



We are a community on the National Register of Historic Places as a prime example of Mid-Century Modern/Situated Modernism architecture where houses complement and blend in with the natural landscape.

County Council Directs County DOT to Review Speed Hump Regulations

At its July 17 meeting, the Montgomery County Council adopted some technical changes to the County’s speed hump regulations to allow the use of these for speed mitigation purposes on certain roads with large lots that previously had not qualified for speed humps. Prior to this action, the Carderock Springs Citizens Association had submitted a further amendment to the speed hump regulations for the Council’s consideration which would have allowed roads without sidewalks and at least one County school bus stop, and which had a minimum volume of 50 vehicles per hour, to also be eligible for the installation of speed humps, assuming that the other requirements of the regulation were satisfied. Currently, the County regulation requires that there be a minimum of 100 vehicles per hour in order to permit the installation of speed humps. Fenway Road does not qualify under the existing volume criterion, but would qualify under the lower volume criterion.



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Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted



DAY/DATE

EVENT

Wed, Aug 1, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting

Thurs, Aug 16, 7:30 pm

CSCA Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Working Group meeting at 7508 Hamilton Spring Rd.

SAVE THE DATE

Wed, Sept 5, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting

Thurs, Sept 13, 7 pm

background for those attending their 1st MoCo Quiet Skies meeting

Thurs, Sept 13, 7:30 pm

MoCo Quiet Skies bi-monthly meeting at the Carderock Club for residents of many affected communities

Mon, Sept 17, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting (no meeting in Aug)

Sunday Sept 23, 5:30 pm

Annual WELCOME POTLUCK to welcome newcomers

(Speed Humps, cont. from previous page)

While the County Executive and Council did not agree to adopt this proposal, the action adopted by the County Council was to direct the Department of Transportation to “undertake a comprehensive evaluation of the speed hump eligibility criteria, with the goal of transmitting another regulation during FY19” (which commences October 1, 2018).

Please note that if the hourly traffic volume limitations in the speed hump regulation were to be lowered, this in itself would not be an approval of speed humps on Fenway Road. The other criteria now in the regulation, including the requirement for obtaining the consent of 80% of the residents owning property directly fronting on the road segment, along with the consent of 50% of residents who would be forced to cross over one or more speed humps on that segment as the only egress to their streets, would still need to be satisfied.

The CSCA Board will continue to monitor this and will report on any developments in the future.

Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President

Preserving Carderock Springs

Many Carderock Springs residents are aware that our beautiful neighborhood is listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**. But what does National Register listing mean? What are its benefits? What protection does it afford the community, if any, from teardowns and new building? These are important questions that we will address in the newsletter and at Covenant Committee and CSCA Board Meetings over the next several months.

First, let’s define the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Park Service, which administers the program, “The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation. ... [it] coordinates and supports public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America’s historic and archeological resources.”

Carderock Springs was listed in 2008 thanks to citizen effort and with support from Montgomery County and the Maryland Historic Trust, Maryland’s state historic preservation office.

The benefits of National Register listing are primarily honorific: those of us who live here know that Carderock is special but National Register listing “makes it official.” Our **mid-century modern community was deemed worthy of preservation** by the National Park Service and the state of Maryland. National Register listing also ideally motivates those who buy (and sell!) property in Carderock Springs to maintain the architectural and landscape features that make our neighborhood unique.



There is one material benefit of National Register listing for homeowners: if you live in a “contributing property” (i.e. one that was deemed close enough to its original design when the neighborhood was listed in 2008) within Carderock Springs, you are eligible to receive a 20% tax rebate for exterior repairs to your home. We will be describing the tax rebate and the process required to receive tax benefits on the redesigned Carderock Springs website that will go live later this year. However, if you would like to read more now, you can visit:

http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml to learn about the state tax credit. It applies only to repairs to homes, not to additions.

That’s a brief overview of the benefits of National Register listing. There’s much more information available online for those curious to know more. Next month, we will address the protections (or lack thereof) provided by listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Jenny Spreitzer, CS Covenants Working Committee

Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Working Group

On July 25th more than 300 residents (including many from Carderock Springs/South Carderock) attended a workshop at Pyle Middle School about Gov. Hogan's plan to widen I-495 and I-270. 15 alternatives for Beltway widening were presented. No decision has been made yet.

