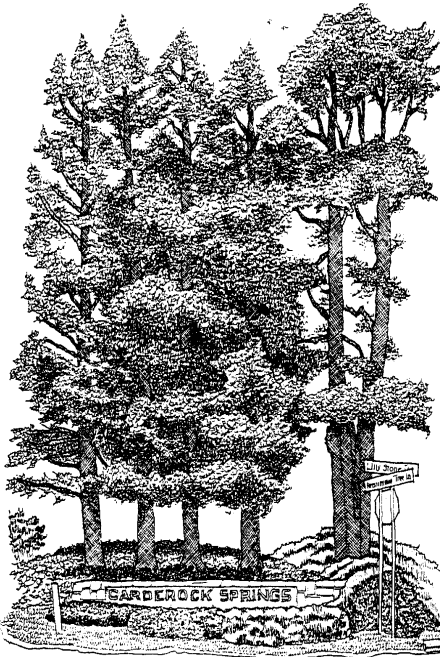


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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

2013 TREE REMOVAL SURVEY RESULTS

The Carderock Springs Citizens Association conducted a survey of the residents in the community in March concerning certain questions relating to the handling of the covenant-specific requirement that “No sound hardwood tree shall be removed from any lot without the written approval by the Corporation or their successors and assigns.” By virtue of this covenant, which was recorded against every residential lot in the community by the developer prior to its initial sale, the CSCA has attempted over the years to provide guidance to the community on when prior approval is required before taking down trees on their property. The CSCA, however, has not in the past attempted to provide guidance as to what factors it should consider in the approval of a request to remove a hardwood tree which is not damaged or diseased.



The survey asked ten questions that could be answered by filling in one of five boxes, labeled “Strongly Agree,” “Mildly Agree,” “Neither Agree nor Disagree,” “Mildly Disagree,” and “Strongly Disagree.” In addition

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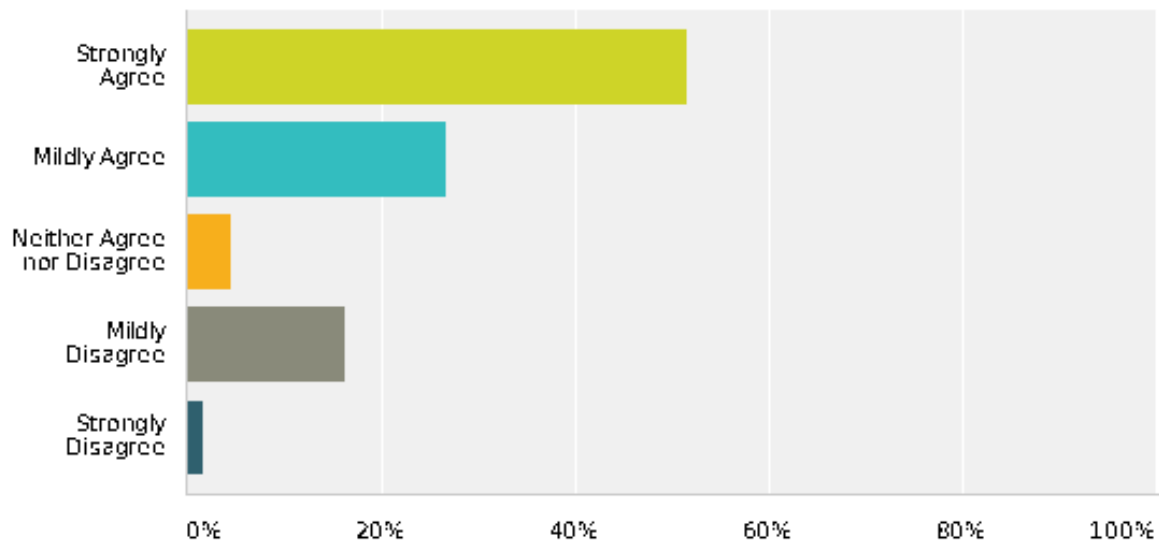
Residents of Carderock Springs and surrounding areas may join the Citizens Association for an annual due of \$50 for a membership year ending December 31, 2013. Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs telephone directory may be mailed to the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association at P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237. Our Association represents the Carderock Springs community and implements its land covenants.

there were two questions that solicited open-ended responses concerning additional thoughts and comments concerning the guidelines and what conditions and or restrictions should be imposed in approving the removal of trees.

