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President's Corner

Notes from the President

By Scott Mostrom



Back in my freshman year of college, I decided to sign up for a western philosophy class. I'm not sure why, but I guess I figured it would stay true to the "liberal arts" experience and fit in, though oddly, with my physics, politics, and Japanese classes. There was a lot of discussion on Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, as well as thick reading and sleepy lectures on abstract concepts around society, freedom, and humans' roles in society.

Now, I did okay in college, but philosophy wasn't my strong suit. I once finished up an important paper on "posterity" around 2 a.m.—one that I admit I'd started earlier that day—and was convinced (at 2 a.m. anyway) it was truly groundbreaking material. When I got my grade back I realized it was not only *not* groundbreaking, but I'd used the term "prosperity" instead of "posterity" throughout the entire paper.

One thing that really stuck with me from that though (along with starting papers a little earlier) was the concept of *The Tragedy of the Commons*. Quoting Aristotle, it's simply "What is common to many is taken least care of, for all men have greater regard for what is their own than for what they possess in common with others." That makes sense to me and is human nature. We're all going to get trash off of our own driveway before we start cleaning up Rt. 28.

However, there is a balance to strike and each of us has our own role, in our own way, in helping to take

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What's Happening in Darnestown

Further details can be found in this issue.

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DCA Town Meeting and Election of Officers for 2021-2022 (see page 4)

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August 1, 2021

Deadline for next issue of *The Little Acorn*
acorn@darnestowncivic.org

September 18, 2021

Molly's 7th Annual ASAP Walk & Roll for a CURE (see page 3)

Friday, October 8, 2021

50th Annual Hoedown

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Do You Think

We Need Better Roads?

**Lower speed limits? Safer intersections?
More sidewalks?**

Be on the lookout for a survey from the DCA Roads Task Force on how you would like to improve the roads in our community.

Help create the future of Darnestown!

For more information, please visit:

darnestowncivic.org/rftfsurvey

**Remember: You can view the *The Little Acorn* online in full color and with clickable links.
Go to darnestowncivic.org.**

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care of the “commons.” I think of *The Tragedy of the Commons* often when I think about the DCA and what we do. At our core we are a steward and our primary role is just that—to care for and protect the “commons” of Darnestown. The DCA has been a steward for more than 50 years and the town we live in today is special because of the work done several decades ago and the work that continues to be done.

Among those who have played an important role is Bruce Dep-
pa (for whom the DCA has a scholarship named in his memo-
ry). Bruce’s tireless work, spanning more than three decades,
included some critical planning efforts. Along with his team at
the time, those efforts have made Darnestown the unique, spe-
cial place—really unlike any other in the County—that we’re
able to call home.

Another critical planning period is upon us and over the next
several years there will be County plans finalized for development
and growth that, while they may not have an immediate impact,
certainly will have a significant impact on what Darnestown looks
like decades from now. We are also leading more immediate ef-
forts, towards the same end goal, to address road safety issues and
key intersections in town.

Bruce had a great team back then and the DCA is fortunate to be
amassing an incredible team now that’s already influencing the
long-term planning drafts from the County. As a steward respon-
sible for the “commons” of Darnestown, we’re guided by the
majority sentiment of our residents. We’ll do our best to keep you
informed, solicit your direct input, and I encourage you to be as
engaged as you can. We’re all in this together for Darnestown’s
posterity . . . and prosperity too.

DCA Virtual Town Meeting

June 17, 2021 • 7:30 p.m.

The link to join virtually will be available at
www.darnestowncivic.org, by email,
and on the Darnestown Facebook page.

The DCA is looking for a member to fill the Secretary position

Duties of the Secretary

- Attend, take notes, and prepare minutes of executive board and general meetings
- Prepare and email Action Items from executive board meetings

If you are interested in taking a more active role in the DCA,
please contact dca@darnestowncivic.org.

Other Ways the DCA is Working for You

Whole of Darnestown

Community volunteer and communication initiatives to support the wellbeing of Dar-
nestown residents. For more details please
visit <https://darnestowncivic.org/wod/>

Roads Task Force

The DCA has a group of volunteers dedi-
cated to increasing safe, healthy, equitable
mobility for all. We want your input on
what’s important to you. **See page 1** for a
link to the survey.

DCA Scholarship Opportunities

The DCA offers two scholarship opportu-
nities for high school seniors who reside in
Darnestown: The Darnestown Civic Asso-
ciation (DCA) Scholarship and The Bruce
Deppa Scholarship program. Application
deadline was May 15th but the recipi-
ent will be announced at our June Town
Meeting. For more details please visit
darnestowncivic.org/dca-scholarship.

Community Events

Softball, Food Trucks, Farmers Markets and
more. The DCA hosts community events in
an effort to bring residents of Darnestown
together. **See pages 3-5** for details on our
latest community events.

All DCA efforts are supported by our
members. To become a member, please
visit darnestowncivic.org/memberships
or use the form on **page 23**.

Dust off your boots and save the date!

Darnestown’s
50th Annual Hoedown
is Friday,
October 8, 2021

Community Interest

Darnestown Springs Into the Season!

By Stephanie Kunkle

As the weather began to warm and the cherry blossoms bloomed, Darnestown neighbors emerged from hibernation and started to reconnect. We were thrilled to have an action-packed social calendar in April as we launched our first ever Food Truck Thursdays. For four consecutive Thursdays at the Darnestown Swim and Racquet Club, the community came together in a socially-distanced manner and listened to live acoustic guitar from Darnestown's own Billy Herrington and dined on an eclectic variety of foods including tacos, poutine, gyros, cookies, African dishes, and southern-style BBQ. Kids ran around and adults relaxed with friends... it was a great time for all! In fact, we had such positive feedback that we will be bringing back another block of Food Truck Thursdays later in 2021. Stay hungry!