The final SHA (State Highway Administration) selection will take place in late autumn from this list of alternatives and will take into account six screening criteria: engineering considerations, homeland security, movement of goods & services, multi-modal connectivity, environmental impacts (includes noise and air pollution) and financial viability. The presentation - including visual descriptions of the 15 alternatives (pages 15-18) - can be found at <https://www.tinyurl.com/495270>. Public comments on each alternative are requested as follows:

- Online: Go to www.495-270-P3.com and click on the tab labeled "Public Participation", click on drop-down "Upcoming Events" and scroll down to the bottom of the page. There is a blue oval under the heading "Meeting Materials" with a label "Online Comment Form".
- If you want your comments to be included into our community feedback, please email them to petraejacobs@gmail.com by Sunday, August 12 and come to the CSCA Beltway Noise & Air Pollution Working Group meeting on Thursday, August 16, 7:30 pm, 7508 Hamilton Spring Rd.

As previously reported, CSCA has identified the installation of sound & pollution barriers as a priority for the neighborhood, especially if the SHA project results in new lanes or other volume increases. SHA representatives indicated in the workshop that sound barriers would be contemplated based on the current SHA Highway Noise Policy (revised August 19, 2011). However, it is not clear at this moment, if this Policy will be updated.

Petra Jacobs
CSCA Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Working Group

EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS TO BE APPROVED BY ARC

As required by the covenants recorded against each lot in Carderock Springs, any outside modification or additions to the structures on a lot must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). This may include, but is not limited to the following: fencing, sheds, exterior color schemes, and live, sound hardwood tree removal. The ARC is an appointed committee comprised of residents who are trained as architects/designers. **The ARC meets on a monthly basis, generally the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm at the Club,** to review applications and plans for exterior modifications to Carderock homes. Meetings are open to all residents.



If you are considering an exterior modification, submit an application and your plans to the ARC beforehand. Initially these can be early conceptual plans and then later on they can be specific elevations on construction drawings. The ARC can often assist homeowners with suggestions on design issues that have arisen with other homes in the past and possible workarounds.

Details on the ARC submission process and the application form are on the CSCA Website at: <http://www.carderocksprings.net/article/3/architectural-review>. The website also has a 20 page document of architectural guidelines that reflect the architectural standards the ARC looks for in exterior modifications, outdoor landscaping features and sheds.

To contact the ARC, email cscaARC@gmail.com

Sue Eastman, ARC Liaison

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition (MCQSC)



The information below is extremely important. Please read so that you are informed of this on-going process and so that you know how to proceed in registering one complaint per month. Recent updates:

- Our own Carderock Club is hosting the September bi-monthly open meeting for residents of communities affected by airplane noise due to a change in flight paths. All Carderock residents are encouraged to attend this nearby meeting: Thursday Sept 13, 7 pm for background info for those attending their first meeting, 7:30 pm for the formal meeting.
- An aerospace expert has been hired by MCQSC to work with the FAA on redesigning current airplane paths. Many Carderock Springs residents attended the County Council hearing, most wearing uniquely designed T-shirts, to express our support for this to be added to the budget. Due to the success of our request, the expense for this will be shared by MoCo along with Arlington County, similarly suffering under this same Next Gen routing procedure.
- Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh announced the State of Maryland has filed two petitions regarding flight paths at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI). The first action is a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit regarding the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) implementation changes to the approach flight path for Runway 19 at DCA. The second is an administrative petition, filed with the FAA that requests a supplemental environmental assessment as well as revisions to area navigation routes and procedures for BWI. Attorney General Frosh noted that the FAA failed to conduct the necessary environmental reviews prior to implementing the new flight paths.

“The FAA must follow required procedures before implementing changes to flight paths that impact thousands of Maryland residents,” said Attorney General Frosh. “Thousands of Marylanders have had their lives disrupted since the new flight paths were implemented without the appropriate level of environmental review, public input, and transparency.”

