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Civic Association News and Notes

Notes from the President

by Lisa Patterson-Troike

April and May showers will bring June flowers? I hope that is the case because, as I write this, the weather report says rain for the next 7 days! At least everything is looking healthy and green. By the time you are reading this, we are hopefully in the throes of summer.

We have several “hot” topics on our agenda as of late:

1. New zip code for Darnestown
2. Belward Farm development
3. Seneca Creek water quality
4. Utility reliability
5. Jones Lane speed bumps

Eneida Hassrick has done an outstanding job gathering and disseminating information about zip codes. The post office believes that zip codes only move the mail and don't define neighborhoods. As a realtor, I can tell you, that is not true! We are hoping that one of the current zip codes is nearing its capacity and a new one needs to be created. Eneida has written an article explaining the possible solutions. Thank you for your hard work!

Bob Thompson is keeping us abreast of plans for the new “Science City” development at Belward Farm. The northwest corner of Belward Farm is located at Route 28

and Muddy Branch Roads. Yes, that beautiful farm we all enjoy as we drive by... The enormity, complexity and expected population numbers are incredible. This will no doubt have an effect on our daily lives. Bob serves on the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board and is privy to the proposals and communicates the expectations of Darnestown and neighboring communities. The DCA believes in smart growth and hopes to see that as the Belward community takes shape. *(Continued on page 2)*

**Next
DCA Town Meeting
Thursday, June 18th
7:30 p.m.**

Darnestown Presbyterian Church
Route 28 at Turkey Foot Road

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All items for inclusion in the next issue of The Little Acorn are due to the Editor no later than August 1, 2009

The deadlines will remain firm.

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If you are considering starting a business that requires a Special Exception, start by contacting the DCA.

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Art Slesinger, one of our newer volunteers, has gone full steam ahead! Pepco has been made well aware that, for those of us who are constantly losing power, we have had enough! I have noticed that our power here on Esworthy Road has been much better. Our circuit was rated one of the worst in Montgomery County and is being monitored much more closely and, with Art's help, things should continue to get better. Art has also just recently volunteered to take on Seneca Creek's water quality. Go Art Go!

Lara Wibeto lives on Jones Lane and wants to put an end to the dangerous and unlawful speeding cars that pass in front of her mailbox and home every day. She is teaming up with her neighbors to see what can be done. Stop signs have been installed in the past, but the speeding continues. Speed bumps and/or other traffic calming methods may be of help.

I want to thank Tim Wilson for his 3 year term as Vice President. Tim has been a great help and has filled in for

me at town and board meetings. With four kids, work and everything else going on, he feels it would be best if someone else moved into the Vice President/President elect position. He will still be active as chairman of the Environmental Committee and will be assisting Art with water quality in Seneca Creek. Bob Thompson has enthusiastically stepped up to fill Tim's position.

We are in the process of painting the new office and, hopefully, occupying it by the time you read this. For those of you who have offered up chairs, conference tables, file cabinets, etc. Thank you. If we have not contacted you, we will be very soon. We would like to invite you to the "opening celebration" on June 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Please see the *Open House* article this page for more information. Thank you for your support. Because of you, Darnestown continues to be a special place!

Contact Lisa Patterson-Troike by phone 301-548-0999 or email lisaapatterson@aol.com.

Nominations for Election to the DCA Board

By Steve Ellis

As the outgoing Trustee (a 3 year term) I was tasked with chairing a nominating committee that recruits and recommends members to fill the elected positions on the board. The board is composed of elected members, and committee chairpersons who are appointed by the elected members of the board. All board members have one vote on issues before the board, but on personnel matters only the elected members have a vote.

In accordance with the DCA By-laws, the following slate of candidates was proposed and approved at the May executive board meeting for the election of the 2009-2010 DCA officers at the June Town Meeting:

President:.....Lisa Patterson-Troike* (Esworthy)
Vice President Bob Thompson (Brookmead)
Treasurer Guy Armantrout* (Springfield)
Recording
SecretarySusan Allaway (White Water Way)
Three-Year TrusteeDick Jurgena (Pagano)

* Currently occupying this position.

Scott Mostrom (Black Rock) and Dan Dean (Springfield) will continue as Trustees for one and two years, respectively. A Chairman (not a required position) is appointed by the elected members of the new board by vote each year.

Thanks to these volunteers for accepting their potential positions.

DCA Office Open House

by Steve Ellis

Please stop by and visit our modest new office on **Saturday, June 20 from 10:00 – 2:00**. It is located in the lower rear corner of the new retail/office building in the Village. Occupancy began on May 1st, and as of this writing in early May, the interior walls have been painted. By open house day, it should be much more presentable.

Come by and marvel at the *extravagance* of your DCA's world-wide headquarters!

Darnestown Flag Program



With Memorial Day just around the corner, Jim Clifford would like to remind everyone, especially those residing on Darnestown Road, to please prune your trees and shrubs around the flag placement areas. Doing so will not only help the flags be seen, but also hopefully prevent the flags from getting caught on branches and tearing.

If you find a flag that's been damaged or a bracket that needs repair, please call Jim Clifford at 301-605-6464. Thanks for your assistance!

Darnestown Directory

by Sarah Scherer

Please welcome a new neighbor to Darnestown.

Jim Seaman
13604 Darnestown Rd
Darnestown, MD 20878
301-233-3330

Thanks for keeping us up to date with neighborhood changes. You can reach me at sarahscherer@comcast.net or 240-683-8533 if you have any changes or additions.

Membership Committee

by Jean Jurgena

The DCA Board of Directors has voted to change the dues membership to a calendar year beginning January 1, 2010. In the past, our membership has been from July 1 to June 31. The new membership letter from the DCA president will be mailed this fall and membership will be effective Jan 1, 2010 – Dec 31, 2010. Anyone who has already paid is effectively current until Dec 31, 2009. Hopefully this will cause less confusion and make things easier to track for everyone. Your support as a paid member helps provide financial backing for the DCA's many ongoing expenses. Please remember only paid members are allowed to vote on important issues at the Town Meetings and your payment must be made 2 weeks prior to the meeting. If you have questions regarding membership contact me at 301-840-1187 or jmjurgena@hotmail.com.

Welcome Committee

by Lara Wibeto

I am happy to welcome our new Darnestown residents, however I cannot do it all on my own. Many of you are such good neighbors, that my following suggestions for "how to be more neighborly" are "old hat". If this is the case, all of us with the Darnestown Civic Association enthusiastically thank you. We are all busy with so many of our own career, family, and home related tasks that it isn't easy to get time to greet a new neighbor.

Here are the Top Ten things you can do to welcome a new Darnestown neighbor:

1. Once you see the moving truck, head over to say "Hello", to lend a helping hand, and get to know your new neighbor(s).
2. Ask your neighbor over for dinner, a potluck, or for an outdoor grill night.
3. Offer your neighbor a list of local retail stores, restaurants, parks, etc. just in case these neighbors came from somewhere outside of Montgomery County.
4. Inform new neighbors about trash pick up and the county's recycling program.
5. Pick up your neighbor's garbage or recycling bins if they fall into the street to prevent them from being destroyed.
6. Let your neighbor know about Darnestown's abundant wildlife.
7. Agree to look after one another's property when you or a neighbor is out of town, i.e. keep newspapers from piling up at the end of your neighbor's driveway.
8. Share gardening tips, flowers, produce, recipes, or garden/yard tools when you feel the urge.
9. Commit random acts of kindness, such as delivering a plate of pastries, donating extra lawn decorations from ages past, giving a gift to a new parent and their newborn, bring over treats for a neighbor's pet, or drop by a small housewarming gift. Be creative.
10. Last but not least, wave or say "Hello" in passing. That will make that "home sweet home" even sweeter.

Fortunately, my neighbors have all done these things for our family in one form or another and we do the same for them. To my informative, friendly neighbors; we are thankful for each of you. We are continuing a Darnestown tradition of being neighborly. We know each other by name, not merely by our house numbers. We respect each other's privacy and property. Please do your part to make your Darnestown neighborhood an even friendlier one. Welcome to Darnestown.

Thank you, everyone, for being such great neighbors to our new Darnestonians! Enjoy your summer!

Lara Wibeto can be reached at 301-926-4028 or via e-mail at lwibeto@verizon.net.

Solar Energy Update

by Senator Rob Garagiola

This year marks the 4th anniversary of Maryland's Solar Energy Grant Program, established by legislation I sponsored in 2004 (SB 485). The program, administered by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), provides financial incentives to homeowners, businesses, local governments and non-profit organizations that install solar water-heating systems or solar-electric (PV) systems. Both grid-connected and off-grid PV systems are eligible for support.



Recently, MEA announced that through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, sufficient funds have been added to the Maryland Solar Energy Grant Program to cover all applicants who had previously been placed on the FY 2009 waitlist. As a result of both federal stimulus funds and proceeds generated from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the Maryland Solar Energy Grant Program was able to offer grants to over 532 Maryland residents, businesses, and local governments eager to install solar energy projects, totaling \$3.268 million from July, 1 2008 to June 30, 2009. 326 of these were PV installations amounting to \$2,746,635 in grants and 1350 KW of solar power. There were also 206 solar hot water installations, amounting to \$521,377 in grant funding. I am excited that my legislation has helped so many homeowners, businesses, and not-for-profits to use solar energy to meet their electricity needs.