In total, sixty-nine completed surveys were received. All but three had listed addresses in Carderock, so we are able to determine that the survey does in fact represent a statistically significant sampling of the approximately 400 homes in the community.

Selected results of the survey are summarized in this article. As a result, the CSCA Board will be drafting some revised guidelines that attempt to incorporate the findings, particularly as they relate to the factors that the CSCA should consider in evaluating whether to approve the removal of a “sound hardwood tree.”

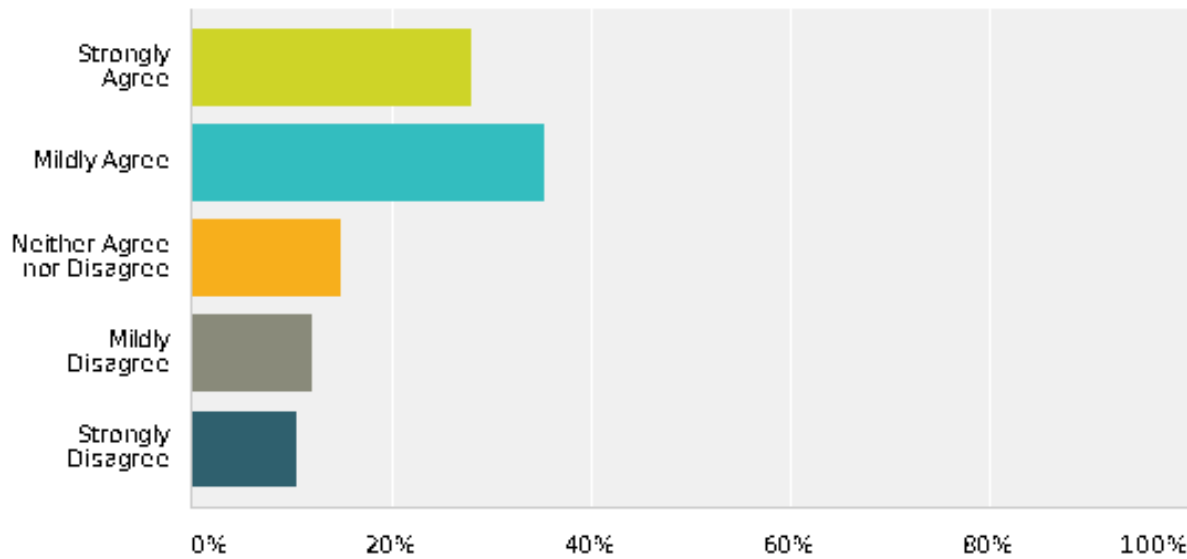
The first multiple choice question asked was “The published Tree Removal Guidelines provide ADEQUATE CLARITY for me to know when I should obtain CSCA approval of a tree located on my property.” Below are the results with almost 78% believing this to be the case (actual numbers shown in table below for this question):



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	51.47% 35
Mildly Agree	26.47% 18
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4.41% 3
Mildly Disagree	16.18% 11
Strongly Disagree	1.47% 1
Total	68