- The FAA reauthorization appears likely to come up for a vote in the U.S. Senate between now and Labor Day. Senator Van Hollen and Senator Cardin plan to introduce four amendments to the bill. The first would require dispersion of flights, higher altitudes, and research/implementation of technology to improve safety in crowded airspace while also achieving dispersion and higher altitudes. The second is a "rollup" of most of the noise-related amendments that were included in the House version of the bill. Third is an amendment, initially introduced by Representative Raskin, that would require the FAA to calculate noise on a cumulative rather than single or “per flight” basis. Fourth is an amendment initially introduced by Representative Cummings, requiring the adoption of a “21st century noise measuring and assessment method.” This would among other things require FAA to measure and account for actual noise on the ground, not just modeled noise.
- Most recently, the FAA informed the DCA Noise Working Group and the BWI Roundtable that it will no longer participate in discussions about new flight paths and procedures with either group. According to information conveyed to us through the BWI and DCA airport authorities, FAA stated that it is pulling out because of the Petition for Review filed by the State of Maryland on behalf of the former and the Administrative Appeal filed on behalf of the latter.

(MCQSC, cont.)

Our Congressional delegation has requested a written explanation from the FAA before considering next steps.

What can each resident do at this point about airplane noise?

Our local representatives, senators and governor are all on board. However.....

What is URGENT is that every resident bothered by this disturbance register **one complaint per month.** Although the total number of complaints is quite high, what is being counted is each “unique” address as data is compiled once a month. . The average over the year is just 200 per month for all of the local communities impacted. We all could do better.

Once a month only, please register a complaint on-line or via app. In addition to noting the date and time of one disturbance and registering your address, please just choose one option for “event” for what you find bothersome (too early/late, too loud, etc), even if there is more than one reason. In addition, what you may add in details will most likely not be read, so there is no need for more than a few minutes of your time to fill in the blanks.

If you have registered for an app your personal information is stored for subsequent complaints so it is even easier after the first month. Be assured that MWA (Metro Washington Airport Authority) redacts your personal information (name, address, phone number) before releasing data results to the public.



Viewpoint App

The title of the app for a search and download is “Viewpoint App by Bruel & Kjaer Sound & Vibration Measurement.”

Access noise complaint form from laptop/desktop computer via url:

<https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>

From Apple iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/viewpoint-app/id1136548254?mt=8>

From Android (please note that some are having problems via the Android app)

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bksv.viewpoint&hl=en>

Petra Jacobs and Diane Karlik, representatives of Carderock Springs to MCQSC

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

Lawn care: Several lawn care companies may either apply certain herbicides and pesticides themselves, or contract with other companies who do this for them. In either case, if the company is not licensed and if the workmen are not trained it is a danger to you, your neighbors, children, pets, and to those who apply these chemicals. In addition, they may not place the yellow caution signs after the chemical application

(Carder-Eco Column and lawn care, cont.)

At least one company has recently applied in Carderock a certain herbicide (which by the way is already outlawed in New York state and Massachusetts...enough to say that it can be dangerous and toxic) when the temperatures have been above 90, although the manufacturer contraindicates application above that temperature or after mid-July. The young men applying did not wear masks or protect themselves in any safe manner, while the “manager” sat in his air-conditioned truck.

Please make sure that the company that treats your lawn is licensed and those who apply the chemicals have had the required training to be certified. Be sure they place yellow signs on your property after application. Find out the name of the applied chemical herbicide or pesticide, and check online or with me. If not, then please find another company that adheres to county laws.

The amended law does state that only homeowners may apply approved chemicals without licensing and are not required to place a yellow sign....although I certainly would not suggest doing that without protecting yourself, researching the chemical you are applying, notifying your neighbors and placing a warning sign after application.

Pets eating grass: From <https://MyGreenMontgomery.org/2018/lawns-and-neighbors> “No one knows exactly why dogs eat grass. The most recent conclusion is that it's likely an innate predisposition from dog's ancestors, who ate grass to manage intestinal parasites. But whether they just think it's tasty, or are hinting you didn't give them enough treats, many dogs will help mow the grass with their teeth. Studies have shown an increase in cancer rates in dogs exposed to lawns that have been treated with chemicals, and even on lawns where adjacent properties have been treated, due to drift. This is one more reason to go organic for your lawn, so your pets, and your neighbor's pets, can play on, sleep in, or even eat the grass!”

