



*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.*

## Annual Dues to CSCA

All residents within Carderock and South Carderock were mailed a letter announcing that your annual dues are owing for the 2018 calendar year. The dues remain the same as the last several years, \$50 per household, and are used to fund the activities of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association, including the periodic newsletter, maintaining the website, holding social events throughout the year, lighting and maintenance of the entry signs, and other work associated with the enforcement of the neighborhood covenants. This year we plan to update the directory, so **please provide any updates** to the persons living in your home, phone and e-mail addresses, and updates to our list our baby sitters pet watchers and lawn and garden care providers.



Checks and updated information should be sent to P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237, or dues can be paid on-line (\$51.80) using PayPal payable to [cscatreas@gmail.com](mailto:cscatreas@gmail.com). Thanks to those who have already paid, and we ask others to do so as soon as possible.

Please note that annual CSCA Citizens Association dues (\$50) are not the same as annual CSSC Swim Club dues (more than 10 times more).

Rob Gorman, CSCA Treasurer

## Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted



### DAY/DATE

Monday, Mar 19, 7:30 pm

### EVENT

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, Apr 4, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting

Saturday, Apr 14, time TBD

Egg Hunt at the Club

Sunday, Apr 15, 5:30+ pm

Wine Tasting and Family Potluck

### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday May 6, 7:00-8:30 pm

Citizen Assoc ANNUAL Election Meeting

Sunday Sept 23, time TBD

Annual Welcome Potluck to welcome newcomers

# CSCA Meetings

## Monthly board meeting Monday, March 19

The Citizens' Association Board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Clubhouse. The meetings are open to all community members. Minutes and financial reports are posted online at [www.CarderockCitizens.org](http://www.CarderockCitizens.org). The March meeting is Monday, March 19.

## Annual Election Meeting Sunday, May 6

The Carderock Springs Citizens Association will be having its annual meeting to elect officers and directors and review the year's events, including updates on Fenway Road traffic calming, on Sunday, May 6, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Club.

In addition, we plan to have a presentation by the Architectural Review Committee on the process to submit plans for exterior renovations to Bennett homes as well as for any modifications to outdoor features on the property, including fences and sheds, as are covered by the recorded covenants against our properties. We will also have information on the rehabilitation tax credit which is available through the Maryland Historic Trust and provides a 20% income tax credit for expenditures to maintain your homes, including roof replacements, skylight and window replacement, wood siding, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

We will have beer, wine and light refreshments. Please plan to join us.

Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President

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## Architectural Review Committee Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm



The Citizens' Association has an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse. If you are considering an addition or exterior modification of your home, submit your plans for review by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Design and review procedures plus other documents are available at [CarderockCitizens.org](http://CarderockCitizens.org). The ARC was created by the covenants which govern your property in Carderock. ARC meetings are open for any and every community member to attend, whether you are renovating or not.

# Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition (MCQSC)

There are now 3 ways to file airplane noise complaints online:

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

- With an app on your Android device:

<http://www.flyreagan.com/dca/dca-reagan-national-submit-noise-complaint>

- With an app on your iOS Apple device:

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



Viewpoint app icon

While all of our elected and local officials are on board, and as the legal firm hired is working on our concerns, the most important action you can take is to **register complaints regarding airplane noise**. Encourage your local friends and your neighbors to do so as well.

In addition, the Coalition leadership needs volunteers with the ability to help in the following. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gretchen Gaston directly at [glgaston@gmail.com](mailto:glgaston@gmail.com).

Treasurer: set up a way to receive online contributions and establish an account to hold funds until they are disbursed after approval of the MCQSC executive committee.

Graphics Design expert: develop options for the MCQSC logo and coordinating letterhead. Create graphics to be used for MCQSC presentations to policymakers, media and communities.

Video/technical specialist: create videos documenting air traffic in MoCo.

Writers: highly skilled writers to help draft effective, succinct letters, research summaries and other documents.



Health analyst: track and compile research on the health effects of noise and air pollution.