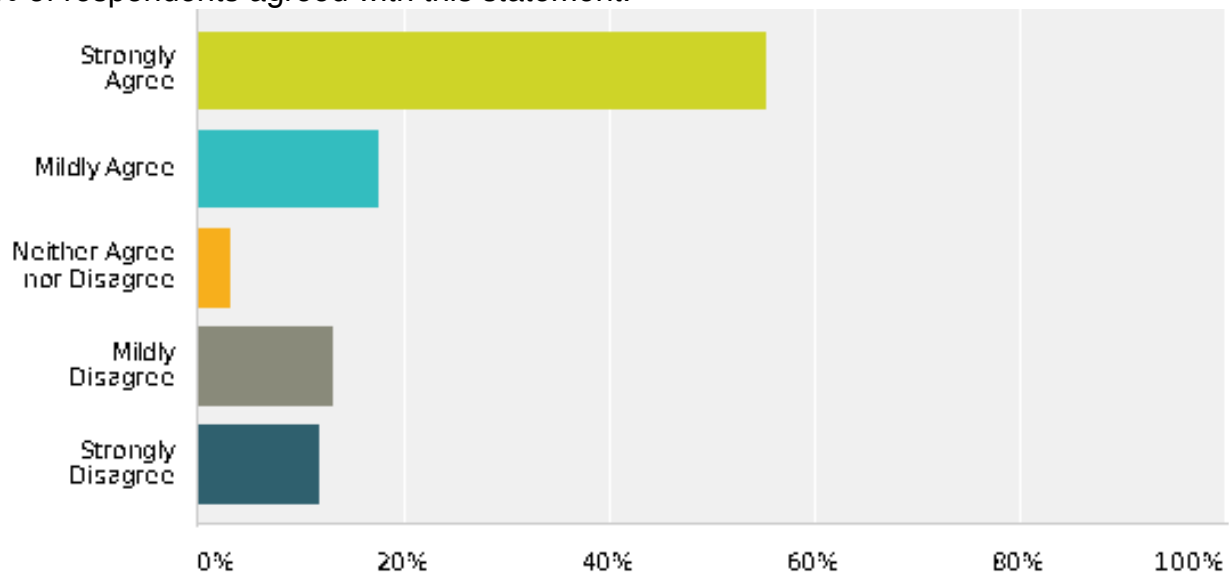
Below are the results in response to the question “The CSCA should provide more explicit guidelines under what circumstances the CSCA should approve REMOVAL OF A SOUND

HARDWOOD TREE that is NOT dead or diseased.” Please note that over 63% of the respondents agreed with this statement against only 22% that disagreed.