We continued to welcome in spring with the first Darnestown Artisan's and Farmer's Market of 2021 on Saturday, May 1st. We were thrilled to have over 35 vendors offering an array of exciting items and services to share with their neighbors. A few highlights of the morning were Butler's Orchard with their incredible selection of produce; Pleasant Hills Farm's fresh flowers that were picked that very morning; The Surrey displaying their wide range of incredible items; handmade jewelry and baked goods including multiple booths from local teenagers, and unique woodworking furniture. Every vendor offered something special creating a

market that reminded us all what's so special about the Darnestown community.

DCA Co-Ed Adult Softball is BACK!

By Dave Bivans

Like so many things over the past year, we've missed the friendly camaraderie and competition of neighborhood softball up at our local Darnestown park. The schedule was pushed back a week in mid-April to allow for additional vaccinations to take hold and then a rain-out delayed Opening Day another week. BUT that all changed on a partly cloudy Sunday, May 2nd with Jones Lane challenging the reigning, albeit 2019, DCA softball champion Central Darnestown Swingers (CDS). The game was pretty close throughout the game, but CDS managed a respectable 14 runs to defeat JL who tallied 8. CDS were greatly aided by the sure bat of Steve Waechter going 4-for-4 to start the season with his usual 1.000 batting average.

Games are set to resume May 16th and will continue into August each Sunday afternoon/evening, with the exception of holiday weekends. All Darnestown homeowners (and resident men 29+ and women 24+) can join a team, and ALL of Darnestown is welcome to cheer on their favorite squad. Please contact Dave Bivans (softball@darnestowncivic.org) if you're interested in playing or desire additional information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Molly's 7th Annual ASAP Walk & Roll for a CURE!!!

**Has a new twist!
COLOR SPLASH!!!!**

When: September 18, 2021

Where: Bretton Woods Recreation Center



It has been a difficult year for everyone! Let's have a SAFE, SOCIALLY DISTANCED, MASK WORN, WALK & ROLL + COLOR SPLASH for a CURE!!!!!!!!!!

I hope to see you all on September 18th!

To register go to: <https://www.wizathon.com/mollys-asap-walknroll/?p=register>

To donate go to: <https://www.wizathon.com/mollys-asap-walknroll/?p=sponsor&participantid=87430>

2021 Executive Board Elections

By Amber Colleran

In preparation for the June town meeting, in accordance with the bylaws, a nominating committee has been established to prepare a list of candidates for the DCA Executive Board. This year the nominating committee includes Amber Colleran, Pam DuBois and Guy Armantrout. The committee has identified the following individuals, who are interested in continuing their roles on the Board, however, we are still looking for someone to serve as Secretary. If you have lived in Darnestown for at least 3 years and are interested in taking a more active role in the Civic Association, please let us know by reaching out to me at dca@darnestowncivic.org. The slate of proposed officers are:

President:	Scott Mostrom
Vice President:	Tim Sanders
Secretary:	VACANT
Treasurer:	Gretchen Brown
Trustee:	Paul Klee, Scott Damiecki, Stephanie Kunkle

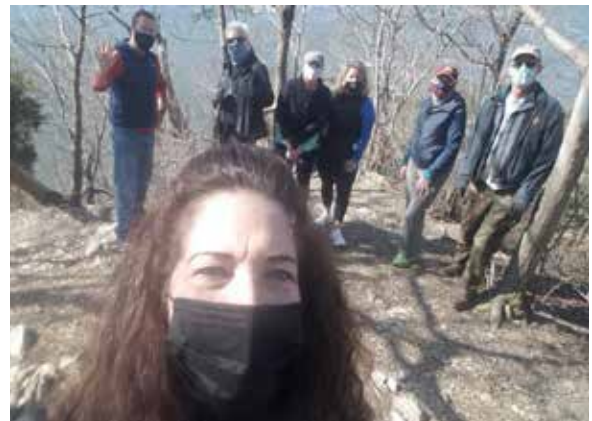
The DCA is always looking for additional leaders from our community to provide their insight and support for the Association. If you're interested in becoming more engaged with the Board or supporting one of the committees, please let us know.

DCA Hiking Series #1 2021 is a Wrap!

By Pam DuBois

Our "Spring Fling" hike through Blockhouse Point Conservation Park turned out to be another spectacular day. We started at the trailhead on River Road and meandered for a good 1.5 hours (approximately 3.5 miles). Our destination, Blockhouse Point along the Potomac River, is where Union sentries once watched from a blockhouse during the Civil War.

Participants included Scott Mostrom, Gretchen Brown, Stephanie Kunkle, Ann Satsangi, Matt Quinn, David Bivans and myself. Invitations to these quarterly hikes are sent a week or two prior via email to our membership and posted on Facebook. Let the DCA know your favorite local trails at membership@darnestowncivic.org.



Darnestown Village Center Vibe

By Pam DuBois

As part of a periodic column in The Little Acorn, included below is information on developments and businesses located in the Darnestown Village Center.

