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Residents of Carderock Springs and surrounding areas may join the Citizens Association for annual dues of \$50 for a membership year ending December 31, 2009. 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.

Citizens' Association Annual Meeting

**Sunday, April 26, 2009
Carderock Springs Swim Club
7:00-9:00 pm**

Please join your neighbors and the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board (CSCA) members for our Annual meeting on Sunday, April 26, starting at 7:00 pm at the swim and tennis club. There will be reports on Association activities and other important issues facing our community. The Nominating Committee will offer nominees to be voted on at the meeting. A more detailed agenda will be posted on the CSCA website (<http://carderocksprings.net/>) closer to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Special Informational Meeting on Recent Auto Break-Ins and How to Prevent Them in the Future

On March 2, 2009, at 7 pm at the Clubhouse, there will be a special informational meeting on recent auto break-ins in the Carderock Springs neighborhood. The guest speaker will be Michael S. Prather, Community Services Officer, Montgomery County Department of Police, 1st District. We look forward to discussing with Officer Prather how to prevent such crimes in the future. A special thanks to Mary Lou Shannon for helping to organize this program.

Call for People to Serve on CSCA Nominating Committee

It is that time of year again. On April 26, at 7pm, the Citizen's Association will be holding an annual meeting. One of the agenda items will be to elect a new Board of Directors. I would like to solicit anyone who is interested in serving on the Nominations Committee. Ideally, we would like to have three members who can help to evaluate members of the Citizens' Association who wish to serve on the Board and make appropriate nominations. I would request that anyone who is interested let Jennifer Manner know by February 20th at jamanner@gmail.com or 301-365-2312.

Call for Nomination for the CSCA Board of Directors

On April 26, at the Annual Meeting of the CSCA, the community will have the opportunity to elect the Board of Directors. Accordingly, I would request that any one that is interested in serving on the Board please contact Jennifer Manner at jamanner@gmail.com or 301-365-2312. It would be helpful if you would indicate what position you are interested in serving in. The positions are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Members-at-Large positions. Please send all nominations for the Board to Jennifer by February 20, 2009 so the nominations process can begin promptly and be concluded in time for the April meeting.

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Directory

Printed and electronic versions to be available

We are in the process of completing the 2009 Carderock Springs Citizens Association Directory. The directory is a very helpful resource for members of the community as it contains the contact information for all of our neighborhood residents and CSCA members, other important contact information and general information, recommended contractors, and those of our young neighbors who are willing to provide babysitting and other services, among other things. This year, for the first time, in addition to the printed version of the directory, we are making it available in an electronic version. A copy was already emailed out to the Directory Email list. If you did not receive a copy then either we are missing your email or we had an incorrect listing. If you would like to receive an email version, please email Jennifer Manner at jamanner@gmail.com. At this point, we are still collecting edits from the community so when the directory goes to print in the next few weeks it will be as accurate as possible. Once it is completed, we will again email the directory out to everyone. This will ensure that Citizens' Association members have two forms of access to the directory and that the Board will be able to provide more regular electronic updates on the directory than a print version allows. The final date to send corrections is February 20, 2009.

Intergenerational Initiative: Call for Volunteers

Led by Margit Meissner, there has been a substantial effort to create in Carderock Springs an intergenerational initiative. This initiative focuses on creating a network of neighbors-helping-neighbors for many important things such as watching a child if a parent suddenly has to go out, helping a neighbor move something heavy, driving a neighbor to a doctors appointment, or one of many other activities that neighbors in a community are particularly well-suited to provide to one another. Similar programs have been started in many other communities nearby with much success. Based on discussions at Citizens' Association meetings and the response to a recent survey in the CSCA and Swim Club newsletters, it is clear that many in the Carderock Springs' neighborhood would like to see such an initiative started here. Despite this interest, however, there have been no volunteers willing to lead such an effort. If anyone is interested in working on this effort please contact Jennifer Manner at jamanner@gmail.com or 301-365-2312.

Green Neighbor Updates

Diane Karlik at dianekarlik@verizon.net

Metal recycling continues: Drop off at the Co-op (blue bin outside front door) or at 8027 Fenway (Diane Karlik) or 7604 Hamilton Spring Road (Martha Donnelly)

Bethesda Green: Carderock Springs was neighborhood of the month December 2008 so check out their website (<http://www.bethesdagreen.org/bggreen/>). While you

are there, you can check the photos of plastic items that you should and should not put in the blue bins. You can also refer to the January CSSC newsletter for additional details about the new recycling guidelines.

Green Neighbors: New Initiative BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag)

Over the past three months, Green Neighbors (Carderock Springs and Cabin John) have been developing an initiative with the goal of reducing our community's plastic waste stream due to its negative impact on our creeks, rivers, and oceans. We plan to accomplish this through encouraging:

1. Residents to use reusable shopping bags through bag distribution and reminders (BYOB)
2. Local Cabin John businesses to switch from petroleum-based plastic bags, food and beverage ware to better alternatives

The next meeting is scheduled for the evening of February 11th. If interested in working with us, contact Diane at dianekarlik@verizon.net to confirm time and place.

So what's the big deal with plastics? Several of our neighbors, Tjaart Schillhorn and Barbara Holtz, joined with others from Cabin John and Brookmont to research this question. The problem is mainly one of persistence plus disposability. Plastics are cheap and lightweight, but being derived from petroleum, don't biodegrade like many other substances. As Anthony Andrady, a polymer chemist studying marine debris, noted, every little piece of plastic manufactured in the past 50 years that made it into the ocean is still out there somewhere." Animals consume and feed their young plastics that they mistake for food. The "Great Pacific Garbage Patch," halfway between San Francisco and Hawaii and

discovered in 1997, is at least twice the size of Texas and consists of 7 billion pounds of plastic garbage. More information is available from Diane Karlik and check out the next month's issue of the CSSC (orange) newsletter for more details.

Discussion Circle: If interested in joining a discussion group based on materials from Simplicity-Matters.org, notify Diane Karlik. We hope to be forming our first one with neighboring communities in the near future. This all volunteer organization strives to help people learn how to more lightly on Earth.

Carderock Springs on the National Register

On November 21, Carderock Springs is officially listed on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. Carderock Springs (built by Edmund Bennett) was chosen as a prime example of situated modernism (where houses complement and blend in with the natural landscape). (see nps.gov/history/nr/listings of December 5).

The nomination process began in 2004 when the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) asked two University of Maryland professors to document "modernism" in Montgomery county. Their 2005 report formed the basis

for the nomination; since then, the MHT has worked to further document the nomination.

Inclusion in the National Register is an honor for the community; it does not place any constraints on actions owners may wish to take to alter their homes. Carderock's covenants requiring ARC approval remain the means for preserving the architectural integrity of the community. The Carderock Springs Design Guidelines assist homeowners and their design team in making decisions that facilitate the approval process.

The Maryland Historic Trust does have a tax credit program which provides financial incentives for modernization /maintenance. To benefit from the tax program, there appear to be a number of bureaucratic hoops. Details can be found at www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net.

Next Meetings:

February 16, 2009 at 7 pm: February Board Meeting (at Clubhouse)

March 2, 2009 at 7 pm: Special Informational Meeting on Recent Auto-Break-ins and How to Prevent Them in the Future (at Clubhouse)

April 26, 2009 at 7 pm: Annual Meeting (at the Clubhouse)

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