Making lawn areas smaller and safer: “Making the switch to less lawn requires prep work. You can't let the lawn go wild on its own, because it may not attract pollinators, and it certainly won't make your neighbors happy! A lawn won't spontaneously turn into a garden or meadow — it is much more than throwing away your lawn mower. Do your research or consult with an expert who knows about transitioning from lawns. And don't sell that lawnmower or weed-whacker. In most cases, you'll still need it to maintain clean edges”. For detailed information and suggestions on turning part of your yard into something other than a lawn that requires fertilization, pesticides and herbicides, check this link:

<https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2018/lawns-and-neighbors>

Recycling electronics: Don't throw old electronic items in the trash or recycling bins. Most electronics contain lead, mercury and other toxic materials that need to be handled carefully. In addition, electronics include valuable components that can be given new life.



Home equipment such as old computers, laptops, monitors, keyboards, cables, servers, racks, fax machines, headphones, computer mice, printers and GPS devices can be dropped off at the electronics drop-off in the recycling section of the Shady Grove Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood MD.

Diane Karlik, CSCA Environmental Committee

Farewell and Welcome

Farewell to longtime Carderock resident **Phil Brown** who passed in mid-July. A gentle, kind soul, Phil brought a smile to so many faces. When a tree fell in the Carderock pool he turned junk into treasure and made beautiful wooden bowls from it with his exquisite wood turning skills. Among his honors was Montgomery County's Lifetime Impact Award for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities. He also leaves a legacy of beautiful wood vessels, bowls, and sculptures in nine museums including the Smithsonian's Renwick Gallery and many private collections.

Farewell to **Stefi Huber** who grew up in Carderock and passed in early-July. As a youth Stefi was on the Carderock swim team and continued her athletic interests as an adult with her passion for cycling and even had a gym in her family room for training. Many Carderock residents benefited from Stefi's unique spirit, zest for life, expertise and humor.

Carderock sends condolences to both Phil and Stefi's families.

Do welcome recent people moving into Carderock, so stop by and say hello to:

- **Chris Lippai and Nik Sekhran** who have moved into Phil Rider and Jeff Hanson's home at 8109 Fenway. Chris is a zoologist and crocodile expert and Nik works for the World Wildlife Fund. They hope to continue the community herb garden tradition at the end of their driveway! (Phil and Jeff are returning in 2020 after their UK adventure for Jeff's work).
- **Chris Ryan** and his daughter who are moving into 8013 Lilly Stone.
- **Eric and Kathy Watnik** and their sons who have moved into 7600 Hamilton Spring Rd after living in Hungary.
- **Mike and Tracy Simmons** and their sons who have moved into 8008 Park Overlook Drive.

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Handyman: Jose Louis has been working in Carderock Springs for many years, both inside and outside homes. No job is too big or too small! Examples of his handyman work: small plumbing, repairing items around the house, carpeting and excellent house painting. Outside work: power washing, snow shoveling, plus lawn care including mowing, aerating, seeding, fertilizing, mulching and raking. Recommended by several Carderock residents. Contact Jose Louis at 301-919-0198.



Interior Design Studio: "We create thriving spaces" through Residential & Commercial Interior design; Space Planning & furniture layouts; Planning, Remodeling & Expansions (managing & working with your builder & architect); Custom and Unique furnishings, including: Furniture, Lighting, Accessories, Artwork, Window treatments, Rugs. Design is not about style – It is a problem-solving tool. Good design focuses first on function & then aesthetics that reflect your personality. Experience the difference. Contact Carderock resident Noureen Chohan noureen@studiofiza.com 301.365.1741 studiofiza.com .

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Cabin John Dog Walking: Midday walks to keep your pets happy and healthy. Many happy Cabin John and Carderock pet owners and their pets will happily give their recommendations. Call Carolyn at 240-204-2953.



WELCOME ALL THE NEW-COMERS

TO THE CARDEROCK COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



at the club

BRING A MAIN COURSE OR SIDE TO SHARE
DRINKS AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED
STARTS AT 5:30 PM
The whole family is welcome to come

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The Carderock Springs Citizens' Association publishes the Community News at least six times each year. Residents of Carderock Springs and surrounding areas may join the Citizens' Association for an annual due of \$50 for a membership year ending December 31, 2018. Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs telephone directory may be mailed to the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association at Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237. Our Association represents the Carderock Springs community and implements its land covenants.