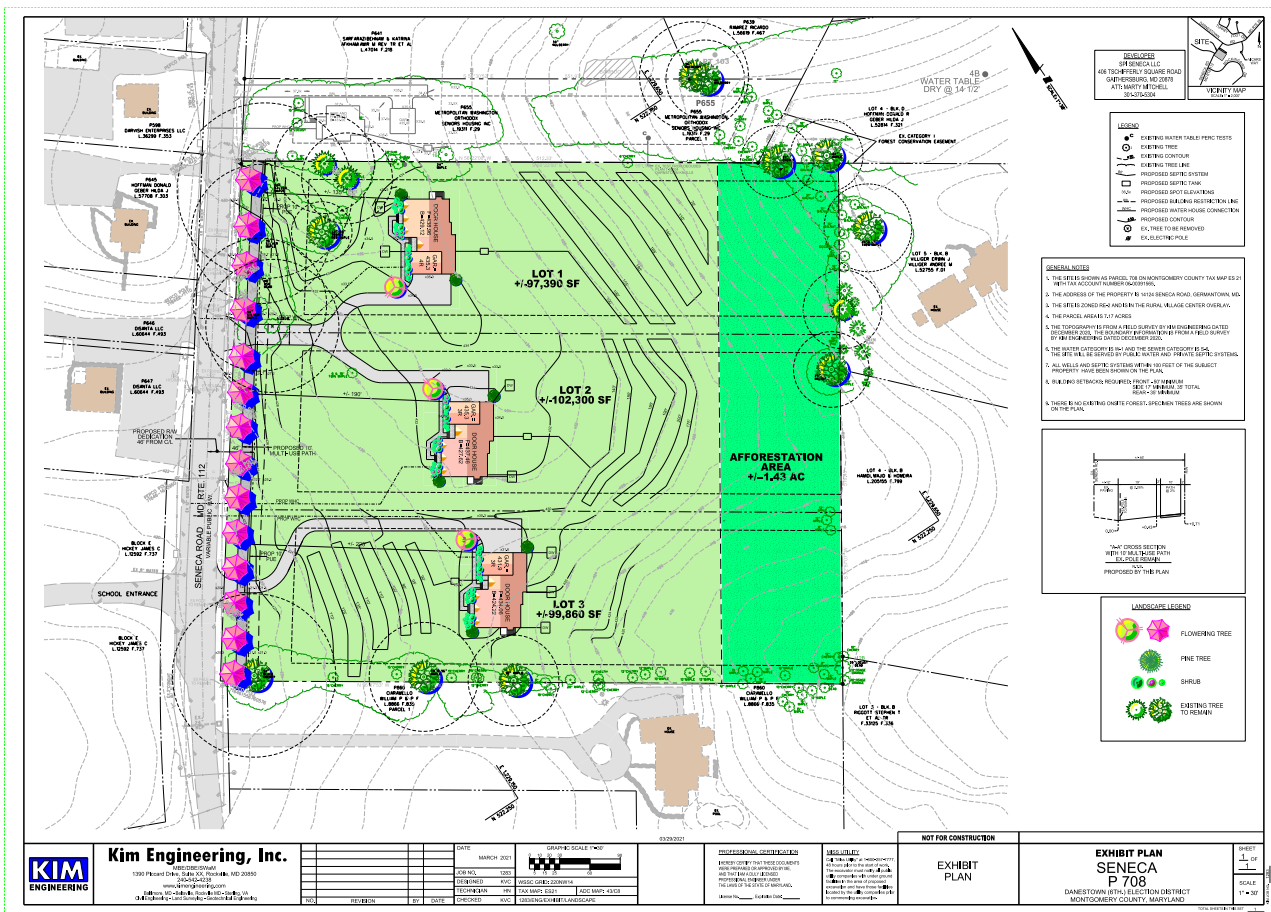
Planned Residential Development

In March, the Darnestown Civic Association (DCA) and several adjacent homeowners participated in a County required meeting to review proposed plans to subdivide a property prior to the owner submitting its Site Plan application. Located on the east side of Seneca Road approximately 600+ feet down from Darnestown Road, this 7.17-acre lot has long been vacant/dormant. Prior approval for a multifamily facility has come and gone over the past two decades,

with market support now emerging for three new home sites (and a fourth on an adjacent one-acre lot). Though this residential use for the property conforms with existing zoning and the Darnestown area master plan (including provisions for well and septic standards), community outreach is a mandatory component in the subdivision process. Concerns such as access, storm water run-off, construction issues and other environmental concerns were discussed during the pre-preliminary site plan submission meeting.

As observed on the illustration on page 5, this draft Pre-Preliminary Site Plan application rendering incorporates a 1.5-acre forested buffer adjoining existing homes at the back of the property and a 10-foot-wide shared use asphalt path with two tree lines

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 paralleling Seneca Road. As a transitional property to the Darnestown Village Center, Montgomery County Planning requested that the homes closer to Darnestown Road be located closer to Seneca Road (stepped setbacks).

The subdivision process through to recording individual lots is expected to take 12-18+ months to complete, during which time it is anticipated that a home builder (or builders) will be determined.

Business Happenings

Darnestown Shell Station Improvements

All of you will have noticed by now that the service station in “downtown” Darnestown has become a major construction site. In April, Rakhee Dhawan, the operator of the Shell Station since 2018, kicked-off a much-needed investment in new underground fuel tanks. Expected for completion by June, the new facilities will provide the Darnestown community with an enhanced fueling experience, coupled with the knowledge that the new systems represent state of the art environmental upgrades. During the construction period, the auto-repair shop and convenience store remain open and operational. The Darnestown Shell is

a Certified Maryland State Inspection station. Services, conducted by ASE Technicians, run the gamut of vehicle maintenance, diagnostics, and repair. The DCA applauds the station’s commitment to our community, and as with all local serving businesses, encourages community resident patronage.