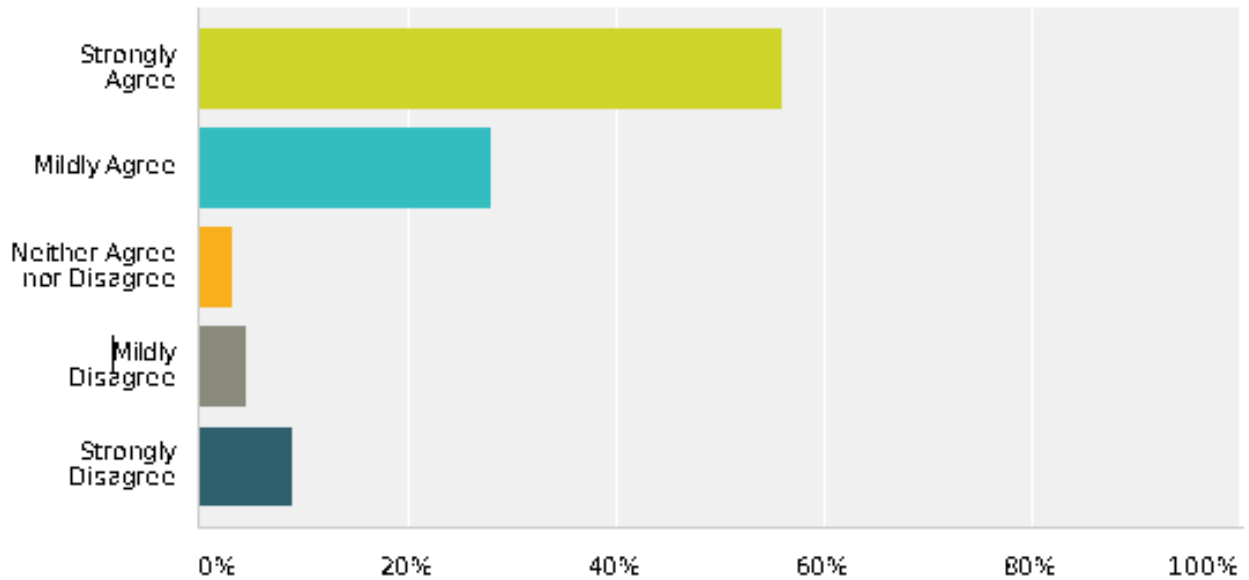


The next several questions attempted to elicit responses to the particular factors that the CSCA Board had identified as being potentially relevant to the decision as to when approval of the removal of a hardwood tree is appropriate. Please note that under the existing guidelines, there has never been a question that in an emergency situation, where a tree has been damaged in a storm and is likely to cause imminent damage to persons or property, the tree can be removed without seeking permission. Further, the guidelines authorize pruning limbs or portions of damaged or diseased trees without the need for prior approval.

One of these questions read as follows; “Some possible ideas for inclusion when the CSCA should APPROVE THE REMOVAL of a sound hardwood tree: the tree is located in close PROXIMITY TO THE HOME OR DRIVEWAY and could cause damage if it were to fall. Over 72% of respondents agreed with this statement.

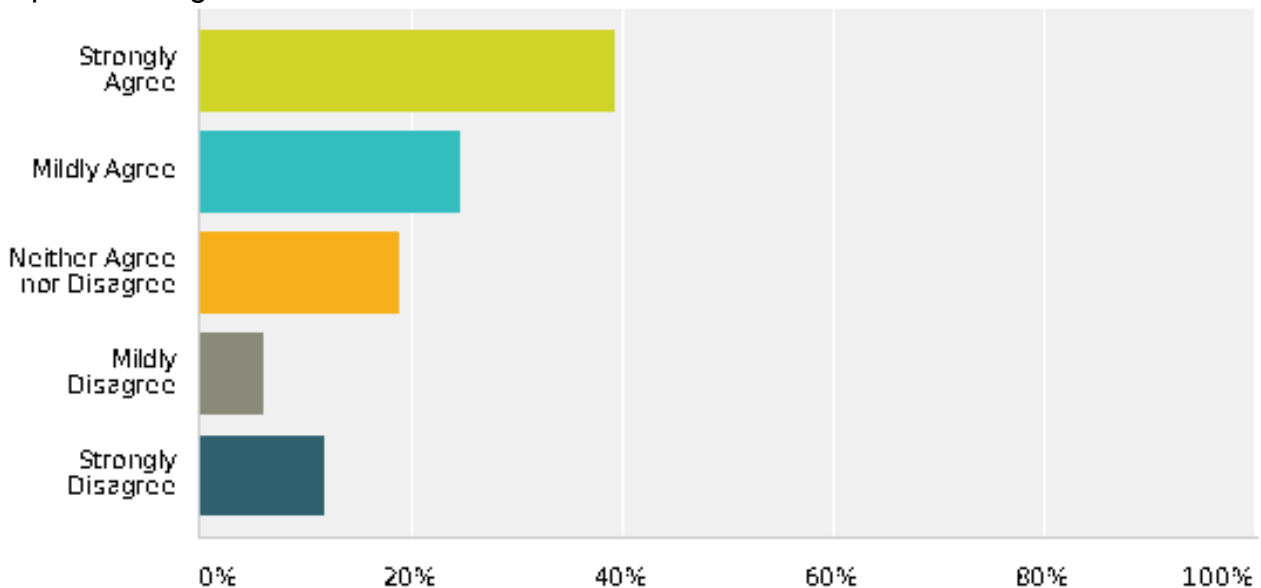


Another question was stated as follows: “Some possible ideas for inclusion when the CSCA should APPROVE THE REMOVAL of an ENTIRE sound hardwood tree: the tree is LEANING or appears to have incurred damage from a storm.” Over 83% of respondents agreed with this statement.