MEA will be issuing new regulations for its clean energy grant programs that will take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2010. These new guidelines are as follows:

- Solar Photovoltaic – For photovoltaic property, or solar panels, a person can apply for up to \$10,000 in grant funding depending upon the amount of energy produced by the system.
- Solar Hot Water – For a solar water heater, a person can apply for a grant that is the lesser of \$2,500 or 30 percent of the total installed cost of the solar water heater.

For additional information about the Solar Energy Grant Program please visit the Maryland Energy Administration website: <http://www.energy.state.md.us/>. You can also contact MEA by phone, 1-800-72ENERGY, or e-mail, meainfo@energy.state.md.us.

In addition to these state incentives, the federal government has provided the following tax incentives:

- Solar PV and Hot Water systems placed in service after January 1, 2009 are eligible for a Federal Income Tax Credit equal to 30% of the total installed cost.
- Solar PV and Hot Water systems placed in service prior to December 31, 2008 are eligible for a Federal Income Tax Credit up to \$2,000.

Montgomery County is also helping businesses and homeowners make the switch to clean energy with a Clean Energy Awards Program and a property tax credit for solar water hear, PV, and geothermal.

- Clean Energy Rewards Program: Residential consumers receive a credit of 1 cent for each kilowatt-hour (kWh) of eligible clean energy purchased. Non-residential customers will receive 1.5 cents per kWh. To be eligible for the credit, at least 50% of one’s annual electricity use must come from clean energy sources. More information about this program and how to apply is available at this website: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/deptmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/rewards_new.asp.
- Renewable Energy Property Tax Credit: Residential property tax credit for solar water heat, PV, and geothermal. 50% of the total system cost up to \$5,000 for a heating and electricity generating system and \$1,500 for a hot water supply system. For more information about this tax credit and the application process please visit the Montgomery County Department of Finance website: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/finance/index.asp>.

In 2007, I successfully sponsored legislation (SB 595) that is putting Maryland on the forefront of solar energy development. Under the bill, utility companies are now required to incorporate solar energy into their portfolio of energy over several years. For 2009, 0.010% of the state’s aggregate energy must be solar. The solar requirement will increase to 2% by 2022, which will be the equivalent amount of energy produced by 2 coal-burning power plants. This legislation encourages large businesses to install solar paneling on their rooftops, because the utility companies will have to purchase such energy to meet the new requirement. Once fully implemented, Maryland solar energy output will be greater than the energy output of several of the state’s existing power plants.

Environmental advocates noted that enactment of SB 595 will reduce more than 26 million tons of carbon dioxide, which is responsible for global warming, and thousands of tons of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, as well as other harmful pollutants. In addition to the numerous environmental benefits, the amount of solar energy that will be introduced in Maryland will likely lead to lower electric bills for all Marylanders, because there will be less strain on the electricity grid, particularly in the summer months. SB 595 is a win for the environment, a win for the ratepayer, and a win for electricity grid reliability.

This legislative session, I sponsored a bill that promoted further renewable energy development. SB 981 (Public Service Companies - Net Energy Metering) will further facilitate solar and renewable energy development in

Maryland by allowing more homeowners and businesses to meet renewable energy requirements in Maryland law and to obtain credit for renewable energy returned to the electricity grid.

I believe that in the not-too-distant future, Marylanders will take for granted that solar energy will be a substantial component in meeting our state's energy needs. Obviously, we need to rely on other energy sources, but reliance on solar energy will simultaneously create green jobs, reduce pollution and greenhouse gases, and help lower energy bills.

Zip Code Committee Update

by Eneida Hassrick

After reviewing U.S. Postal Service (USPS) rules for assignment of new zip codes, together with population, households, and business growth forecasts for Darnestown and adjacent municipalities, the Zip Code Committee (Committee) has

decided that a new zip code for Darnestown is not a viable alternative.

USPS is required to conduct a long-range study of residential and business growth in 5, 10, and 20 years increments in order to validate the operational need for a new zip code. The Montgomery County Planning Department (MCPD) has the most up-to-date census and long-range forecasts that can be used to determine if a new zip code is needed. Using MCPD's 2005 Census Update Survey as the base for comparison, the forecasts for Darnestown and immediate vicinity are noted below.

Considering the MCPD's forecasts alone, the expected growth of the Gaithersburg and Germantown areas would necessitate granting new zip codes to these areas first before granting one to Darnestown. The research, however, uncovered several alternatives that could be pursued in order to achieve the community's desire to be under one zip code.

Population

Planning Area (#)	2005	2010	%	2015	%	2020	%	2030	%
Darnestown (24)	13,760	12,789	-7.06	12,682	-7.83	12,480	-9.30	12,361	-10.17
Poolesville & Vicinity (12, 16, 17, 18)	9,220	6,152	-33.27	6,608	-28.33	6,989	-24.20	7,388	-19.87
Germantown (19)	79,580	87,833	10.37	85,453	7.38	83,262	4.63	86,610	8.83
Gaithersburg & Vicinity (20, 21)	130,500	137,438	5.32	143,989	10.34	154,776	18.60	176,593	35.32
Travilah (25)	30,335	26,801	-11.65	26,404	-12.95	26,685	-12.09	26,768	-11.82
Potomac (29)	48,430	46,480	-4.03	46,560	-3.86	47,188	-2.56	47,952	-.98

Number of Households

Planning Area (#)	2005	2010	%	2015	%	2020	%	2030	%
Darnestown (24)	4,205	4,241	.86	4,341	3.23	4,396	4.54	4,426	5.25
Poolesville & Vicinity (12, 16, 17, 18)	3,005	2,017	-32.88	2,169	-27.82	2,287	-23.89	2,382	-20.73
Germantown (19)	29,045	31,064	6.95	31,259	7.62	31,299	7.76	33,889	16.69
Gaithersburg & Vicinity (20, 21)	48,820	51,196	4.87	54,176	10.97	59,186	21.23	69,641	42.65
Travilah (25)	8,880	9,112	2.61	9,302	4.75	9,547	7.51	9,660	8.78
Potomac (29)	16,545	16,911	2.21	17,081	3.24	17,376	5.02	17,522	5.90

Business

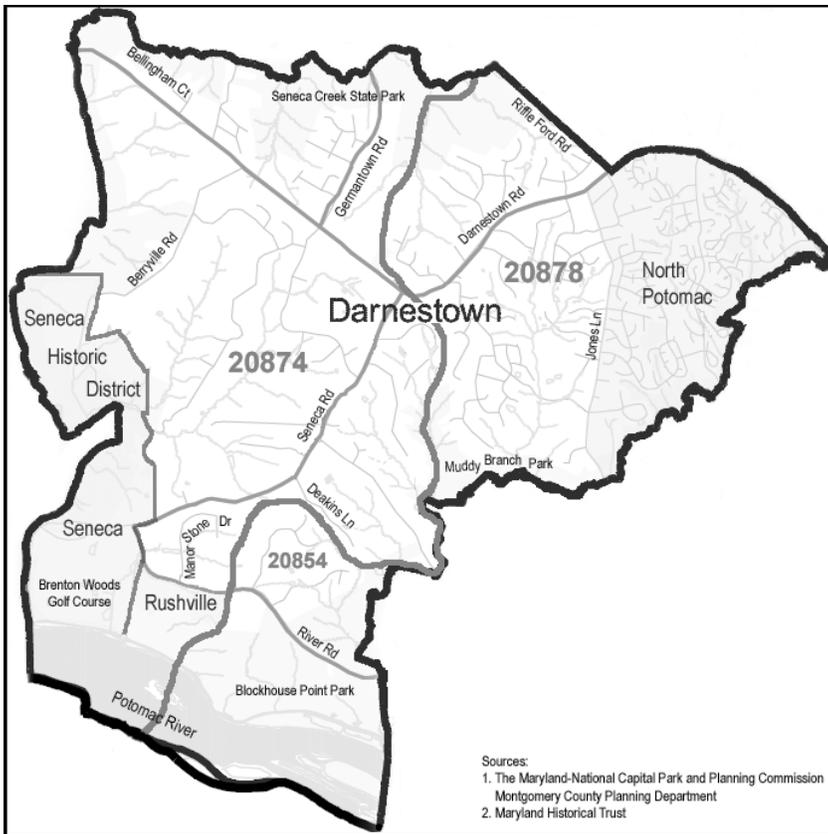
Planning Area (#)	2005	2010	%	2015	%	2020	%	2030	%
Darnestown (24)	936	940	.43	947	1.17	956	2.14	976	4.27
Poolesville & Vicinity (12, 16, 17, 18)	938	960	2.34	963	2.66	966	2.98	979	4.37
Germantown (19)	22,834	25,447	11.44	28,679	25.60	34,363	50.49	41,878	83.40
Gaithersburg & Vicinity (20, 21)	87,957	96,318	9.50	102,731	16.80	108,976	23.90	120,693	37.29
Travilah (25)	4,698	5,202	10.73	5,340	13.66	5,494	16.94	5,799	23.43
Potomac (29)	12,403	12,829	3.44	14,024	13.07	15,151	22.15	15,847	27.77

SOURCES:

- 2005 Census Update Survey: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/data_library/CUS2005/index.shtm
- Population and households: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/data_library/forecasts/7_1/research_forecasts.shtm
- Business estimates: http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/data_library/forecasts/7_1/research_forecasts.shtm. Business estimates include office, retail, industrial, and other.