The 6-Twelve Transforms

Darnestown residents have also noted changes have been underway at the 6-Twelve convenience store across the street from the Darnestown Shell. After 30+ years of ownership by local businessperson (and landlord) Nick Petrucelli, and following the retirement of the store manager in 2019, Akshat Shah (AK) and his family purchased the business. While most of the merchandising and services from prior management has carried over, including most of the wonderful long-term sales staff, AK has been reworking the “Beer Cave” features and product selections, offering as well beer & wine home delivery (see beerwinemd.com for home delivery information). A next goal is to expand the deli department to add pizza and other Italian carry-outs. Note that AK is constantly seeking feedback and suggestions to better serve our community needs.

CONGRATULATIONS

Darnestown's 2021 Graduates!



Francie Ahrens

Richard Montgomery High School/Visual Art Center at Einstein High School

Francie will be attending the University of Michigan to study Fine Arts.



Jack Ahrens

Rice University

Jack graduated with a BS in Bio-engineering. He will be attending Northwestern University to pursue his PhD in Chemical and Biological Engineering.



Meredith Amick

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Meredith will be attending the University of Southern California to pursue a degree in Architecture.



Lindsay Barrow

Good Counsel High School

Lindsay will be attending Notre Dame in the fall.



Chance Carothers

Northwest High School

Chance will be attending High Point University to study Political Science.



Deanna Barbara Edwing

University of North Carolina Wilmington

Deanna graduated from University of North Carolina Wilmington Summa cum laude, and she will be pursuing a Masters in oceanography at University of Delaware.

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

~Abraham Lincoln



Kelsea JoAnne Edwing
*University of
North Carolina Wilmington*

Kelsea graduated from University of North Carolina Wilmington Summa cum laude, and she will be pursuing a Masters in oceanography at University of Delaware.



Caroline Fisher
Northwest High School

Caroline will be attending Montgomery College for one year, then transferring to a 4-year college to study Forensic Sciences.



Skylar Garner
St. John's Catholic Prep

Skylar will be attending Furman University to study Philosophy/Biology—Pre-Med.



Heather Gross
Northwest High School

Heather will be attending the University of Maryland Public Leadership Scholars Program to study Biology.



Nikki Hamidi
Northwest High School

Nikki will be attending University of Maryland to study Public Relations.



William Herrington
Northwest High School

William will be attending RPI in Troy, New York on a football scholarship. He plans to pursue his degree in Computer Science.



Casey Holmes
North Carolina State

Casey has just received her Doctorate and she will be an Associate Professor of Education at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa this fall.



Nikos Karayianis
St. Andrews

Nikos will be attending Howard Community College to study in the Junior College Program.



Noah Karst
Northwest High School

Noah will be attending the University of Washington in Seattle this fall.



Brian Long

University of Maryland

Brian graduated with a BS in kinesiology and plans to go to PA school in the future (Physician’s Assistant).



Ari Mazziotta

University of Maryland

As a non-traditional student working full time, Ari graduated with a BS in Business. He will be attending Capella University in the fall to pursue his MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a concentration in Forensics.



Ashley Mostrom

Northwest High School and Montgomery College as a dual enrollment student

Ashley will be attending Vassar College in New York to major in Behavioral Health Science and play basketball.



Andrew Photinakis

Northwest High School

Andrew will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) to study Computer Science.



Jack Randall

Northwest High School

Jack will be attending St. Bonaventure University to study Business.



Carter Rogers

College of Wooster

Carter graduated with a BS in Mathematics. He will be attending the George Washington University to pursue his MS in Data Science.



David Rogers

Northwest High School

David will be attending Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to study Mechanical Engineering.



Jordan Hunter Schiff

Northwest High School

Jordan will be attending the College of Charleston for general studies in liberal arts, possibly as a History Major.



Tim Thomas

Northwest High School

Tim will be attending St. Mary’s College of Maryland to study Business, and he will be playing on the Men’s Lacrosse Team.



Hunter Landon Tzou
Salisbury University
Perdue School of Business

Hunter will be working as a sales representative for a company in Federal Hill, Baltimore.



Robert Montgomery Tzou
Northwest High School

Robert will be attending the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). He is considering pursuing his degree in Business Technology Administration (BTA).



John Wallmark
Northwest High School

John will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall



Chase Wilson
Northwest High School

Chase will be attending the University of Maryland to study Engineering.



Jamie Winberg
University of Tennessee

Jamie graduated with a BS in audiology and speech pathology. She will be attending Long Island University, Brooklyn campus to her Master's degree in Speech Pathology.



Justin Winberg
Northwest High School

Justin will be attending Virginia Tech to major in Engineering.



Austin Yegher
Bullis School

Austin will be attending Arizona State University in the fall to study Communications



Jaycee Yegher
Harvard

In early May, Jaycee graduated with Honors from Harvard. She majored in History of Science with a concentration in Global Health Policy. In mid-May, she began her studies toward her Master's at the University of Virginia.



Emily Zappone
Northwest High School

Emily will be attending James Madison University in the fall to study Sociology.

History

“The Washington Post has graciously agreed to let us run the following retrospective on Route 28 from 1977. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did. If you remember the article from way-back then we would surely like to hear from you at rtf@darnestowncivic.org! We contacted the reporter of the article who is now a partner at a law firm and who concentrates in intellectual property, media and information technology law. He relayed a story about how Ben Bradlee, the famed Washington Post editor, came into the newsroom looking for him to compliment him on the article.”