Diane Karlik and Petra Jacobs

Carderock Springs Representatives on the Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

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## WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee is up and running. Thanks to all who volunteered to help. And a special thanks to Leanne Long of Long and Foster, who is providing us with access to all the realty activity happening in Carderock, most importantly info on when homes are sold/under contract. When we know a house has been sold, it will be assigned to a Welcome Committee member. When a new family actually moves in, that committee member will visit, welcome them, offer any support they may need and pass on important information about Carderock Springs and the area. An effort will also be made to keep in touch with the new family for a couple months.

Also, committee members have been assigned all new residents who have moved to Carderock since September, 2017 to make sure everyone is getting settled and to offer support and information.

Another event sponsored by the Welcome Committee is the new-comers pot luck. This year, it will be held on **Sunday, September 23rd**. Save the date for this annual and important event.

Phil Rider, chair of Welcome Committee

## CSCA Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Working Group (Working Group) Highlights

The history of Carderock Springs and the Beltway has always been intertwined. There have been several community attempts to persuade MDOT (Maryland Department of Transportation) and Montgomery County to erect a solid noise barrier along both sides of the Beltway and replant the area between the Beltway and community to reduce impact of excessive noise and downwind air pollutants.

Scientific studies have shown that highway traffic noise interrupts concentration, elevates heart rate, impairs ability to carry on a conversation, impairs cognition, attention, reading, memory, and problem solving in children. In 2001, The State Highway Association (SHA) recorded traffic noise along Stone Trail, Comanche Court, Hamilton Spring and parts of Persimmon Tree Ln and Fenway above 60 decibels adjusted (dBA) and in some places as high as 80 dBA, which is significantly above 66 dBA (one of eligibility criteria for installing a noise barrier). CSES (Carderock Spring Elementary School) measured 79dBA. Concerned community residents also notified CSES before its reconstruction about an increased risk for respiratory diseases caused by diesel particles from highway that led some states to ban building schools within 500 feet of highway. Unfortunately, CSES air supply vents, playground and athletic fields are located on the side of the Beltway which is less than 500 feet. Lastly, residences located further from Beltway are being affected indirectly, because of a decreased market value of entire CS neighborhood (most Realtors/appraisers will not adjust for road noise when conducting comparative analyses).

The Working Group members studied available documentation and confirmed that MDOT claimed Carderock is not eligible for a Type II Barrier because the majority of the impacted homes were built in the mid-late 1960s, after the 1964 opening of I-495. During the 1988 lane expansion (Type I Barrier eligibility), Carderock did not get protected with a barrier because the cost per the 35 impacted and benefitted residences would have exceeded the reasonability cap of \$40K. Montgomery County offered to advance the difference and recuperate it from tax assessment. Carderock Springs residents (other than Thornley Ct) did not support the assessment. Even though in 2001, the cost of the wall would meet the reasonability cap, SHA claimed funds were not available before FY2007. However, a barrier cost estimate in 2005 doubled, according to MDOT, which exceeded the cost reasonability cap again.

MDOT suggested waiting for the next expansion of I-495. Current Type I Barrier eligibility criteria replaces the cost requirement with the area of wall per benefitted residence that should not exceed 2,700 square feet. According to the Working Group's internal calculations, this may be sufficient for erecting a barrier efficient to decrease noise and pollution in our neighborhood without a need for additional funds. The expansion of I-495 is currently in its planning stage (see the Traffic Relief Plan map). More information about the planned project could be found at <http://www.roads.maryland.gov/Index.aspx?PageId=580>.