As the first alternative, the Committee looked at the option of a zip code reassignment to one of the zip codes presently being used in Darnestown. Darnestown is divided into three zip codes – 20854, 20874, and 20878. See map below. There are two approaches Darnestown could pursue in requesting a zip code realignment:

As a second alternative, the Committee has recommended joining forces with our Travilah neighbors in order to increase the number of households and square miles for deliveries in our area, and perhaps this way, obtaining a new zip code for the whole area, not just a realignment.



The recommendations have been sent to the Darnestown Civic Association (DCA) for discussion, along with all the data uncovered during research. The DCA will be discussing the recommendations and looking over the data to reach a decision on how to proceed.

Aging Septic Tank Systems... What's Your Story?

by Bruce Deppa

We are re-running this article from the March edition of *The Little Acorn* because we only heard from 8 Darnestown residents about their septic system contractor experiences, some good, and some bad. We really want to collect more info than that. I had several long telephone conversations, and received some detailed e-mail accounts, but I know that with nearly 2,000 homes in Darnestown, there have been a LOT more than 8 septic system repair/replacement stories! So get a 2nd cup of coffee and type up a quick e-mail or call me and let's talk. We want to build a septic repair database, not just a dataspot.

1. Request a reassignment to one of the zip codes for everyone at the same time. If this is denied, an appeal can be submitted. One drawback with this approach is that if the appeal is denied, 10 years might have to pass before another request can be made.
2. Request a minor realignment per USPS definition of "an area affecting less than 25 percent of the total delivery points of the losing ZIP Code or 500 possible deliveries of the losing ZIP Code (whichever is less)." One drawback with this approach is that there might be some unforeseen event which would prevent all of the households been realigned in the event realignment is granted.

After looking at many statistics, including present population and crime rates, and the number of deliveries to each zip code, the Committee has voted to recommend a realignment of residents in the 20874 zip code to 20878, with **no concessions** for a 5-day a week delivery schedule or central point delivery.

Original Article:

Instead of public sewers, almost every house in Darnestown is served by its own septic tank and absorption field. As the years go by, such systems eventually reach a point where they need some serious and expensive attention, especially in our area of high-clay-content soils. This usually happens after 20 to 30 years, and there are lots of variables, better-documented on the internet than I can do in this space. What I haven't found is much information about homeowners' experiences with septic system repair contractors.

Septic system service ranges from simply pumping out the tank to replacing the entire system. Since the system is almost entirely out of sight, its true condition is usually very difficult to determine, and accurate diagnosis of any system problem is even more difficult. This situation puts the homeowner in a tenuous position during discussion with a contractor.

The Civic Association can shed some light on this situation by collecting and organizing data about specific septic system repair experiences in our area. If we can build a simple database of info about septic system failures and good and bad experiences with septic system contractors, and make that data available to the community, it could be helpful to those of us who have yet to face this problem.

If you have such an experience to share, please contact me by phone (240-876-3244) or e-mail (brucedepa@comcast.net).

Whitetailed Deer Management is a Year-Round Affair

by Bruce Deppa

It's hard to travel anywhere in Montgomery County without spotting White-tailed Deer. Contrary to popular opinion, their habitat is not shrinking. The habitat is changing, but as it changes, they have adapted so well to the changes that their reproductive rate in our predator-free suburban neighborhoods has been steadily increasing, yielding deer overpopulation in virtually every jurisdiction. If you've had a chance to read Liza Mundy's Washington Post Magazine (Sunday, April 26) feature article "Deer Heaven," then you are well aware of the many issues associated with this nettlesome topic. Her article is one of the most accurate and unbiased I have seen in years and years of reading everything I could find about our suburban deer situation.

Patriot Land and Wildlife Management Services Inc. is a local business with experience addressing the many issues associated with deer management and damage control. Their services range from non-lethal options such as fencing and repellent treatments to professional population reduction methods. In addition, they have established volunteer-based hunting programs that donate the harvest to the area homeless shelters and food banks at no cost to the property owners.

Whatever the method, to be effective, it takes a well-designed year-round approach to reduce the deer damage problem. To find out more about the options available, you may contact Patriot LWM directly.

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Update from the Montgomery County Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board

by Bob Thompson

The Social Issues Committee of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board has spent much of the past year examining issues that affect that whole county in general and the Upcounty in particular against the backdrop of the harsh economic times that the county, the state and the nation face. The Board examined a number of serious issues that have affected the Upcounty in 2008-2009. Thus, the significance of the economic downturn runs through virtually all of the issues examined. As such, the Committee advocated for and developed a number of policy recommendations to the County Executive and County Council that insure that budgeted capital or operating projects were brought to fruition, that current services be maintained or that innovative ways be found to provide new services for Upcounty residents. In September, the Social Issues Committee tackled the budget shortfall issue head-on, drafting questions which the Director and Assistant Director of the Upcounty Regional Services Center forwarded to representatives of various county departments as a predicate to the Board's October 20, 2008 meeting at which representatives of these departments briefed the full board. The draft questions, sent to representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Recreation, the Department of Transportation and the Director of Libraries asked for a base line status from each of the departments, which included the absorption of last year's cuts and then a discussion of how the second round of budget cuts might affect both employees and county services.

At that meeting, presentations were made by Parker Hamilton, Director of Libraries for Montgomery County, Melanie Coffin, on behalf of the Recreation Department, Betty Lam on behalf of the Health and Human Services Department, Art Holmes, the Director of Transportation and David Dise, the Director of General Services. The department representatives discussed their recent reorganization, designed to make their operations more cost efficient, along with all the steps they are taking to avoid cutting core programs, and particularly essential services.

The Social Issues Committee, in October, revisited the topic that consumed its 2008-2009 agenda – a detailed investigation and report with recommendations dealing with out of school issues for middle school and high school students in the Upcounty. That report was included in the Board's 2008 report to the Chief Executive. Carol Walsh of the Collaboration Council met and shared with

the committee the council's newly released report entitled, "EXCEL Beyond the Bell," which addressed out of school programs in Montgomery County in general which had been hand delivered to elected officials throughout the county.

In November, the Social Issues Committee, in conjunction with the Land Use Committee, revisited an issue first addressed during the Board's summer retreat in July of 2008 – the proposed EMS transport fee. Presenting in favor of the fee were Police Chief Bowers and Scott Graham, who had made the summer presentation. Presenting in opposition to the fee was John Bentfolio, a volunteer fireman who lives in the Bethesda/Kensington area of the county.

The Board voted to support the County Executive's recommendation for the imposition of the EMS Transport fee. The County Council, however, later tabled discussion of the matter. As of this time, Anne Arundel County, with the support of its volunteer firemen, had imposed such a fee, but Montgomery County has not yet addressed the matter.

In January 2009, the Social Issues Committee heard from representatives of Upcounty non-profits (Germantown Help, Gaithersburg Help, Damascus Help and Upper Montgomery Assistance Network-UMAN) who provide vital support services to examine the impact of the economic upheaval on their work. What developed was a fascinating discussion about the array of unique individual and family support services provided to different needy populations and their individual and collective operational challenges.

In February, the Social Issues Committee heard from Dr. Jay Kenney, the Chief of Aging and Disability Services at the County Department of Health and Human Services together with Dr. Odil Saudi, an Aging Policy Specialist. The Aging and Disability Services division with an annual budget of about \$40 million provides information and assistance to seniors. The two representatives presented a graphic demonstrating that the senior population of Montgomery County is projected to increase by 74% between 2000 and 2020, along with the County's service strategies. They also discussed the so-called Beacon Hill Model, which was discussed at last fall's Senior Summit. Under this approach, seniors age in place in their own residences and the surrounding community, or Village, provides them with support. This is sometimes called NORCS – naturally occurring retirement communities. Presentations along this line have been made to several Home Owners Associations in the Germantown area.

In early April, the Social Issues Committee held a Joint meeting with the Transportation Committee to discuss MARC service in the county as well as other transportation services. The featured speaker was Ira Silverman, a Long Ranger.

A second speaker, Gary Erenrich from the County's department of Transportation, discussed possible metro cuts, including ride-on buses and the Metro access programs, which assists special needs people in need of transportation. Finally, Councilman Marc Elrich made a presentation regarding a proposal he has been promoting to bring Rapid Bus Service to the county, through an interlocking system of routes and stations as well as special lanes.

In summary, this has been a trying year for the examination of social issues in the upcounty. The Board believes that the County Executive and its Upcounty Regional Service Center team are doing everything they can do to ease the impact of any budget cuts on the general public as well as professionally address the financial impact of the deep recession on citizens in general. Among other things, representatives of the Regional Service Center have been an instrumental part of the Senior Summit (discussed herein). Moreover, they have hosted numerous sessions, both group and one-on-one aimed at preventing the foreclosures of homes in the Upcounty through the restructuring of existing mortgages.