Route 28: Road From the Rural Past to the Urban Present

By Mark Sableman

July 21, 1977

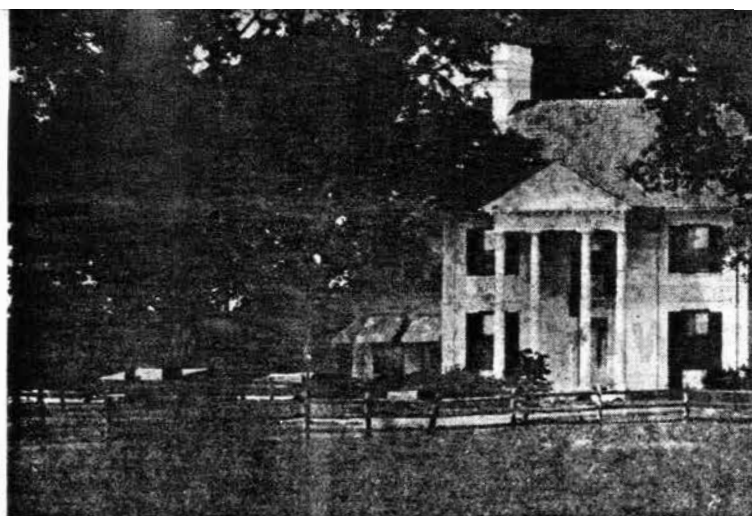
The motorist who drives the length of Maryland Route 28, like the archeologist studying layers of an excavation, sees a society changing from rural to urban.

The old road runs from the rolling farm land around Point of Rocks in Frederick County to the government center of urban Montgomery County in Rockville. There, it crosses Rockville Pike, and darts through the

bustling subdivisions along Norbeck Road, coming to an end at Georgia Avenue.

Along its 35-mile length, it passes a store that sells Western boots, farms that sell sweet corn and a shopping mall that sells embarrassingly little.

Route 28 has existed since before the Civil War, and it
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Ace Esworth, 75, above left, and his wife built their stone service station on Route 28 at Darnestown more than 40 years ago. The estate above is one of many along the road; this one, with more than 200 acres of land surrounding it, is for sale. For those who have always wanted to know where Old McDonald's Farm is: It's on Route 28.



Photos by Michael Ford Parks for The Washington Post

***Route 28: Road
from the rural past
to the urban present***

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remained a mud path for years into the automobile age. Robert Perry, who lives at its current northern terminus, Point of Rocks in Frederick County, recalls a drive along the road in the late 1920s.

“Once you left Rockville, you wouldn’t see a light until you got up to Dickerson, and then when you got past Dickerson, you were really out in the country.”

No longer. A driver heading toward Point of Rocks today may find himself stalled in traffic jams around the county government complex in Rockville before he enters a stretch of road lined with new subdivisions and research facilities.

The lights of urbanization along the Route 28 corridor do not dim until he gets past Darnestown, nine miles out of downtown Rockville.

But thereafter farmland takes over. Once dairy farms lined Route 28, but now there are only a half-dozen left.

“If you could find the truth about it, I expect 75 per cent of the land is owned by real estate firms, doctors and lawyers,” said Charles N. Staub, owner of a diner and Western goods store at Beallsville.

Old-timers differ on the influx of new residents and the breakup of the old farms. They realize that the change has also brought wealthier residents and business growth.

“Before all the building, we were rural,” said Ace Esworthy, a garage owner in Darnestown. “Now we’re practically a city. They’ve built all around us—subdivision and subdivision. The road here will hardly carry the traffic.

“You hate to see it. I like a little peace and quiet. But I don’t have no gripe about it. Because it’s time—changing time. Progress, you might call it . . . You’d like to see a little peace and quiet, but it’s just not going to happen.”

Benoni Allnutt, a Dawsonville farmer who lives several miles off Route 28, looks at the newcomers more pragmatically. Three have bought bits of his farm for homes, and others buy his sweet corn and smoked hams.

“They buy less than 40 acres and build a home on it,” he said of the new residents. “They are people working in the District who come out here and buy a place and have horses. Horseback riding seems to be a hobby. We sell them a lot of hay, and that’s pretty nice.”

But Allnutt has reservations about growth when he contemplates subdivisions in Dawsonville.

“I’d hate to see it,” he said, his brow dripping with sweat after work in the fields. He sat in front of his farmhouse and pointed to the horizon beyond his cornfields, adding, “It’s kind of nice to sit here and look out. You can see the mountains in Virginia from here.”

The major towns along Route 28 date back to the mid-1700s, and many have changed scarcely at all. Some have changed drastically: “Montgomery Court House” is now Rockville.

The big change is in the new subdivisions of the 1960s and 1970s which are often more populous than the towns they settled beside. Their names have a different sound: Flower Valley; Redgate Farms; The Orchards; Ancient Oak.

Figures from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission show that the population along Route 28 from Rockville to Darnestown nearly tripled from 1970 to 1976, from 10,230 to 29,430. And greater growth, to 34,090, is expected by 1980.

In Norbeck, where the eastern terminus of Route 28 dead-ends into Georgia Avenue, Robert White runs a hardware and lawn and garden supply store. It is on the same spot where his grandfather opened a blacksmith’s shop 96 years ago. Now White’s 29-year-old son is taking over the business.

White recalls when gasoline was hauled to his store from Rockville by two horses pulling a 500-gallon tank wagon.

“Ninety-eight per cent of them were farmers that came in here before. Now they’re all government employees,” White said of his customers. “City farmers—they come in here and buy things for their little gardens. They used to buy a pound of beans. Now they buy a couple of ounces.”

