested or know anyone who is, please reach out to GM@dsrclub.com with the subject line *“Local Artist.”*

Join our **Membership** waitlist this off-season for a good chance of becoming a member in the summer of 2025! Make sure you connect with us on Facebook, IG and website to keep up with the latest information!

We are a year-round active community with swim, tennis, pickleball, camp, and social events. Join the Membership waitlist for the 2025 season at www.dsrclub.com.

Connect with the Club and Stay in the Know!

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

Instagram: [@DSRClub](https://www.instagram.com/DSRClub)

GM@dsrclub.com

15004 Spring Meadows Drive,
Darnestown, MD 20874
301.330.1340

DarneBloomers Garden Club

By Tracy Lang

For our first meeting of 2023-2024, the DarneBloomers Garden Club met on September 12th at Calleva Farm for breakfast and sign-up for hosting this year's programs. Programs Chair, Mary Rill, and Assistant Chair, Pam Baer, presented an overview of the upcoming year's activities, which include presentations on ways to add fall color and winter interest to your lawn and garden by local garden expert Kathy



September

Jentz, an inside look at floral design at a historic property by Ami Wilbur, Floral and Event Décor Designer at Hillwood Estate Museum and Gardens, and a lecture and presentation on garden roses by member Lisa Ruf, an Alexandra Farms Certified Rose Designer. In

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addition, hands-on demonstrations are planned for the November and February meetings, and in December, Garden Club member volunteers will share their family customs and traditions in a *How do You Holiday?* presentation. For our service project in April, club members will once again create bedside bouquets for local assisted living centers, and our year will end in May with a garden tour and luncheon at Oatlands Plantation and Gardens. Following our breakfast and sign-up activities, our hosts, Chief and Mary Markhoff of Calleva Farms, shared their plans for converting the Haunted Forest into a Christmas village and trail walk for five evenings between November 30th and December 8th. In addition to the trail walk, which included scenes from favorite Christmas stories, Christmas at Calleva Farm included Christmas tree sales, a Christmas market, and holiday treats. Following the meeting, there was a raffle for all present, and members were given a tour of the farm.

At our October 10th meeting, held at Bretton Woods Recreation Club, Kathy Jentz, 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 was back by popular demand to share ideas for creating fall color and winter interest with garden plants. She shared ideas for planting fall-blooming bulbs (autumn crocus and daffodil), and



October

replanting existing pots with fall bloomers, including snap dragons, allyssum, bacopa, pansies, and kale, many of which may continue to bloom into the

spring. She also covered a wide variety of fall-blooming perennials, including asters, turtlehead, heuchera, goldenrods, sedum, and salvia, and recommended numerous shrubs (ansonia blue star, sweet spire, beautyberry, fothergilla, and witch hazels), trees (gingko, persimmon, Japanese maples, and dogwoods), and even grasses, such as muhly grass, to provide fall color. Kathy also promoted leaving seed heads and standing foliage into the late fall to support wildlife, noting that brown and black are colors too!

For our November meeting, the club met at Bretton woods for a hands-on activity creating a tripod floral armature with foraged sticks and beautiful fall flowers.

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 also welcome to visit our website at www.darnebloomers.com. Happy Gardening!

Schools

Butler Montessori

Serving Infants-High School

www.ButlerSchool.org

Engaging Middle School Minds: From Kitchen to Workshop, Theater to Music Studio

“At Butler Montessori, Middle School students thrive through a mix of creative and physical activities that support their personal growth and development,” shares Emma Rodwin, Upper School Director. *“Every Wednesday, our students step out of the traditional classroom and engage in hands-on experiences like*



preparing community meals in the kitchen, woodwork-ing to create beautiful projects like chess boards and cutting boards, hand-crafting ceramic pieces, compos-ing their own music, and even putting together theater productions from start to finish.”

These unique opportunities allow students to explore

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various interests and develop diverse skills that traditional programs often overlook. Schedule a tour to see this learning in action! [www. ButlerSchool.org/middleschool](http://www.ButlerSchool.org/middleschool).



Darnestown Elementary School

By Parker Silverman, 5th Grade Student

Hello fans of *The Little Acorn*! This is Parker Silverman reporting about Darnestown Elementary School (DES). There is so much to say! I guess we'll start off with DES's Pumpkin Palooza. It was amazing! As you can guess it was fall themed with all kinds of activities. There was pumpkin painting where you could paint a pumpkin and take it home, there was football in the field, science activities in the gym, and even a raffle to pie our principal, Mr. Jain, in the face. Though the best activity of all was the Pumpkin Plop Drop which was a competition between teachers, parents, and administrators. They dropped pumpkins off the roof, and everyone watched which pumpkin survived the fall. The administrators won the Pumpkin Plop Drop with the pumpkin that was protected in a Rubik's cube design.

There was also the Book Fair! Amazing new books like the latest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Dog Man*, and "*I Survived*" series brought crowds of buyers to the



library to get them. We had our first assembly about music in countries around the world. The 5th grade also took a field trip to Strathmore where they learned all about the blues! Thank you for reading this DES article and I look forward to writing about our school in the next issue of *The Little Acorn*!

Seneca Academy

We are excited to once again be hosting the **Friday Friends playgroup**, which invites infants and toddlers and their caregivers to enjoy a playdate as well as some grown-up conversation in our welcoming and child-friendly two-year-old classroom on the second Friday of the month. (We filled up quickly so we have added "bonus" sessions to welcome more families! Sign up at www.senecaacademy.org/fridayfriends.) At one of our recent sessions, the adult conversation settled on how childhood has changed in our modern world and how we can best parent to support healthy brain development, particularly that of the frontal lobe, which is involved in self-regulation and social-emotional functioning.