While trying to assist citizens with the impact of the economic downturn, the Regional Services Center still performs its normal functions working with the Department of Economic Development, the Workforce Development program, and other County agencies and community groups to facilitate both business opportunities and employment in the Upcounty region. They continue to focus especially on the development of the Germantown Town Center, issues with the new public library there as well as issues involved with the relocation of numerous county properties in the Gaithersburg-Shady Grove area. In summary, the Upcounty Regional Services Center serves an important function in not only assisting citizens of the Upcounty on a direct and indirect basis, but also successfully guiding the Board, acting as a liaison between the citizens and the County Executive, through a thicket of significant and often contentious issues.

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board represents more than 300,000 residents in the Upcounty area, north of Shady Grove Road and including the communities of Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Darnestown, Derwood, Dickerson, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Laytonsville, Montgomery Village, North Potomac and Poolesville.

The 20-member Board advises the Director of the Upcounty Government Services Center, the County Executive, elected officials, and government staff. It provides input on which services and programs should be provided and how they will be delivered. The Board reviews and comments on the County's capital and operating budgets and master plans, assists with strategies to tailor services to regional needs, and conducts workshops and forums. Some members represent the Board on other ad hoc committees. Members serve three-year terms without compensation, meeting certain Monday evenings of every month and occasionally on Saturdays. Members are expected to serve on at least one subcommittee, which meets approximately one evening every month on its own schedule. We work with a wide range of social, land use, infrastructure, and public safety issues. We are committed to rational development planning and protection of the Agricultural Reserve, this is particularly relevant to Darnestown, as our community is immediately adjacent to it and the rural village nature reflected in planning and zoning is directly influenced by the Agricultural Reserve. As a representative representing Darnestown, I am committed to communicating issues of importance to our community up to the County government, and carry news and information back to our community. Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns: by phone, 240-683-0103; by email, bob.thompson@comcast.net. Additionally the Board is staffed by the Upcounty Regional Services team. The Director, Catherine Matthews, can be contacted by phone at 240-777-8040 or via email at catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Utility Reliability Committee

by Art Slesinger

There is good and bad news on the utility issues. With respect to electricity delivery, each year the power companies are required to identify to the Public Service Commission, the 10 worst feeders in their system. These reports, due May 1st, outline planned corrective action. We have been told that the major feeder to Darnestown will be on this year's list. We await the list and planned corrective action for our area if this is correct. The current trimming of tree limbs near our power lines is supposed to be part of this effort. The same report does provide outage statistics and more effort is needed to understand how we compare to the rest of Maryland.

With respect to phone lines, the news is not as positive. Verizon entered into a settlement with Public Service Commission on 12/8/2008 based on complaints that go back to 2006 (case 9114). Hence any input from DCA

would be moot. The settlement basis is entirely financial motivation to provide faster repair services. It contains no obligation what so ever to invest in better equipment. It is clear that Verizon is focused entirely on the fiber optic service (FiOS) and the twisted copper pair of old phone lines is destined for oblivion. It is just a matter of time before the service will, in some manner, be dropped. If you experience difficulties getting workable service, the PSC website has a Consumers Corner where you can file a complaint. The best you can expect now is some extra credits on your bill if they fail to restore service in a timely fashion.

Keep your outage information coming so we can better prepare to challenge the providers' plans or arguments of improvements. Art Slesinger can be reached by email at art.slesinger@comcast.net.

Consecration and Dedication of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

by Reverend Ken Howard

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church held the consecration and dedication of its first church building on Sunday, May 10. The service began at 4:00 p.m. and was followed at 6:00 p.m. by festivities, which included a reception with snacks and refreshments. The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington, presided at the service. The Rev. Ken Howard, founding vicar and first rector of the parish, was the preacher.

It was a festive occasion, with attendance approaching 300 people, including clergy and lay representatives of nearly 30 Episcopal Churches from around the Diocese, as well as representatives from most of the local Darnestown churches, synagogues, and mosques.

The new church, located at 15575 Germantown Road, shares an entrance with the Seneca Academy.

Information for newcomers, a calendar of events, and other information can be found at the church's Web site: www.saintnicks.com. Reverend Howard can be reached at 240-631-2800 or by email at rector@saintnicks.com.

Darne Bloomers Garden Club

Deal with It! Deer

by Nettie Koepenick

Well it's that time of year when gardeners are optimistic with thoughts of lush flowering gardens and bountiful crops. Then a quick inventory of your landscape reminds you that your garden is the buffet line for our local deer

population, and this year they seemed to have hit our area especially hard.

According to the Maryland Cooperative Extension handbook, deer are selective feeders. "They forage on plants with considerable discrimination. Landscaping based on a knowledge of deer feeding preferences can provide an alternative to the use of expensive repellents and unsightly physical barriers." It goes on to say that deer are creatures of habit, and prior movement patterns or foraging experience can foretell where damage will occur. Deer are known to feed selectively on fertilized plants. Fertilizing your plants encourages new growth, and it is that new growth that is so attractive to the deer. New plantings added to an existing landscape already severely damaged by deer will likely suffer from some browsing. No plant species will be avoided under all conditions.

With that said, don't despair. You can co-habitate successfully if you follow these simple steps:

First, get rid of plants that deer consider a staple in their diets—trees and shrubs like azaleas, hydrangeas, euonymus, yew, arborvitea, some hollies and roses, and perennials/annuals such as hostas, impatiens, tulips, phlox. You'll know which plants they are in your yard. They are the plants that are eaten down to nubs. I know it seems harsh, but in order to break their routine this step is necessary. This is also your chance to recycle. Give those plants that are deer favorites to friends and family and in exchange they can trade some of the plants that deer don't devour to you.

Some of the varieties that are less attractive to deer are barberry, boxwood, spruce, Japanese pieris, American and Chinese holly, dogwood, English Hawthorn, honey locust, junipers, inkberry, flowering cherry, willows, lilac, wisteria, maples, serviceberry, flowering quince, smokebush, cotoneaster, cedar, witch hazel, rose of sharon, and anything else in your garden that they are not currently eating.

Perennials/annuals and bulbs like daffodils, hyacinth, iris, coreopsis, lambs ear, pachysandra, vinca, salvia, bleeding heart, astilbe, fox glove, artemesia, grape hyacinth, yarrow, catmint, and ornamental grasses are seldom browsed by deer.

You may have to continue to use deer repellents for a season or two until their pattern is broken and remember to reapply after every rain. In the long run it will be worth it and your garden will be blooming with success. Then, on occasion, stop gazing at your beautiful garden and wave to the deer in your neighbor's yard.

From Our Schools...

The Butler School

by Lisa Daly

Butler School's Intermediate students (7th and 8th graders) were recently dropping raw eggs on campus! As part of a physics unit they built a device to support dropping an egg from a height of 12 ft. Students then used a mathematical formula to calculate their score taking into consideration the weight of their device, how far it landed from the drop zone, and whether or not their egg survived. The students had a great time seeing which structures were successful and which produced a mess! The larger project in the physics unit was building new tables for the greenhouse using the information they learned from the unit - because there is more to physics than just raw eggs!

As much as possible, the Intermediate students spend time out of the classroom. The students have two gardens that are used for a variety of lessons. They are growing cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, spinach, onions, roses, daisies, sunflowers, and much more. As another facet of their gardening, the students developed and maintain a school wide composting program. To help roll and aerate the compost, the class constructed a special compost box and trash cans. This device helps them turn the compost into enriched soil with lots of nutrients for the gardens. This summer the learning will continue as sixth, seventh, and eighth year students come to school in weekly sessions to maintain the gardens and sell their produce. The students will sell their vegetables and flowers from the "school store" they constructed to use as a store and use the proceeds toward class projects. They are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labor in the garden and in the store.

Butler School's Intermediate Program is well grounded in Dr. Maria Montessori's vision of an environment for emerging adolescents that meets their cognitive, social, moral, and emotional needs for development. Students individually, and as a group, are involved with causes which they believe in and contribute to meaningfully. Academic needs are met by a rigorous program that includes humanities, language arts, math, science, Spanish, art and music. Workshops and electives are available as students form the desire to study a given subject in greater depth. "Creative Expressions" give students a chance to learn and practice skills under the supervision of an expert in the field. "Creative Expressions" have included: Outdoor Adventure, Trail Maintenance, Greenhouse Gardening, Woodworking, Community Lunch, Video Production and Textile Arts.

Class trips provide experiential opportunities for personal, social and academic growth.

Butler School's Intermediate Program is a fully accredited school by the Maryland State Department of Education. For more information visit www.butlerschool.org or call 301-977-6600.

Darnestown Elementary School

by Kristen Crook

As our school year comes to a close, we are happy to report another successful year of fun and learning at Darnestown Elementary.

This school year marked the 8th year that DES has partnered with Gaithersburg Elementary in the Adopt-A-School program. Gaithersburg Elementary is a Title One school with many students who participate in the free and reduced meals program. Our school has partnered with Gaithersburg Elementary over the years to provide their children with supplies they need in order to have a successful school year.