Like many long-time Route 28 residents, White feels hemmed in by development. But he recently bought a home in the new Flower Valley subdivision on Route 28. He acknowledged that the last 15 years of development has more than quadrupled his sales.

West of Norbeck, subdivisions have replaced farm land and higher-density developments are still being built. In Rockville, Route 28 follows Montgomery Avenue and Jefferson Street, going past the county government buildings and Rockville Mall. The route was moved from the north and east—the road now name Old Baltimore Road—when Rockville Mall was built in 1970 as

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part of a downtown redevelopment project.

Because of competition and other reasons, the mall has failed to become a major regional retail center. Rockville city planner Thomas Pogue said, however, that 2,000 new government employees from the new county government center to be built just south of the mall, and private sector workers they attract, will help make the mall “a sort of employee-oriented center,” serving the downtown Rockville workers.

East of downtown Rockville, Route 28 intersects Interstate 270, the so-called “research belt” of Montgomery County. Gillette, Xerox, Control Data Corp. and Tracor all have large research facilities just off Route 28 and I-270.

Hunting Hill and Quince Orchard, the first of eight small communities along Route 28 west of Rockville, have been transformed largely because of a single building on a historic estate.

In 1942, Otis Beall Kent purchased the estate of Frederick A. Tschisfely, a Washington wholesale druggist, and consolidated four farms to make a 1,000-acre farm. He built seven lakes, maintained his own fire department and dreamed of such things as a hydroelectric plant on the property.

Kent offered 100 acres of his estate to the National Geographic Society “at an offer we couldn’t refuse,” according to Melvin Payne, the society’s board chairman. The society built a new modern headquarters building on the site and moved 1,200 of its employees there. Payne said the society moved because of the good offer, the beauty of the site, which includes several lakes and recreational facilities, and the good labor market in small nearby communities.

Urbanization overtook Quince Orchard rapidly.” Less than 10 years ago, there used to be an old-fashioned type country general store—where the shopping center sits up there now,” said Clifford Bland, 35-year-old resident who runs a nursery and roadside stand across from the Quince Orchard Shopping Center, and just down the road from the new McDonald’s hamburger stand.

Bland formerly did construction work, and his last job was building the 166-unit townhouse development behind the shopping center. “They sold as fast as they were built. They started at \$30,000 to \$40,000 and now they’re selling for \$50,000 to \$60,000—some for \$75,000 or \$80,000.”

Though he accepts the changes—“It had to come so you might as well say it’s all right”—Bland wistfully recalls a quieter time in Quince Orchard.

“When I first came here 35 years ago, you could have horses and ride up and down the road and no one would bother you. I can remember when cars at nighttime would wake you up—it was so seldom that one went by. Now you can’t even walk across the street in rush hour.”

From Quince Orchard to Darnestown, where Esworthy bemoans the development springing up around him, to Dawsonville, where Allnut still farms but sells hay, sweet corn and smoked hams instead of just wheat and feed corn, to Beallsville, new development gradually tapers off.

Staub’s Store is a reminder that the rural past is not yet gone from Route 28. Proprietor Charles N. Staub, sitting at a rolltop desk in the third-class post office he runs along with his diner and Western store, noted that two families had recently moved to Beallsville to escape urbanization closer in on Route 28.

Staub’s diner is open six days a week, and especially with a fire burning in the corner fireplace in the wintertime it is a popular community gathering place. The Western store caters to residents with horses, for as Staub explained, “Pre’dnear everyone up here has got a horse.”

West and north of Beallsville, Route 28 is unquestionably rural.

There are some signs of change. Near the railroad station in Poolesville, a faded sign hangs on a wood-frame International Harvester building while nearby a new white plant displays the modern sign, “Neutron Products, Inc.” And while there are no large subdivisions, there are many new houses that indicate larger development may not be far off.

Route 28’s northern terminus, where it intersects with U.S. 15, is at Point of Rocks in Frederick County, 25 miles northwest of Rockville.

A passenger who gets off his commuter railroad train and steps onto the red-brick platform of the Point of Rocks neo-Gothic railroad station sees a sleepy small town nestled under a bushy blue-green mountain. There is one modern subdivision, and a few new plants nearby.

But Point of Rocks is as far as one can go on Route 28 to escape urbanization and see the way things once were along the rest of the route in Montgomery County. It is still the country, at least for a while.

DCA 2021 Membership

BUSINESS (\$250)

6-Twelve Convenient Mart
Larry Akinde, Allstate
Insurance & Financial
Services
Billet Collins Decorative
Painting
Bretton Woods Recreation
Center
Brezovec and Associates
Clark Tree Services
Michael D Fox, Realtor,
Compass
Darnestown Shell
Darnestown Smiles
Darnestown Swim &
Racquet Club
Guardians Complete Land
Care
Jose Carbajal Lawn &
Landscaping, Tree
removal, Snow removal,
Fire wood
McConnell Heating & A/C,
Inc.
Mercer Goods
Noahs' Preferred Properties
Rich Harris, ohDEER
Preferred Insurance
Solutions, LLC

Smokey Glen Farm
Dennis & Marie Stiles, Stiles
Dentistry
The Surrey Inc.
SwimLabs Swim School
Neil Tyra, The Tyra Law
Firm, LLC
United Service Specialists
Valley Mill Camp
Valerie Fuster, Realtor, Long
& Foster Real Estate, Inc.
Whitman Summer Camp
Wilniq Auto Body &
Mechanical Repairs
Windridge Vineyards

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Amanda Karst
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By Jose Carbjal

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By Rich Harris

I'm Rich Harris and my family and I have been Darnestown residents for nearly 20 years. We live in an amazing community full of amazing people, but unfortunately, we share it with an overabundance of Deer, Ticks and Mosquitos. That's why I've brought ohDEER Organic Deer, Tick and Mosquito Control to Darnestown.