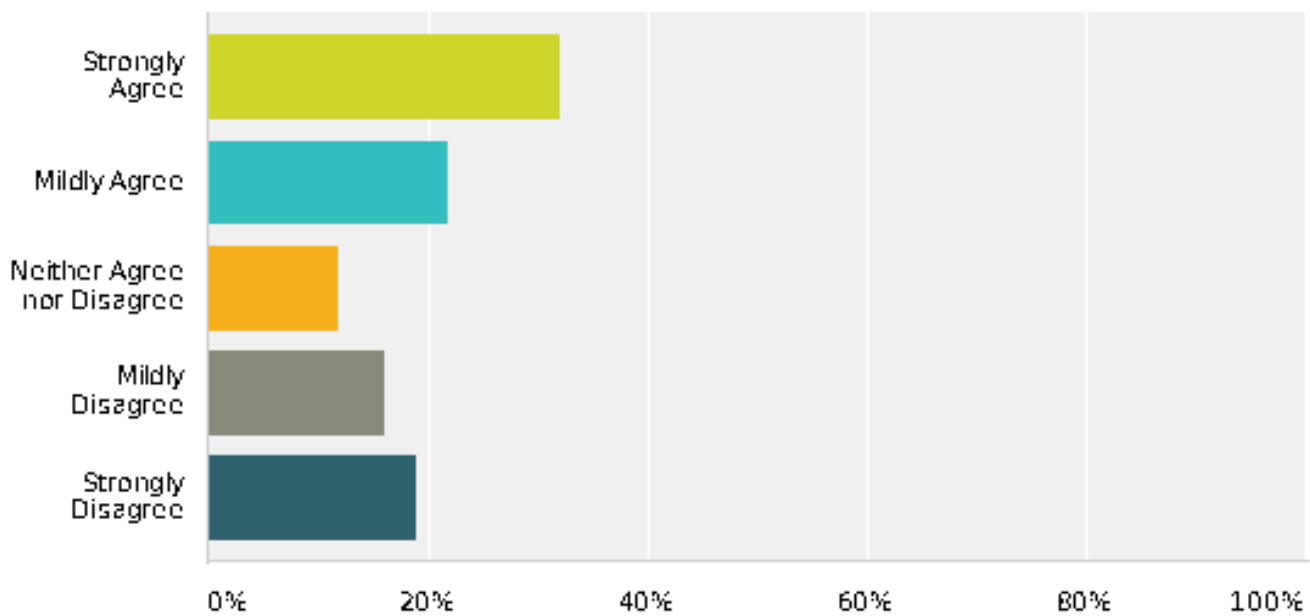


Other questions which identified different factors, such as whether the tree was a common as opposed to a significant tree and the fact that the property had a dense tree canopy, received less support, although 56% of the respondents agreed with the latter statement. The survey asked the question as to whether as a condition to the CSCA approving the removal of a tree the property owner should be required to plant a replacement tree, and a plurality of 46% disagreed, with only 39% agreeing.

The survey included the following statement: “I believe that the tree removal guidelines in Carderock should support the stated intention of certain Montgomery County officials to PRESERVE THE TREE CANOPY AND FOREST ECOSYSTEMS.” Over 63% of the respondents agreed with this statement.



Finally, in response to the following statement: "I support allowing residents to remove trees to allow for some LAWN or GARDENS to grow" over 53% indicated their agreement with only 34% opposed:



There were many individual thoughts and comments expressed, with far too many to provide a complete summary in this article. The Board will read these and take them into account as part of the review of the tree removal guidelines which it will be undertaking over the next couple months.