This year, we held a school supplies and clothing drive in September, a winter clothing drive in October, organized Thanksgiving baskets for families to enjoy a nice holiday dinner, and we held two food drives to supply the school with healthy snacks for backpacks that children are able to take home on the weekends.

In these tough economic times, giving to others can be challenging but our students and parents went overboard to ensure our adopted school got what they needed. Thank you SO much for all that you donated this year.

Science Fair a Huge Success!



John Pleisse, a 2nd grader at Darnestown Elementary, participates at one of the 44 displays at our annual

Science Fair held Monday, April 20th in the gym. Sixty-three participants signed up this year to present experiments such as *Is Cotton Candy Cotton or Candy*, and *What Cleans a Penny the Best*, as well as factual presentations on topics such as the solar system.

We have no definite news on our expansion yet. A recommendation for or against expansion will be made this summer by MCPS superintendent, Dr. Jerry Weast, who did happen to visit our school on April 4th, so perhaps this will help our cause!

Calendar

- June 4 Spring Picnic, 4:00–7:00 p.m.
- June 9 Select Chorus Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- June 15 Fifth Grade Promotion, 10:00 a.m.
- June 15 Kindergarten Ceremony, 1:30 p.m.
- June 16 Last day of school, half day for students

Have a fun summer! See you again on Monday, August 31st, the first day of school!

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Lakelands Park Middle School

By Kathy O'Rourke

The LPMS Falcons have been busy the last few months! January brought exams and our 9th graders registered for HIGH SCHOOL!!!! The 7th grade greatly anticipated the field trip to Medieval Times only to be snowed out that day! Not to worry it was rescheduled for spring!

In February we were entertained by many students and staff at the PTSA Talent Show. Piano playing, singing, a band performance and even some staff members participated! The PTSA also sponsored the annual Scholastic Book Fair to keep everyone reading a good book!

March came in like a lion with lots of activity at LPMS. The MSA's allowed our students to show what they know. They all did a stellar job and gave it their best academic performance. The students were able to celebrate their school and their success at the end of March with Spirit Week!

Our 7th and 8th Grade Chorus received a "Superior" rating (the highest possible) at the County Choral Festival. More recently, our Advanced Band competed in the State Band Festival. They were awarded the rating of "Superior" at our State Festival. The rating of "Superior" is the highest rating and defines the best conceivable performance of a

musical selection. These ratings are due to all the hard work both teachers and students put into their craft!

April allowed for the 7th grade to enjoy a fantastic day at Medieval Times to support their study of the medieval time period. Our 6th Grade trekked out into the wilderness and survived Outdoor Education! A 2 night camp that takes the classroom outside!

Also in April, interviews were conducted for a new Principal. 6 Candidates were interviewed and we are all anxiously awaiting the news (May 12) about our new principal at LPMS.

The Lakeland's Park Middle School Soccer teams are having their most successful seasons ever. Both the girl's team and the boy's team are undefeated. (2-0)!! The boys are coached by Sean Keiller, who is also the assistant coach at Quince Orchard High School, and the girls are coached by Kathleen Tiedeman. This is Coach Tiedeman's first year with the girls, and Coach Keiller's 4th year with the boys. Both teams are representing Lakeland's Park well, and hope to finish the season as successfully as they started.

As we head into June and end of the year, we should take a moment to thank Dr. Lynch for stepping in and doing a great job as Principal. We appreciate all the care and leadership he showed our students and staff of LPMS. We also wish the 8th grade class all the best as they venture out and up to high school. The promotion ceremony takes place on June 12th. Congratulations and best of luck to our class of 2009!

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Mary of Nazareth

Stewarding Our Planet

by Christine Priznar

Students at Mary of Nazareth School demonstrated the bible's tenant that we are the stewards of God's earth this past Earth Day. All grades had some focus about our planet and environment through academics. Some highlights include Kindergarten students creating sculptures of bugs and robots out of recyclable materials. In third grade students created seed balls comprised of soil and wildflower seeds native to Maryland. On Earth Day the students "seeded" sections of grass along the school's long driveway. They threw the seed balls into specific plots of grass to saturate the area with wildflower seeds. Third grade students also planned a butterfly garden. They selected a location on the school's property, planned the

plot, selected the types of flowers they will grow and planted seeds which are growing into seedlings in the school's greenhouse. These projects involved math, science and ecology principles. Following the principle that every day is Earth Day, Mary of Nazareth School fourth grade students are the recycling collectors for the school. Students collect paper and commingled recycling from each classroom. The students plan their collections based on the volume of the waste stream and the capacity for disposal. Earth Day was spent outdoors for the seventh grade students who studied air, water and soil pollution in the school's outdoor classroom. The students collected and analyzed soil, water and air samples from various locations on the school's campus. Mary of Nazareth School students appreciate planet earth and are learning to be responsible citizens and stewards of our environment.

Third Grade Rocks

by Angeline Massaro, Parent Volunteer

The 3rd grade classes of Mrs. Yann and Mrs. Scaletti displayed their school spirit at the Mary of Nazareth Annual Spirit Day Celebration. The celebration is an opportunity for the school's students and athletes to express their school pride and enthusiasm at a school wide pep rally. The 3rd grade students came up with a plan to show their school spirit that included a group banner, a group cheer, individual spirit posters, face & hair paint, enthusiasm and a whole lot of fun. They proceeded to work together and execute the plan with the help of some parent volunteers and their teachers. Their collaborative efforts were rewarded with the School Spirit Stick and bragging rights. Congratulations 3rd Grade. YOU ROCK!

Northwest High School

by Madeline D'Alessio

The Girls Indoor Track team set a new school record. 96% of the team earned the Maryland State Minds in Motion Award for earning a 3.25 unweighted GPA or above while participating in a sport.

Winter Sports Season Jaguar Award Winners (the highest honor for athletic ability, sportsmanship and team devotion) – Bob Norr – Boys Swimming & Diving and Anna D'Alessio - Girls - Swimming & Diving.

Ulysses Spring Senior Research Projects were presented in late April -

Kristen Cornelsen – Views of Art

Kelsey Hudler – Coral Reefs: Rainforests of the Sea

Cody Lang – Changing America's Fuel: Are We Ready?

Dereck Paul – Understanding the Influence: A Study of the Evolution of Classical Music

Matt Wallerstedt – Lifting for Gains

Jacob White is the Editor In Chief of the Northwest Jagwire newspaper. They covered a story about Devon Osborne, who sings for the NW Choral Department and was selected from over 1000 applicants to be inducted into the Disney Academy.

Catharine and Derrick Paul were in Dreamgirls, the high school's spring musical production, Derrick was the male lead. Benjamin and Amanda Shapiro were in the Pit Orchestra for the production.

National Honor Society inductees include: Rita Donson, Corey Norris, Kai Santangelo, Alex Whipp, Cody Hobelmann, Alyssa Henshaw, Bobby Waffle, and Danielle Garrouette.

Bobby Waffle also participated on the NWHS Co-ed Volleyball Team this spring. Bobby Donson played Varsity Baseball and Rita Donson runs distance for the Track team. Katy Lang played Varsity Lacrosse. Hillary Pegnato is playing on the girl varsity lacrosse team this year. She has been playing primarily on defense, but has also spent some time on the offensive side, and scored the go ahead goal against Watkins Mill, the only game in the win column so far this season. The team has been having a tough year, but they have actually been playing better than their record would lead one to believe. DJ Peoples, Jeffrey White, Dennis Miller, and Andrew Simpson played JV Baseball.

Montgomery County schools no longer name a valedictorian. Instead Northwest names the "TOP 25" students based on overall GPA and difficulty of schedule. Class of 2009 honorees include Stefanie Zaner, Joshua Santangelo, Cody Lang, Donna Motabar, Joseph Santangelo, Nick Gummo and Karina Perez-Ayalde. These students and their favorite teachers were honored at a banquet at The Golden Bull.

Class of 2009 college decisions -

Katie Bryson – University of Maryland, Baltimore County in Baltimore, majoring in Biological Science and pursuing a medical degree.

Stevie Callahan – Coastal Carolina University, Wall School of Business in Conway, SC

Kristen Cornelsen – James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA studying Math and Art

Anna D'Alessio – University of Delaware Honors Program, Newark, DE majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Arianna Dastvan – Towson University Honors Program in Towson, MD as a Presidential Scholar

Justin Fakler – UNC Asheville in Asheville, NC

Sean Gordon - Oberlin College - Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, OH

Nick Gummo – Penn State University in University Park, PA

Andrew Haberman – University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL majoring in Computer Science

Chelsea Hoggle – University of South Carolina Business School in Columbia, SC

Kelsey Hudler – Miami University in Oxford, OH

Remi Jeffrey-Coker – Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Richmond, VA

Marlena Juberts – Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI

John Keefer – Colorado State in Fort Collins, CO

Edward Krasniewski – Columbia University in New York, NY

Cody Lang – Clemson University in Clemson, SC on an academic scholarship

Patrick Ledgard – Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, AZ

David Lockman – University of Maryland in College Park

Donna Motobar – University of Maryland in College Park

Bob Norr – Frostburg State University in Frostburg, MD

Mariah Lockwood – Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC

Kyle Neumann – University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC

Dereck Paul – University of Maryland, College Park. He received the Dean's Scholarship at the University of Maryland and was awarded the Christina Clarke Scholarship by the Montgomery County Branch NAACP. Dereck was also recognized at the MCPS Superintendent's All County Performing Arts Awards Gala in May.