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The best way to become a member is to register and pay online at darnestowncivic.org; the second best way is to register online and mail a check, using the form in this issue.

Thank you for your support!

Organizations

Boy Scout Troop 1094

By Rosemary DeRose

Darnestown Boy Scout Troop 1094 kicked off a 2021 Scouting year with community service projects, cold weather hikes, merit badges, advancement and our mulch fundraiser while practicing covid safety guidelines.

The Troop took an evening to recognize Scouts of all ranks for recent achievements on January 25 with their winter Court of Honor. During the event, merit badges were presented to Scouts and many advanced in rank. The Court of Honor also marked changes in Scout leadership, when new Scouts assumed key leadership roles for the spring semester.

In late January, Scouts and adult leaders began weekly local Philmont training hikes to prepare for their summer June trek to Mt. Baldy.

Scouts working on their Citizen in The Community merit badge joined forces with Ridgeview Middle School Kits for Kids program to collect, inventory, and package winter hats/gloves/mittens/scarves/socks and personal hygiene supplies for local families in need.

Continuing a great Darnestown tradition, the Troop sold over \$6,000 worth of mulch, just in time for spring yard beautification. As always, the Scouts delivered the mulch to customers for free. Thank you to everyone who supported our one-time annual fundraiser.

This semester we had three Scouts earn Eagle Scout Rank. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. To become an Eagle Scout, one must earn 21 merit badges, progress through six prerequisite ranks, serve in a troop leadership position, execute a community service project, and complete a board of review.



Rich Powe

Rich Powe, Patrick Pamukcoglu and Noah Karst achieved the coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

Rich's Eagle Scout Project consisted of building a walking path at the church he attends—Oak Chapel UMC in Silver Spring. His project was delayed due to the onset of the COVID pandemic, but as soon as COVID gathering restrictions began to lift, Rich developed and instituted his COVID safety plan allowing the scouts to safely gather for the project.



Patrick Pamukcoglu

Patrick is a senior at Winston Churchill High School and his Eagle project was to refurbish the barn at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church by replacing sections of wood that had deteriorated and then repainting the entire structure. He is currently looking at colleges and is interested in pursuing a career in Veterinary Medicine.



Noah Karst

Noah is a senior at Northwest High School and his Eagle Project was to design and construct a much-needed Shot Put Return for Northwest High School. The Shot Put Return allows for an official to return the shot back to athletes from the edge of the throwing sector rather than delivering the shot by hand. Noah will be attending the University of Washington (Seattle) in the Fall, where he plans to study digital art. In addition to his school work, Noah currently has an internship with CACI International Inc, a leading provider of expertise and technology to government enterprise and mission customers, based in Arlington, Virginia.

Troop 1094 takes great pride in congratulating these Scouts for their achievements.

The Troop's spring calendar is chock full of great events including a backpack outing at Cunningham State Park, Fish and Wildlife merit badge outing, and an aquatics trip to Raystown Lake in June.

With many local Webelos earning the Arrow of Light in the coming months, now is the time for them to start planning for their transition to Boy Scouts. For more information about Scouting and Troop 1094 please contact sm@troop1094.org.

DarneBloomers

By Lisa Ann Ruf

The DarneBloomers Garden Club has persevered during the covid crisis. The Club has provided a welcome respite with informative programs and projects during this last year. The club focused on returning to nature and to our community during these unsettling times. It has provided

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our members with much joy. Thank you to the outgoing board and especially to our President, Marie Stiles for outstanding leadership and for inspired creativity.

By the time this article is printed, the Cicadas, Brood X, will have arrived. Member and Entomologist, Tracy Lang, gave an interesting and informative presentation that can be viewed on our website, www.darnebloomers.com. Her presentation in March gave us tips to prepare our tender new plantings for the well-publicized hatch.



*Tulips in Bloom
photo by Mary Rill*

In April we had an amazing hands-on floral arranging program with tulips and other forged items presented by member, Tonya Jones. It was one of our most popular programs of the year. She showcased locally-sourced flowers and demonstrated creative ways to design a floral arrangement.



*Photo Courtesy of
Soleado Lavender Farm*

In lieu of our annual May luncheon, we virtually toured The Soleado Lavender Farm, located in Dickerson. Although the lavender has been a new addition to this farm, it has been managed organically by the family for over three (3) generations. They grow lavender from cuttings that are started Aquaponically. All of the harvesting and essential oil

distillation happens by hand.

The DarneBloomers Garden Club elected the new officers for the 2021-2023 term.

The Board will consist of:

President – Lisa Ann Ruf
Vice President – Diane Romney
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Membership Chair – Leslie Grant
Past President – Marie Stiles.

We will close our year in June and reconvene in September. If you are interested in visiting with us or becoming a member, please email us at Darnebloomers@gmail.com. You are welcome to visit our website at www.darnebloomers.com. Happy Gardening!



Opening Day—May 29th! Swim, Tennis, Camp, Memberships

By Aleks Schiff

We are excited to announce the Summer of 2021 Opening Day is May 29th. We will be open for the full season! Our summer is looking more and more like a normal summer with all programming fully active—Summer Camp, Swim Team, Tennis and Pickleball, Yoga, and Social Events.