The CSCA Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Working Group has gathered new support from the CSCA community and CSES PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) via signed resolutions of support to:

- Request that SHA conduct a noise and air pollution analysis to measure current levels of Beltway noise and pollution in the vicinity of Carderock, including CSES
- Request updates from SHA on current planning of Beltway widening, including a plan to abate noise and pollution, should widening happen
- Request that the Maryland EPA or other relevant agency replant with noninvasive plants the area between Beltway and Carderock, that was cleared of invasive plant species during the summer of 2016
- Increase County and State officials support on this effort

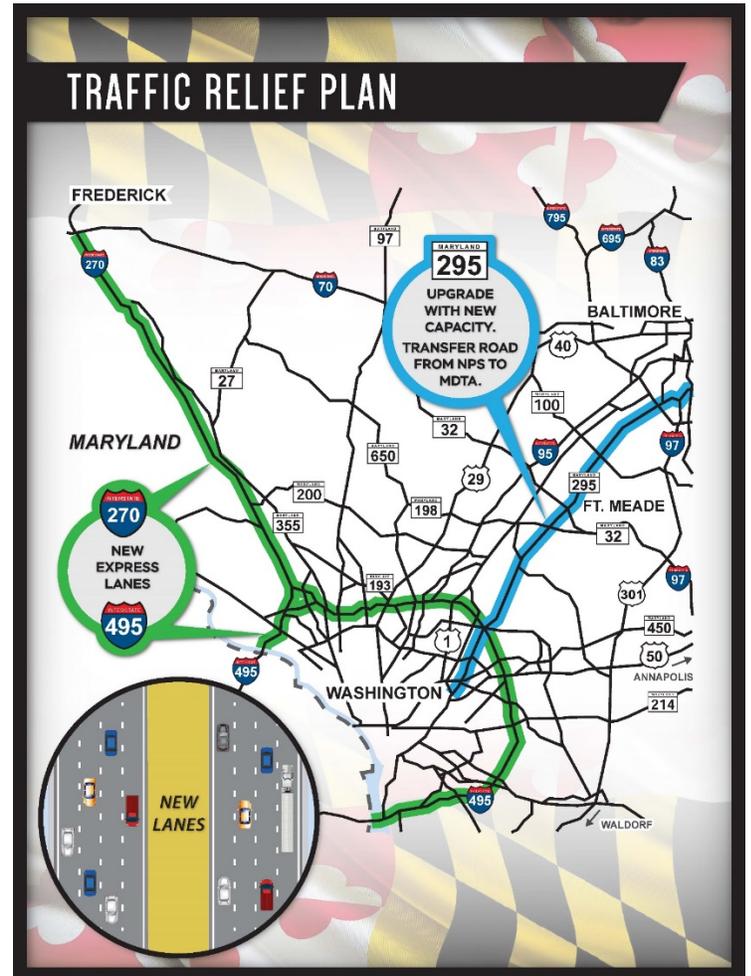
The Traffic Relief Plan map indicates

- (blue) upgrades with new capacity for Rte 295
- (green) proposed Express Lanes for Rte 270 and 495
- (inset) configuration of new Express Lanes

CSCA Beltway Noise and Air Pollution

Working Group Members:

Stephen Austin, Stephanie Angrick, Konstantin Gartvig, Petra and Greg Jacobs, Elena Kazakova, Kristen and Toby Kirk, Jeannine Shavitz, Timothy Williams



## Classified

**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, electrical, 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.



**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.

**CELEBRATING CARDEROCK'S  
NATIONAL DIVERSTY  
AN INTERNATIONAL  
WINE-TASTING AND POT LUCK  
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH**



**(yes, it's tax day)  
at the club**

**5:30 for tasting wines from all over the world  
6:15 POT LUCK (please bring a main or side  
that is from your own nationality cuisine)**

**DESSERT - AMERICAN ICE CREAM SUNDAES**

**This is a family event**

**PLEASE RSVP TO**

**[p mrbthmd@yahoo.com](mailto:p mrbthmd@yahoo.com)**



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## Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board Members

Jack Orrick	President
vacant	Vice President
Stefan Lobuglio	Secretary
Rob Gorman	Treasurer
Sindy Udell	Member-at-Large
Bill Draper	Member-at-Large
Petra Jacobs	Member-at-Large
Yvette Quintela	Member-at-Large
Julie Weber	Member-at-Large
Larry Ondrejko	Club Liaison
Margie Orrick	Newsletter Editor
Scott Wilets, Doug Soe-Lin, Katherine Stifel	Architectural Review Committee

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.