Karina Perez-Ayalde – University of Maryland, College Park. She was awarded a full scholarship (Banneker/Key) and was accepted into the school of Architecture.

Myles Petrettiseamon – University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida

Joseph Santangelo – St. Mary's College of Maryland

Joshua Santangelo – St. Mary's College of Maryland

Megan Schaeffer – College of Charleston in Charleston, SC

Amanda Shapiro – University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA

Diana Sisson – Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC

Melissa VanSickle – Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL

Sydney Watts – Temple University's, Tokyo, Japan campus where she will be majoring in Asian studies with a minor in Japanese

Matt Wallerstedt – Clemson University in Clemson, SC

Mick Wallerstedt – University of Richmond in Richmond, VA

Joshua Wheeler – University of Maryland in College Park, MD

Jacob White – Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah

Paolo Zanello – Northeastern University in Boston, MA

Stefanie Zaner – University of Maryland College Park. She will be in the honors program for Chemical and Life Sciences.

I think this is our first Darnestown/Northwest marriage. Caitlin (Katie) Iafolla, Class of 2003 and Jordan Zaner, Class of 2004 were married March 21, 2009. They have been dating since they were students together at NWHS.

After five years of compiling this column my youngest child is graduating. Tracy Callahan has graciously agreed to continue the column. Starting this summer you can send him your updates at Tracy@TracyCallahan.net

Ridgeview Middle School

by Holly Parker, PTSA President

Ridgeview Middle School has had much to celebrate this spring as two of our wonderful staff members received county awards and were honored at the Maryland Business Roundtable Gala held in April.

Autumn Moore Myers is an 8th grade science teacher and team leader at Ridgeview. She was a recipient of the prestigious 2009 Marion Greenblatt Excellence In Education Award. Mrs. Myers is well known in the Ridgeview community for her energy and excellence in the classroom and leadership within the school. Present and past students attended a program where Mrs. Myers was given her award. She is now a finalist for the 2009 MCPS teacher of the year award.

Feri Jahanmir, a member of the Darnestown community, received the 2009 MCPS Support Services Staff

Member of the Year award for the work that she does at Ridgeview. Feri works in the school office, helps during the lunch periods at school, and works with the PTSA to coordinate all of the school volunteers. Mrs. Jahanmir also volunteers over a thousand hours a year at our school. Her smiling face greets each person who comes into our school and students, staff, and parents love her.

The PTSA is busy finishing up all of the school activities for the year and planning for the 2009/2010 school year. The school calendar, forms, and PTSA information are all available on the school web site: www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/ridgeviewms. Please visit the site for specific school information. Holly Parker can be reached at Cobbparker@aol.com.

Seneca Academy/The Circle School

by Brooke Carroll

We have had several wonderful community events recently that have made us all feel very connected and proud of our school. Earth Day was a wonderful working time with all K-8 and many preschool classes working in and around the school. I hope you all were able to read the Gazette article about our 5th/6th graders and the planting of our wonderful Sensory Garden. In addition, Mr. Fisher, our 3rd/4th grade teacher had his students submit posters in the Fitzgerald Auto Mall Earth Day competition. One of our 4th graders, Emily Gebhardt won an honorable mention!! Our first ever "Trash to Treasures" sale on Saturday, April 25th was a definite success. The teachers who worked on this event, lead by Kindergarten teacher Pam Hauck, had a fun time and we raised a large amount of money for the school!! We look forward to making this an annual event. We participated in the first annual Kentland Day festival on Saturday, May 2nd. I drove the bus—filled with waving students—in the parade! Our Art and Music night was very well attended. The artwork on our walls, facilitated by Art Teacher Diane Blake is outstanding (as usual). We had musical performances by a preschool class, our 2nd graders, and our 5th/6th graders as well as by the choir and band. Music and art are both so strong in our school and very much appreciated by students and parents alike. We had grandparents in to visit on Monday May 4th. This is always a wonderful time for students to share their school with family and friends. We had LOTS of visitors in spite of the pouring rain! Cinco de Mayo was celebrated by our K-8th grade students with a fiesta hosted by our 7th/8th graders. It included dancing, singing and snacks. ¡Que bueno!

We look forward to May 16th when our band and choir students and family members will travel to Hershey Park

to compete against other schools and then enjoy the amusement park. Wish us luck!

As our school year nears the end, we are beginning to gear up for summer camp! Camp Seneca is shaping up to be another fun-filled time of creativity, exploration and adventure. We are offering 3 camps this summer: one for younger children, one for elementary children, and one for older elementary and middle school musicians. Our "Passport to the World" camp is for 4 year olds through rising 1st graders and is from 9-1:30 daily from the last week of June through the end of July. Campers explore art, music, cooking, dance, and stories from around the world as well as have plenty of time to play outside on our playground and in the sprinkler! This wonderfully engaging camp has been a tradition in Darnestown and is a great way to introduce young children to a camp experience.

Older children will like our "Art and Adventure" camp which runs from 9-3:30 daily the last full week of June and from July 6-10. Rising 1st graders through rising 5th graders will explore many types of art in the mornings and will then head off to a variety of adventures in the afternoons! After creating masterpieces of artwork, explorations in our backyard as well as field trips to go hiking, boating, and seeing shows will keep campers active and engaged!

Our newest camp offering is "Band and Adventure" which runs from 9-3:30 daily July 13-17 and July 20-24th for rising 5th through rising 8th grade brass and wind musicians. Young band students will have the opportunity to improve both individual and group skills as they practice and perform age appropriate band literature. Their afternoons will be filled with exciting adventures both here at Seneca and away (see above).

All of our Seneca Camps are taught by our own teachers who know the Seneca Academy/Circle School philosophy and practices of providing nurturing, developmentally appropriate and engaging curricula. We have limited openings and welcome Darnestown residents to consider joining us! Information is on our website www.senecaacademy.org or you can call the school at 301-869-3728.

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Thomas Jefferson Preparatory

by Susie Gooch and Michelle Wentz

Spring began with things a'hoppin' at Thomas Jefferson Prep School. Our certification for 8th grade is complete

and we had a solid turnout at our Open House. Things are looking good for enrollment in all grades for the 2009-2010. Rehearsals are currently underway for our spring production of "Annie", and not even the rain kept our kids indoors!

Score! Learning Centers hosted an open call spelling bee for young students in the Darnestown/Rockville/Kentlands area. To our pleasant surprise, two TJP students placed among the top scorers! Michael Yeh, 7th grade, placed 1st in the bee, and Brian Zhu, 3rd Grade, placed second. Congratulations, men!

TJP's field trips this spring have been terrific! 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades journeyed to the Kennedy Center to enjoy "Rhythm", a show about different instruments, their rhythm patterns, and the rhythm of life all around us. It was an honor to join in with members of the National Symphony Orchestra and enjoy the instrument "petting zoo" after the show! 2nd and 3rd Grades also participated in "Rainforest Alive" at the Smithsonian Discovery Center, which introduced them to the creatures that live in the Rainforest or in a rainforest climate. Along with many other fascinating reptiles from the rainforest, the students were able to get up close and personal with a Burmese Python named Sunshine and its cousin, the bearded dragon named Mrs. Beardy. Meanwhile, TJP's upper grades got to take in a different kind of wild animal. In Literature class, 4th thru 7th grades studied Jack London's Call of the Wild and then had the pleasure to take in a performance of the show at the Olney Theatre.

I'd like to shine a major spotlight on our art program this month as well. Ms. Talia Rizzo, our wonderful and talented art teacher, encouraged the students to participate in the AAA 65th Annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest. Over 500 posters from all grade levels were judged on a regional level (Philadelphia Metro Area, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Delaware, Maryland, Richmond, VA and the Washington D.C. area). The Regional Second Place K-2 winner was our very own 2nd grader Gabriel Balannik. He won a Visa Gift Card, a certificate, AAA Atlas, notebook and sidewalk chalk. His art will also be framed and presented to him by an AAA representative. Honorable Mention Placement 3-5 was bestowed upon 4th grader Amal Moosa and 3rd grader Madison Middleton. Gabriel's, Amal's and Madison's artwork were then submitted for national judging! We wish them all the best and congratulations! Ms. Rizzo was also presented with a certificate of Appreciation for her hard work with our students!

TJP's 2009 annual overseas Spring Break trip was our most successful to date. (In past years, we have visited

the UK, Wales, France, and Italy.) This year, we traveled exclusively to Ireland, where we enjoyed nine very rare days of complete sunshine! We visited the Ailwee Cave and the Cliffs of Moher in Galway, Bunratty Castle, Kilarney, the Ring of Kerry, and the Bog Village in County Kerry, the Blarney Castle, the city of Cork and the village of Queenstown (or Cobh as the Irish refer to the town) in Cork, Kilkenny, Kildare, and finally Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. The highlight of our trip was our visit to the Nigerian Consulate in Dublin, where we had been invited to dine with the Nigerian Ambassador to Ireland. Next year, we are traveling to Germany, Austria, and Lichtenstein! As always, TJP's annual overseas trips are open to our neighbors in the Darnestown community. For more information, please visit our website at www.tjprep.org and click the International Trips link.