If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the complete survey, with comments appended, please contact me at jorrick@linowes-law.com
Jack Orrick, Vice President

Kids Triathalon - Give it a TRY!

JUST TRYAN IT (JTI) is holding its fourth annual kids triathlon on Sunday June 16, 2013 at Landon School. Children of all abilities between the ages of 6-14 can participate. As one of the largest children’s introductory triathlons in the area, it promises to be a day filled with fun, excitement and a little bit of competition. JTI has raised over \$275,000 for the JTI Family Assistance Fund benefiting the families of Georgetown University Hospital's pediatric oncology unit. Last year \$125,000 was raised, and over 50% of the funds were raised by the child participants themselves!

JUST TRYAN IT is a registered non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing much needed funds to families fighting childhood cancer. The triathlon focuses on kids health and wellness and teaches children the importance of philanthropy in our community. Visit the JUST TRYAN IT website (www.justtryanit.org) for more details and to register. Questions can be directed to Mary Kaler (Mary.Kaler@justtryanit.org).

Spring Tree and Shrub Care

This has been a lovely cool wet spring for our gardens. Our gardens are thriving, and so are unwanted weeds and vines. Here are a few tips to keep them from strangling our plants and trees.

1. English ivy climbing up tree trunks can literally suffocate a tree. However, if you pull it off the trunk, the bark often comes with it, which damages the tree. Cut the ivy at the base of the tree, and as it dries up, gently pull off the vines.
2. Yank out weeds now when the soil is moist before the roots get anchored in dry soil. Apply a 2" layer of mulch to prevent new seeds sprouting. If you can't pull the weeds out, then cut the flowers off so they won't seed and continue to spread.
3. Consider removing the grass around the base of your trees up to the edge of the leaf canopy possible. In times of drought, the dense mat of grass roots will suck up what little water there is, and prevents it from reaching the tree roots. Mulch and plantings are o.k.
4. Remember our lovely bird residents, who make spring so special with their merry songs. They are nesting now and fledgling birds will be emerging. If you need to prune a shrub or rip out a vine, please make sure there are no nesting birds. Perhaps reworking a garden area can wait a month until the main nesting season is done.

Lisa Wilcox Deyo, Carderock Tree Advisor, Masters of Landscape Architecture

The Carder-Eco Column News from the Environmental Committee

Thank you to so many neighbors who have asked questions, checked with me re. trash and recycling routines, and expressed appreciation for the information I have been able to provide. Sometimes it works the other way! In fact, when you read about the "tetra paks" below, you can thank one of our new neighbors, Mike Wolf, for calling this to my attention. There is so much out there to read, and although easy to search, it sometimes takes more time than we would like. My information is not original in that sense, but I can make it easier to keep up with changing research, news, and trends.

Recycling questions:

Metal: If you call for a large metal pick-up, you MAY include smaller items or a small metal collection. Otherwise, you can visit the transfer/recycling station at Shady Grove, or wait for another one of my collections.

The **deadline for requesting a large metal pick-up** has changed from 11AM the preceding day to 7PM the preceding day.

Tetra paks: These containers are multilayered and contain a combination of paper, metal and plastics, so they belong in the trash, not in recycling. However, simple waxed or foil lined milk and frozen food cardboard containers may go into the bin. If in doubt, do not worry...there is always someone at solid waste whose job it is to sort these things out.

Insect invasions!

Stink bugs: Apparently we will have another banner year of these critters. Remember that although extremely bothersome, they are relatively harmless except to agricultural produce and some plants. Traps are available for about \$25, but on youtube I was able to get

instructions for one for about \$7...easy to make. Pyrethrum or insecticidal soap may also be effective in the garden if they are eating your plants and vegetables. If caught, when placed in soapy water in a jar, they will die immediately and then empty the bottle when there are enough to merit a flush!, rather than wasting water. In addition, if caught in an open plastic bottle (they fall right in if you brush them with the edge), you can freeze them once collected and then dispose. Check youtube for videos/ideas.