At Seneca Academy, one of our goals is to be at the cutting edge of how schools meet children where they are developmentally while inspiring them to become lifelong learners. Our program has always been incredibly child-centered and based on the latest advances in pedagogy, developmental psychology, and neuroscience. We are truly able to be an incubator for innovation in this area. Our size, as well as the IB framework, allows us to work with children to support their social-emotional development in ways that are more difficult in larger classrooms. Our most recent research-based strategy began last year as faculty members traveled to Yale University to receive the initial training for the two-year implementation process of the globally recognized RULER approach.



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RULER is a systematic, evidence-based approach to social and emotional learning that was developed at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Using a community-based (village) approach, it teaches students how to:

- Recognize emotions in oneself and in others.
- Understand the causes and consequences of emotions.
- Label emotions with a nuanced vocabulary.

- Express emotions in accordance with cultural norms and social context.
- Regulate emotions with helpful strategies.

These skills are intricately related to adaptive functioning as well as learning!

We are excited to be doing this work and hope to welcome you to our “village” in the future! Please join us for our “Experience the Wonder” Open House on Saturday, January 11 to learn more about our preschool and elementary programs. For more information and to RSVP, please visit www.senecaacademy.org/openhouse.

Churches



Darnestown Presbyterian Church

“Intergenerational” Service. Families are always welcome at DPC, and our last service of each month is geared towards children, who stay throughout the service and assist with things like collection.

10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship All Year. Our year-round schedule features a single Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship over coffee and light treats. Check our website for updates (<http://www.darnestownpc.org/>), and check out our services on our *YouTube channel*.



offer special music throughout the year. Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of every month and on other special Sundays. The Zoom link can be requested from our church administrator, fairhavenumc@gmail.com.



Fairhaven United Methodist Church

12801 Darnestown Road
Gaithersburg, MD
www.fairhavenumcmaryland.com

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. Our Gospel, Sanctuary and Handbell choirs

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

14139 Seneca Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
301-948-5536
www.olvp.org

For information on activities at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, check our website at www.olvp.org.

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.

6-Twelve | Convenient Mart

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

Jennifer M Beitler, DDS PC | Dentist

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

Birchwood Lawncare | Landscape Services

13424 Haddonfield Lane, Darnestown
301-275-5417
kricci2@verizon.net

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

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

Carpet & Flooring LLC | Carpet & Flooring Services

14115 Seneca Road, Darnestown
240-477-7260
majid@carpetandflooringcenter.com

Clark Tree Services | Tree Service

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

Darnestown Shell | Gas, Convenience, Auto Repairs

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

Darnestown Smiles | Family Dentistry

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

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

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

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Valerie@LNF.com
www.valfuster.com

Georgetown Hill Early School | Preschool

15120-B Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown
301-527-1761
www.georgetownhill.com
darnestown@georgetownhill.com

JB Fitness | Personal Trainer

13120 Colton Lane, Darnestown
301-943-5580
JBfitness1hour@hotmail.com

Johnson Chimney Service | Chimney Repair & Restoration

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

Kerrana Kangen | Alkaline Ionized Water

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

Life is Better Traveling | Travel Agent

15204 Jones Lane, Darnestown
240-506-6430
kris@lifeisbettertraveling.com

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

2403 Research Boulevard, Ste. 350, Rockville
301-258-7773
www.lowetillson.com
service@lowetillson.com

ohDEER | Organic Deer, Tick & Mosquito Control

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MoCoMD@oh-DEER.com
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301-428-3344
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Real Computer Solutions, Inc. | IT and Technology Support

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

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240-812-1792
Senecastudio.com
lukasz@senecastudio.com

Smokey Glen Farm | Event Facilities and BBQs

16407 Riffleford Road, Darnestown
301-948-1518
jsweet@smokeyglenfarm.com

Stiles Dentistry | Dentist

333 Main St, Gaithersburg
301-947-6900
smile@stilesdentistry.com
Stilesdentistry.com

SwimLabs Swim School | Swim School

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

Tabor Design Build | Home Improvements

15740 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville
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Planning Law Office**
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neiltyra@tyralawfirm.com

**United Service Specialists |
HVAC Services**
7559 Rickenbacker Drive,
Gaithersburg
dispatch@calluss.com

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

Windridge Vineyards | Vineyard
15700 Darnestown Road, Darnestown
301-607-4399
robert@windridgefarm.com

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Please use our online
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www.darnestowncivic.org.

Darnestown Schools, Organizations & Churches

If you are a Darnestown school, organization or church and would like your name added to this list,
please send your information to acorn@darnestowncivic.org

Churches

Darnestown Presbyterian Church
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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
senecachurch.org

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

Organizations

Boy Scout Troop 1094
sm@troop1094.org

Cub Scout Pack 436
www.troopwebhostcs.org/
Pack436NorthPotomac/

Darne Bloomers Garden Club
www.Darnebloomers.com

Darnestown Civic Association
14100G Darnestown Rd
Darnestown, MD 20874
www.Darnestowncivic.org

Girl Scout Troop 33217
troop.33217@gmail.com

P.E.O. International
www.peointernational.org

Schools

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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

Georgetown Hill Early School
15120-B Turkey Foot Road
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-527-1761
www.georgetownhill.com

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

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

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240-328-9842

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240-618-5809

Jennifer Juhring (2004)
240-575-0009

Georgia Mostrom (2007)
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Happy New Year Darnestown

Wishing you nothing but health, wealth,
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