We at TJP are very grateful for all of the hard work put in by our teachers and students to make our school everything that it can be! Here's to the little school that could!

Perfect Attendance

by Debbie Zaner

Stefanie Zaner will graduate from Northwest High School on June 11 along with over 400 other students. What makes her unique is that she has never missed a day of school starting from the first day of kindergarten at Darnestown Elementary School. That makes for thirteen consecutive years of perfect attendance. Stefanie's accomplishment is partly due to good health plus a conscious effort by her parents to schedule vacations and other appointments when school is not in session.

Larry Chep was the principal at Darnestown Elementary when Stefanie began kindergarten. One of his goals was to improve the rate of attendance, so he gave out "Perfect Attendance" awards each quarter. Stefanie saw this as an easy way to earn recognition, so she made sure not to miss any days. Carol LeVine, principal at Ridgeview Middle School, also recognized students for perfect attendance, and Stefanie continued earning awards. Northwest High School does not recognize students for perfect attendance, but Stefanie made it her personal challenge to be present every day. When the marching band scheduled a trip to China during the fall of her freshman year, Stefanie contacted Principal Morrison to ensure that if she went, her perfect attendance record would remain intact. Almost four years later, her attendance record is unblemished.



Colleges do not give scholarships for perfect attendance, but being in school every day has helped Stefanie maintain a perfect 4.0 unweighted GPA. She will be attending the University of Maryland next fall and she will certainly try not to miss any days while she is there. Good luck Stefanie!

Quince Orchard Library

By Elizabeth Cookson

Quince Orchard Library welcomed Ann Stillman as the new Library Manager. Ann has worked in the County library system for many year and had recently moved to QO so we are fortunate that she became the new Manager. Michele Sellars, who was Library Manager for three years, has moved to the Rockville Library in administration.

The Tenth Annual Community Day will take place Saturday, June 20. There will be lots of music on the lawn, the BIG book sale, many activities for children, popcorn and ice cream, community representatives, and promotion for the Summer Reading Program.

Penny Theatre is alive and well at QO. Programs for the three to five year olds are put on every month during the winter and spring seasons and are always fully booked. QO is now the only library with a group of volunteers putting on Penny Theatre.

The budget, as you know, is severely cut this year so you may not find the books you want on the shelves. The library is always willing to see if they are held elsewhere so allow some time if you know you need a particular book.

The Washington Post wrote an article about the increased use of libraries in these difficult economic times. In line with the increased need for help, the Advisory Committee and Friends arranged a series of workshops in March to assist with resume writing and job hunting. The workshops were presented by Lisa Stern of Montgomery Works.

Darnestown resident, Dr. William Phillips will talk about his research at NIST on October 24. Dr. Phillips is a Nobel Laureate in Physics for 1997. He travels extensively and we are very lucky that he has agreed to take the time to talk at the library. He is known as an extremely entertaining and enlightening speaker.

The Book sale is the first Saturday of the month except in June when it takes place on Community Day.

Because of the lack of space at the library, please check the drop off dates before coming with your book donation. We really need books and are sorry that you can't drop them off anytime.

Dates to Remember

Community Day—June 20
Dr. Phillips talk—October 24

Darnestown Book Clubbers Converge in Pennsylvania

by Pam DuBois

Strolling though the sculpture garden at Kentuck Knob, a Frank Lloyd Wright home near another known as Fallingwater, Darnestown book clubbers meet and greet. Having recently read *Loving Frank* and *The Women*, both books about the infamous architect, everyone was inspired to see for themselves. That's where Monica Dean, Laurie Clay and Pam DuBois met Marlene Gillespie and are currently in the process of exchanging book club reading selections. Who would have thought?



Expand Social Connections and Make New Friends

by Lynda Slesinger

Local area Social Club welcomes new residents and also those in life transition (lifestyle changes, retirement, etc.). We offer an extensive variety of fun social activities through the *Gaithersburg Area Newcomers Club*.

For more information or to receive a Newsletter, contact DCA Member, Lynda Slesinger at 301-990-1067 or email Lynda.bradley@comcast.net.

The Little Acorn Co-Rec Softball League

by Steve Ellis



There is still time for adults to join your neighborhood co-rec softball team that play against other Darnestown teams at the Darnestown Local Park on Sunday evenings. Some experience is needed, even if long ago. Please call Steve Ellis 301-330-0699 for questions and to find out your team captains

With the Rollinmead team joining the Ancient Mountain Quails we now have 5 teams this year and play a total of 20 games. With the previous 6 team format we tried to play 30 games a season. It should be much easier to make-up any rain-outs and postponed games with the 5 team schedule.

Long time player and a multi-year captain of the Bondy-Haddonfield-Ridgefield team, Tom Wheeler, has decided to become mostly a spectator this year. Tom and Janet have helped lead their B-H-R team to several championships over the last decade or more.

At the Captains' Meeting held in March at the Dogfish Head Alehouse (was to be held at Ernie's/Quincy's but for renovations that Sunday), Dave Bivans, a captain of the Highlands team, was unanimously approved to become the next softball commissioner for the league. He will formally assume that position at the September DCA town meeting. We appreciate Dave's willingness and ability to take on this role.

Benefit for Madison House Foundation

by Lindsey Hoggle

Madison House Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was founded by JaLynn & Gregory Prince in August 2008 & named for their son Madison, who is autistic.

Madison Prince, now 19, brought the Princes into the world of autism when he was diagnosed at age 3. During the following years, they worked with doctors, educators & other specialists as they became intimately aware of this complex disorder.

Much progress has been made in the diagnosis of young children & early education intervention. But as these individuals get older, fewer options exist. As these

individuals become adults, they are faced with the same challenges as all other adults—jobs, housing, transportation & formulating a life—yet autism makes it impossible without help & complex planning.

Aging parents want to know that their adult children will be properly taken care of when they are no longer around. Autistic adults need to have structure where they can live, be as productive as possible & reside in a safe environment. Madison House Foundation is positioning itself to help families work with educators, physicians, social & vocational specialists in the complex area of the autism spectrum.

The Centers for Disease Control reports that 1 in 150 births fall under the Autism Spectrum Disorder. The number of autistic children expected to need extensive services in the next 15 years is more than 380,000. Madison House Foundation was formed to identify sustainable solutions for adults with autism as they transition to a successful adult life. We appreciate continued community support in this endeavor.

Folk Music Party
Benefiting
MADISON HOUSE FOUNDATION
Saturday, June 6, 2009

Anticipated guests include more than 300 business leaders and area residents. NBC News4 anchor Joe Krebs will serve as Master of Ceremony. Entertainment will be provided by the *Fabulous Limelites*, a 1960s folk band (“Things go better with Coca Cola”). One-hundred percent of the auction profits will benefit families coping with autism.

To register, please visit the following Web site: www.madisonhousefoundation.org/register/folk-music-party

Mystery on Esworthy Road

by Elizabeth Cookson

The black barn cat named Indie enjoyed dinner in the barn on Esworthy Road. His dinner was served in an elegant plastic bowl which sat on a step inside the barn. This routine had been going on for some years.

One morning, his bowl was not there. Carolyn looked for it everywhere. Where had Indie put it? The next day she placed a new bowl on the step. The following day the bowl was gone.

Carolyn looked everywhere, across the fields and round the house and barn. She even called the neighbors, but no-one had seen the cat's dish. She wondered who was

visiting the barn at night and going off with the bowl. Was it human, animal, ET or other?

During the week, she was used to placing the bag of cat food in a bin in the store room behind a door in the barn. One day the food was all over the floor, trailing everywhere. Who had done that?

Running out of bowls, Carolyn began giving Indie his dinner on a paper plate. Soon after, the paper plate appeared on the neighbor's driveway with teeth marks on it.

Who is haunting the barn? Maybe Indie knows!

Berryville Road Residents Keep Roadside Litter-Free

by Charles Popenoe

Last year Berryville Rd. residents gathered one sunny Saturday in April to work together picking up and disposing of roadside litter along Berryville Rd. A short morning of work was all it took to clean up years of litter along 2 miles of this scenic and beautiful rustic road. Since then, it has required just occasional attention here and there by committed residents to keep the roadside beautiful and litter-free all year round.

The beauty of all of the roads in Darnestown and similar semi-rural communities is under assault by drivers who throw trash as well as instances of commercial dumping. Unfortunately, there is little we can do to control the behavior of litterers. We can (and should) report dumping to the Montgomery County Illegal Dumping hotline at 240-777-DUMP. But unless you have solid evidence to provide, there is little the County can do about it other than make a record of the incident. Most of the control of this pervasive blight is in our own hands. By organizing with our neighbors we can easily clean up roadside litter and keep our roadsides beautiful all by ourselves.

Roadside litter usually has accumulated over a period of decades. Aluminum and plastic take 200+ years to degrade. So unless someone picks up these items, they remain where they are, building up over the years, and become an enduring eyesore as well as an environmental hazard. However, once a roadside is cleaned up, keeping up with any new litter is an easy job. In addition, one could make a strong case that keeping the roadside clean makes people think twice about tossing trash from their car or being the first to litter pristine nature.

