

## THE

## LITTLE

## ACORN

News ... in a Nutshell

Greater Darnestown Civic Association  
Darnestown, Route 3, Gaithersburg, Maryland

## JUNE ELECTIONS HELD

The Greater Darnestown Civic Association met June 17th at the Darnestown School. Election of officers was held, and the following were elected for the coming year:

President - Joe Schap  
Vice President - Ed Schram  
Secretary - Mary Uberto  
Treasurer - Ray Sorrell  
Trustee - John Corrigan  
Parliamentarian - Jerry Davis  
Editor - Mary Lou Anderson

Ed Schram reported for the Zoning Committee that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will be extending water lines to 45 more homes in Ancient Oak, as the result of a petition by some area residents.

It was announced that the new Montgomery Village Junior High School will have a starting hour of 9:30 a.m. this fall, and will close at 4:00 p.m.

There was a discussion regarding the Executive Committee decision to limit distribution of The Little Acorn to GDCA members only. A vote was taken, and the decision was reversed; so the paper will be distributed as it has been in the past. The Little Acorn is presently delivered to all area residents who want it, as a service of the Association.

## JUNIOR HIGH HOURS CHANGED

It was announced at the last Civic Association meeting that the new Montgomery Village Junior High School would have a 9:30-4:00 p.m. school day this fall, and parents who objected to these hours were told they could write to Mr. George Baker of the Transportation Department of the Montgomery County schools. Apparently many did, as we have had a letter from Mr. Baker informing us that the hours will be 8:05 to 2:30 p.m.

However, this may make for a crowded bus situation, as we had last year when many students had to stand on most bus runs. Mr. Baker tells us that it is possible to have more buses to alleviate the crowded situation, but the problem is finding drivers. He states also that if it is necessary to double up, or assign substitute drivers to serve Montgomery Village, the quality of service will not be as high as could be provided on a 9:30 to 4 day.

But they are making every effort to find more bus operators.

## WATER LINES EXTENDED

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has announced that water main extensions to Ancient Oak Drive and several other streets within Ancient Oak has been approved and will serve 45 additional homes.

The proposed extensions are dependent upon the construction and placing in service of the previously authorized water main in Quail Run Subdivision.

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Many thanks are extended to all of the people who spoke at the last Civic meeting and expressed their opinions that The Little Acorn should continue under its present policy. Since we felt so strongly about this, it is wonderful to know that we did not stand alone.

We also appreciate the opinions of those who spoke against sending the paper to everybody, as we feel they have a point in regard to the cost of the paper. Several contributions were made that evening to help underwrite the cost, and this will help. Perhaps there are still others who enjoy The Little Acorn and will feel moved to make a donation toward it.

On the other hand, the point was made that perhaps there are folks in the area who do not want the paper. If this is the case, please let us know by calling 948-5278.

Several of our staff members are on vacation, so their regular columns are not here.

Ginny Capps is our new Garden reporter, bringing you her expert and helpful gardening tips each month.

We have a detailed report from Art Fitzgerald of the Swimming Pool Committee elsewhere in the paper. We urge you to read this. The Committee will have representatives calling on area residents. If you are overlooked, are not at home when they call, etc., and you are interested, please contact one of

the following committee members:  
Art Fitzgerald - 948-2790  
Jim Jordan - 948-5875  
Pete Lalos - 948-5133

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HELLO THERE!

It's always nice to see and to hear from old friends. Earl and Grace Redwine, formerly of Ancient Oak Drive, dropped by recently before returning to their home in Atlanta.

We had a lovely letter from Stephanie Hicks in Mattapoissett, Mass. Jim and Stephanie used to live on Chestnut Oak Drive. The Hicks family is moving to Bedford Village, New York this month.

Both families thanked us for sending them The Little Acorn (former residents are put on our mailing list) and were concerned about our distribution problems. It was nice to be able to tell them they will still be on the mailing list, as they say they enjoy hearing about what's going on in the community.

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VELVET VALLEY NEWCOMERS

Moving here from Seabrooke, Md. are J. M. and Ellanora Landers. They have three boys; Michael 6, Mark 4, and Jeffrey 2. J. M. (Doc) is working for the Electronic Sales Association.

Their hobbies include sports and bridge. They love animals, and have a cockatiel, two Old English Sheep dogs, a miniature Schnauzer, and a Himalayan cat.

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HELPFUL HINTS FROM A  
HARRIED HOMEMAKER  
by Sweloise

Packing for camp, or getting ready to travel to the shore, the mountains, etc.? For the children, put a day's outfit - shorts, shirt, socks and underwear, all together in a plastic bag. It's neat to pack, and helps the child keep his things in order.....And why not tape a list of what you've packed to the lid of your suitcase - then just check it off when you're ready to come home, thus you don't forget items.....The gardeners among us are reaping their harvest of berries and fruit, and the industrious ones have been making jams and jellies. Think ahead and put some in baby-food jars, and when it's Christmas time, what could be nicer than to send a friend a variety of your handiwork. If you want to get fancy, paint the lids and decorate them in a Christmasy pattern....."What'll we do now, Mom?" When your children reach this stage of the summer, perhaps you'd like to hear what another family did. They made up a list of simple family-type excursions - a trip to the library, lunch outside on the picnic table, a soda at the drugstore, take in an afternoon movie - and they put each idea on a slip of paper in a jar. Each morning they took one out to see what they would do that day.....Summer is nice, but there are a few unpleasant aspects - like ticks, for example. Did you know that a tick that is embedded in the skin will back out if you touch it with a cotton swab dipped in nail polish remover?

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FROM THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET  
by Jane Boddicker

How about all our lucky neighbors who are coming and going on vacations!!! Carol and Jim Frazer had fun in Indiana..... Phil and Lil Johnson spent a week with Phil's mother in North Carolina.....Diane Howarth zipped up to New York with the children to visit their grandparents..... Dick and Harriet Waddey went on a two-week camping trip.....Don and Elaine Rickard "roughed" it down on Ocracoke Island, N. C... ..Rob Best, Gordon Brunner and George Davidson went on a fishing trip, but George didn't do much fishing. How come, George? .....



Frank and Mike Boddicker were ushers at their cousin's wedding in Hubbard, Ohio June 30th.....Ann King is home from college for the summer.....Tom and Emmy McGarry sat under umbrellas (and not because of the sun, unfortunately) at Virginia Beach.....Jamie and Chris Jordan visited with Grandmother at Myrtle Beach, S. C.....Marc Englander is away at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. ....The McTigue family has enjoyed having both grandmothers for visits - Mrs. McTigue and Mrs. McBride from Pennsylvania... ..Roger and Mary Lou Anderson and children went to a family reunion in Richmond, Va..... Debbie Brunner, Mary Anders and Betsy Anderson spent two weeks at Camp Potomac Woods in Leesburg Va.....I guess the rest of us stay-at-homes will have to just find a shade tree to sit under - or - FLASH - support our pool committee so we can be cool next summer.....Have you noticed all the green thumbs in the neighborhood? It's the time of year to be nice to neighbors with gardens. Jean Parmer's flowers look especially straight and tall. Her secret is she used plaster of Paris instead of lime.