Websites: hgic.umd.edu/content/brownstinkbug.cfm

Extension.umd.edu/learn/brown-marmorated-stink-bug-news

Cicadas: After buried in the ground for the last 13/17 years, they will be making their noisy and dramatic return this year. There is some conflicting information about whether it is a 13 or 17 year brood hatching and which parts of Montgomery County will be affected. Although bothersome, they cannot bite, sting, exude noxious substances or odors, or claw you. They actually have many predators who soon tire of their abundance/diet. Dogs and cats can have digestive issues if they ingest too many. The cicadas will leave holes around your trees and lawn, which are OK and in fact aerate the soil. They can lay eggs on tiny young twigs and branches, but please do not try using pesticides or even horticultural oil on them since they are not effective. If you have young trees or bushes, you can cover them with mosquito netting in order to protect the new growth. The covers must breathe and should not overheat the plant. The cicadas are actually edible, and will figure into many famous chefs' menus this Spring.

www.Montgomerycountymd.gov/content/dep/downloads/water/cicada.pdf

Diane Karlik, Environmental Committee

Newcomers to our Neighborhood

Stephanie Morris and Adrian Rouse and their two children Sam (4) and Phoebe (2) have moved into 8405 Carderock Drive, after a year in Tbilisi, Georgia, and earlier in Alexandria. Stephanie and Adrian bought their home from Cecilia Escobar-Rau. You can reach Stephanie and Adrian at 703-401-7538 or by email at morris.rouse@gmail.com.

The Pisha family, Lorelei, Jonathan and their five month old daughter Gigi have moved into 7017 Barkwater Court (Carderock South). You can reach them at jpisha@gmail.com or loreemma@gwmail.gwu.edu, or by phone at 240-223-5403. Lorelei and Jonathan bought their home from longtime residents Norma and Stuart Lippe who have retired to Florida.

Mary Lou Shannon, Welcome Chairman

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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.

Condo Available: July 4th week condo in North Myrtle Beach, June 28-July5: 2 Bedroom ocean front unit, sleeps six, 2 baths, full kitchen with amenities. Building is on the beach, pool, water slide, lazy river. Wyndham Plus resort (<http://www.wyndhamtowersonthegrove.com/>), discounted, \$1800. Contact Diane Karlik, Tel: 301 469-8622.

Handyman: Jose Louis will help with any and all chores in and around the house and garden,

including painting, drywall, carpeting and indoor repairs, carpeting and flooring, as well as grass mowing, yard clean up; deck and patio power washing and staining; fence, pathway or platform construction; and any other kind of heavy work, on a reasonable hourly basis. Contact Carderock neighbor Ray at 301-469-0192.

Housekeeper and Caregiver: Available M-F to do general cleaning, laundry, ironing, errands, organizing, preparing meals, etc. Experienced and good references from Carderock families. Owns car. Good work, reliable, respectful. Please call Nan at 240-423-6314.

Lacrosse Lessons for Girls: College lacrosse player, home for summer. Working at a summer lacrosse camp. Available to teach lacrosse plays and stick skills to young girls that want to learn the game. Semi-private, private and group lessons available. Please call Natasha Schill at 240-888-8571.

Pet Sitting; Dog Walking; House Sitting: College student available for Pet Sitting this summer. I am a junior in college. I have taken care of pets in the neighborhood for the past six years. I love animals. Please call Natasha Schill at 240-888-8571.

SWING INTO FALL

Community Celebration!

Swing Dancing!

Catered Event!

Save the Date for the Fall Event

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 6:00 pm at the Swim Club

More information will come in the July CSCA Newsletter.

Contact Joe Tobin at 917-454-8089 or joetobin@hotmail.com for more information or to help with planning this event.