New Whitecoat on Main Pool

The resurfacing of both the main and baby pools was completed in plenty of time for the kick-off and the pools are like new! And after a very successful Spring Clean-up day, the whole Club and tennis courts are summer-ready.

Tennis & Pickleball have been going strong already, and our Jr. Tennis program kicked off May 3rd. **De-mon Swim Team** is back in the water this summer, and registration was very successful. **Camp Green-Zone** has been booking up quickly and is packed full of engaging programming for the kids. And our **Social Events** team has some great events planned for all ages. Our popular **Outdoor Yoga** classes are back every Tuesday and Thursday.

Come join the fun—our member community is like no other! We are a year-round active community with tennis, pickleball, swim, and social events throughout the year. Check out our current **membership promotions** and details on all our programming at www.dsclub.com.

Connect with us for the latest updates!

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Churches



Darnestown Presbyterian Church

IN-PERSON WORSHIP? If conditions permit, we hope to expand opportunities for in-person attendance over the summer. This is conditions based, so check our web page for status. God willing, we'll see you soon!

PUBLIC EVENTS? If current trends continue, we hope to finally host some public events—likely outdoors—on our newly renovated campus later this year. While worship remains our primary focus, our modernized campus was also designed to be a resource for the broader Darnestown community for generations to come. As always, please refer to our website for current updates.

LIVE-STREAMING SUNDAYS AT 10:30. We continue live-streaming services on YouTube and Facebook (search for “Darnestown Presbyterian Church,” and *subscribe!*). Links to our YouTube channel are also available on our main web page. Please check our church website for updates: <http://www.darnestownpc.org/>.



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By Miki Boulin

NatureScape Playground



A playground made of natural materials? Ready for children to explore and imagine? YES! We're thrilled to announce the installation of our NatureScape Playground. Children will enjoy this innovative, safe, nature-filled, and engaging play space while the area surrounding it will be protected from overuse and erosion. It's a win-win for nature, the earth, and our children!

Farm Life = Learning?



Did you know that an organic farm is part of our Intermediate's Micro-Economy program? It's true! Our students not only learn to run a small business but also develop a connection with the earth. From planting seeds and tending chickens to building composting stations and implementing sustainability practices, our students are environmental leaders ready to change the world.

Darnestown Elementary School

By Ashley Mostrom



Kindergartner Catarina Saba shows off her sprouting seedlings!

The Darnestown Community will look a little brighter this Spring. Darnestown Elementary School (DES) was the recipient of the MAEF Kids in the Garden Grant. In celebration of Earth Day, each student received a starter kit to grow Black Eyed Susan flowers. Soon students will transplant their projects to the outdoors and all of Darnestown will be blooming with our beautiful state flower.

After more than a year, students and staff alike were appreciative to return many students to in person learning in Mid-March. The school would like to especially recognize the outgoing 5th graders. The entire Mustang Team is proud of you and wish you luck!

Georgetown Hill Early School

By Nicole Reap

The school year is winding down and the summer is right around the corner! It is not too late to register for summer camp at Georgetown Hill. With our flexible registration you can register your preschooler for one week or the entire summer! Camps have a two-week story book theme, incorporating water play, art, music and lots of fun.



And for your elementary-age kids, we are offering Camp Georgetown Hill at Seneca Academy! Join us for two-week long learning adventures focusing on themes designed to spark imagination, wonder, and creativity.

Your child will have the time of their life exploring the 6-acre National Wildlife Federation Certified Schoolyard. Call **301-284-8144** to register.

Seneca Academy's School

By Dr. Michelle Parker

Georgetown Hill and Seneca Academy are partnering this summer to bring you an incredible learning adventure! Our two-week camp sessions feature themes designed to spark imagination, curiosity, and creativity. Along the way, campers will have the opportunity to practice their math, reading, writing, and STEM skills through hands-on, inquiry-based exploration.

The fun this summer will also include plenty of opportunities to play and explore in Seneca's 6-acre National Wildlife Federation Certified Schoolyard Habitat. We will be enjoying all the wonder that summer has to offer while also getting ready to head into the new school year with confidence! Register now by visiting www.SenecaAcademy.org/2021camp.

We do still have a few spots available for next year, so now is the time to join our village! Please visit www.SenecaAcademy.org or call our Director of Admissions, Priscella Celentano, at (301) 869-3728 for more information.

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Looking for a local business? The generosity of these local businesses helps to pay for the printing and distribution of *The Little Acorn*. You can also access this listing on our website under the **Community Information** tab.

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Interested in joining this list?

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Schools

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Darnestown, MD 20874
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Circle School/Seneca Academy

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Darnestown, MD 20874
301-869-3728

Darnestown Elementary School

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

Jones Lane Elementary School

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Darnestown, MD 20878
301-840-8160

Lakelands Park Middle School

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

Mary of Nazareth School

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Darnestown, MD 20874
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Maryofnazareth.org

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15800 Quince Orchard Rd
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
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Organizations

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sm@troop1094.org

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Darnestown, MD 20874
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301-330-1340

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Participating in Your Darnestown Community— A Membership Reminder



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

Visit www.darnestowncivic.org or mail the form below to join or renew now!

Annual Dues are only \$35. Additional giving levels include \$50 'Friend of Darnestown,' \$100 'Sponsor,' \$150 'Acorn' Program. There is also a \$250 Business Membership category. All paid 2021 members will be listed in an upcoming issue of *The Little Acorn*.

DCA Membership Renewal/Application Form

Membership Category, please check one:

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Business Name _____

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