Darnestown residents are encouraged to organize similar roadside clean-ups near your homes, especially on park or other non-residential land that does not get regular care. We cannot count on government or other services

to clean up our roadsides. If each Darnestown resident makes an effort to pick up a little trash here and there, all of our roadsides will be beautiful and litter-free year round. Carry a plastic bag in your car, or when you walk or ride your bike. When you see some unsightly litter, safely pull over and bag it! If you have your trashcan or recycling bin out for collection you can deposit the litter there for easy disposal. By taking responsibility for our roadways we can show our civic pride and keep Darnestown beautiful and litter-free.

Please contact me at chas@charlespopenoe.com with any ideas or thoughts you have on the subject of roadside litter. Thank you!

Information for Newcomers

If you are a new resident of Darnestown, welcome to our neighborhood! The information on this page should be helpful and will introduce you to some things that give Darnestown a sense of community.

The Darnestown Civic Association, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation originally formed in 1967, which represents the interests of Darnestown area residents in all matters pertaining to the welfare of Darnestown and its residents. The general purposes of the DCA are explained in its bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Payment of annual dues (\$25 per individual or family) enables you to vote on issues during Town Meetings.

The fiscal year of the DCA is July 1 through June 30, and annual dues billing statements are mailed out at the end of June each year, although dues may be paid any time during a given year. Current officers of the DCA are listed on Page 2 of *The Little Acorn*.

Mailing Address:

Darnestown Civic Association
14100 Darnestown Road
Darnestown, MD 20874

Boundaries: Since Darnestown is not incorporated, it has no official boundaries. The activities and focus of the DCA include an area of some 12 square miles, centered approximately at the intersection of Maryland Routes 28 and 112 (Darnestown Road and Seneca Road). Maps are available at Town Meetings.

The Little Acorn newsletter is published quarterly, in March, June, September and December. Its name derives from its origin as a tiny newsletter in the Ancient Oak subdivision more than 20 years ago. Now it is mailed (3rd class) to every residential address that we have in our DCA data base. Volunteers, based on information from membership remittance form and our Welcome

Committee, maintain this name and address file. The newsletter should arrive in your mailbox early in each of the above months. If you don't receive an issue, please contact the editor or any DCA officer. Publication of *The Little Acorn* is entirely a volunteer effort except for the printing and mailing.

Town Meetings are held quarterly by the DCA, usually on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of March, June, September and December in the Fellowship Hall of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church at the intersection of Route 28 and Turkey Foot Road. Meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m., but are not called to order until 7:45 to allow some time for meeting neighbors, etc. Each issue of *The Little Acorn* features an announcement about the upcoming Town Meeting.

Annual Meeting and Election of DCA Officers coincide with the Town Meeting in June. Nominations are announced in June edition of *The Little Acorn* in advance of the Annual Meeting in accordance with the bylaws of the GDCA.

Telephone Directory: Every two years, the DCA publishes a directory of residents' names, addresses and phone numbers and mails it to every residential address in our database. To obtain a copy of the Directory, call Sarah Scherer at 240-683-8533 or sarahscherer@comcast.net. They are only available while supplies last.

Organizations, Clubs, Groups, PTAs, etc., provide much of the social interaction that give any area a sense of community. Below are many of Darnestown's:

Barnesville School

21830 Peach Tree Road
Barnesville, MD 20838
301-972-0341
Jaralyn Hough, Head of School

Boy Scout Troop 1094

Scoutmaster Bud Wildman (301-990-8318)

Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts

Cathy Sharpe (301-519-9520)

Butler School

15951 Germantown Road
Beckie Hardie, Academic Head (301-977-6600)

Circle School/Seneca Academy

15601 Germantown Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
Brooke Carroll, Head of School (301-869-3728)

Darne Bloomers Garden Club

Karen Hinrichsen, President
Betsy Kingman, Membership (301-921-1988)

Darnestown Civic Association

14100 Darnestown Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
Lisa Patterson-Troiike, President (301-548-0999)

Darnestown Elementary School

15030 Turkey Foot Road
Darnestown, MD 20878
Laura Colgary, Principal (301-840-7157)

Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club

P. O. Box 3574
Darnestown, MD 20885
Jeannie Tucker, Membership (Jeannietucker@aol.com)

Friends of the Library-Quince Orchard Chapter

Membership, Elizabeth Cookson
301-869-6326

Jones Lane Elementary School

15110 Jones Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Carole Sample, Principal
301-840-8160

Kehilat Shalom

9915 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20886
301-869-7699

Lakelands Park Middle School

1200 Main Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Jerome Lynch, Principal
301-670-1400

Mary of Nazareth School

14131 Seneca Road, Darnestown, MD 20874
Michael J. Friel, Principal
301-869-0940

Quince Orchard Community Library

Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
240-777-0200

Northwest High School

12501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown, MD 20874
Sylvia Morrison, Principal
301-601-4660

Quince Orchard High School

15800 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Ms. Carole Working, Principal
301-840-4686

Ridgeview Middle School

16600 Raven Rock Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Dr. Carol Levine, Principal
301-840-4770

Thomas Jefferson Preparatory

12801 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, MD 20878
Susie Gooch, Head of School
301-330-7550

Trout Unlimited

Seneca Valley Chapter, #369
website: <http://senecavalleytu.org/>
Charles August (csaaugust@comcast.net), Secretary
240-401-8669

Places of Worship

Additions to the places of worship listed here are most welcome. Please send relevant contact information to acorneditor@comcast.net.

If your not-for-profit organization is hosting an event open to the public, and you'd like help getting the word out, send a paragraph with the relevant details to acorneditor@comcast.net before deadline, and we'll be glad to include it in the next issue of *The Little Acorn*.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Kentlands Ward, 16 Kent Gardens Circle
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878
301-972-4638
240-631-0796

Darnestown Presbyterian Church

Rt. 28 & Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown, MD 20878
301-948-9127
www.darnestownpc.org

Dawsonville Mennonite Church

16500 Whites Ferry Road, Poolesville, Maryland
301-874-8672

Fairhaven United Methodist Church

12801 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, MD 20878
301-330-5433

First Church of Christ, Scientist

300 E Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, Md. 20877
301-977-6544

Gaithersburg Chinese Alliance Church

13101 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-869-8343
www.gcacmd.org

Germantown Baptist Church

1740 Riffle Ford Road, Germantown, MD 20874
301-428-3622
www.germantownbaptist.org

Kehilat Shalom

9915 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20886
301-869-7699
mail@KehilatShalom.org
www.KehilatShalom.org

Or Chadash

23 W. Diamond Ave., # 203, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-972-6426
www.cong-orchadashmd.org

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

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

Poplar Grove Baptist Church

14625 Jones Lane, North Potomac, MD 20878
301-330-5054
www.poplargrovebaptistchurch.org

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

11900 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-869-3666
www.poplutheran.org

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church

14419 Darnestown Road, Darnestown, MD 20874

(entrance at Seneca Academy, 15601 Germantown Rd.)
240-631-2800
www.SaintNicks.com

Seneca Community Church

13900 Berryville Road, Germantown, MD 20874
301-869-9326

Shaare Torah

1409 Main Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-869-9842

Sugarloaf Congregation of Unitarian Universalists

16913 Germantown Road
Germantown, MD 20874-3013
301-540-0575
www.scuu.org

Temple Beth Ami

14330 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD 20852
301-340-6818
www.bethami.org

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville

100 Welsh Park Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
301-762-7666; www.uucr.org

Cool and refreshing apps... Darne-perfect for summer entertaining!

Shrimp Pâté

Use a fish-shaped mold for a unique special effect.

30 ounces canned shrimp
1 small onion, minced
½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
⅓ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons lemon juice

1. Mash shrimp well.
2. Add onion
3. Melt butter and pour over shrimp, mixing well.
4. Add mayonnaise and lemon juice, mixing well.
5. Pack into mold.
6. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours, Remove from mold.

Must prepare ahead.

Hint: Serve with cocktail sauce and crackers

Joanne LeFebvre

Yield: 4 cup mold

Crabmeat Cocktail Ball

Super summer appetizer:

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
3 tablespoons minced onion
½ pound or more fresh crabmeat
½ cup chili sauce
⅓ cup ketchup
3 tablespoons horseradish
1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Fresh parsley
Lemon wedges

1. In a bowl, combine cream cheese, onion, and crabmeat and mix by hand.
2. Shape into a ball and place on a serving platter.
3. Mix remaining ingredients, except parsley and lemon wedges.
4. Spread over top of ball.
5. Garnish with parsley and lemon wedges.
6. Serve with crackers.

Hint: You can use a little more crabmeat if you want!

Ann (Doodie) Sullivan

Yield: One cheese ball

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dca@darnestowncivic.org

Darnestown Civic Association Membership Form

Please make check payable to Darnestown Civic Association and mail
with this completed form to

DCA Membership, 15711 Pagano Lane, Darnestown, MD 20874

2009 Membership

Annual Dues \$25

Friends \$50

Sponsorship \$100

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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in Darnestown

New to Darnestown
(existing address)

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in mail

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