



CSCA Annual Election Meeting and Reception

Sunday April 30, 6:30 -8 pm, at the Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club

- Election of officers and directors of the CSCA for the upcoming year
 - Update and discussion of Fenway Road Traffic Safety survey
- Reception with beer/wine/non-alcoholic beverages and nibbles starts at 6:30 pm

Nominated to stand for election:

President – Jack Orrick
 Vice President – Bill Moore
 Secretary – Stefan LoBuglio
 Treasurer – Rob Gorman

At Large – Bill Draper
 At Large - Seth Hertlein
 At Large- Yvette Quintela
 At Large – Sindy Udell
 At Large – Julie Weber

Fenway Road Traffic Calming Survey Results Available

Thanks to the hard work of Stephanie Land, the CSCA Data Manager, the results of the Fenway Road Safety Survey which was conducted in February are now posted on the CSCA website, www.CarderockCitizens.org . We are pleased that 233 responses were received, out of a total of approximately 550 households in the CSCA database, which represents a very strong response. Thanks to all residents who completed this survey which provides a much more complete picture of the sentiments in the neighborhood regarding traffic calming than we have ever had.



There are three separate documents summarizing these results.

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Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

DAY/DATE

EVENT

Sunday, April 30, 6:30 -8 pm
 Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 pm
 Sunday, May 7, 3:00 pm

CSCA Annual Election Meeting and Reception
 Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting
 Scavenger Hunt and Pizza/Salad Supper



Traffic Survey Results, continued....

The first, which is labeled “**Survey Monkey Global Survey Results**”, includes summaries of all responses to Questions 2 – 10 together with the actual comments received under Question 11 (which was the open-ended question that asked for any additional comments or suggestions). Please note that we have decided not to post the addresses of the respondents which were listed under Question 1 due to confidentiality concerns. Please rest assured that Stephanie did cross-check for duplicate responses and for responses from individuals who do not live within the Carderock Springs newsletter and dues mailing area (which mailing area includes as previously indicated all Bennett homes in Carderock and South Carderock as well non-Bennett homes on Fenway Drive, Fenway Road, Lilly Stone Drive, Comanche Court, Endicott Court, Buxton Terrace and parts of Persimmon Tree Lane, Persimmon Tree Road and Tomlinson Avenue). Also due to some inconsistencies in the addresses of persons responding to Questions 12 – 14 which the survey indicated should only be answered by Fenway residents, these responses are reported in Report 1 described in the next paragraph.

Next, Stephanie prepared “**Report 1 - Fenway Road Impacted Respondent Results**” - which tabulated responses to the questions dealing with the three traffic calming options – pavement markings, traffic islands and speed cameras -- and the no action option of four separate categories of respondents – (i) All respondents, (ii) Fenway Road Residents self-identified, (iii) respondents who reported that they often drove on Fenway Road, and (iv) respondents who reported that they often biked, walked or jogged on Fenway Road – and produced graphs that showed the overall responses of these individuals as well as the responses of the global survey respondents. She has included the responses of Fenway Road residents to Questions 12 – 14 in the survey as part of this report.

The third report also prepared by Stephanie, “**Report 2 – Detailed Fenway Road Resident Responses**”, tabulates the responses in segments of Fenway Road residents in the 7900 - 8600 blocks. There are two categories of homes – (i) homes that have Fenway Road addresses and lot frontage facing along Fenway Road (Facing Fenway) and (ii) all of these homes plus the respondents of corner homes that are adjacent to Fenway and respondents who live on the three “knobs” in the 8200 and 8300 blocks of Fenway (All Fenway).

The Board reviewed the results of the **Survey Monkey Global Results** and **Report 1 – Fenway Impacted Respondents** at its March meeting and had the following initial reactions. We did not receive **Report 2- Detailed Fenway Resident Responses** until the week of April 2, so have not as a Board arrived at any final recommendations. The preliminary reaction of the Board to the results of the first two reports are:

- It is clear that no matter how the survey responses are viewed, a clear majority of respondents feel that there is a safety issue on Fenway Road for pedestrians, bikers and/or drivers.
- In addition, a clear majority of respondents feel that the Montgomery County DOT or the Police should install one or more of islands, pavement markings or speed cameras.
- Of the three available traffic calming measures, speed cameras appears to be the most favored, with clear majorities of all respondents supporting.
- Fenway Road residents had a clear dislike of pavement markings, and no other group appeared to support these with clear majority; accordingly, the Board is not inclined to pursue pavement markings as an option.
- Traffic islands elicited the strongest reactions both for those in support and those in disagreement. A high percentage of Fenway residents did indicate that they would not support islands in front of their homes. In considering islands, the board indicated that it would want to know if there was agreement of residents on both sides of Fenway in the areas where the islands would be located.
- If islands are a chosen option, clear majorities support installing temporary “trial” islands first, followed by a second survey to determine whether there is support for the permanent islands.

Traffic Survey Results, continued....

Since the completion of the survey, the Traffic Safety Committee has made contact with the Montgomery County Police Department to determine if the police would be willing to install speed cameras based on the support levels in the survey responses. The police have also collected more data in the neighborhood in February and March, including installing temporary electronic speed signs and stationing an officer with a speed gun at locations within the neighborhood. At the time of writing this article we have not received a definitive response as to whether or not the police would install speed cameras – the letter dated February 16, 2017 from Captain Didone, posted on the CSCA website, states, in part, “I understand that the traffic volumes are too low for speed humps to be considered. If the roadway does not qualify for speed humps, then the road will not qualify for speed cameras as well.” However, this statement has been called somewhat into question by other statements made by the police and there has been no further response since the police collected the more recent data on Fenway Road.

The Detailed Fenway Road Resident Responses contained in Report 2 appear to indicate that among Fenway Road residents, there is a sharp division of opinion on the use of traffic islands based on the location of the respondents, with clear majority support by residents living in the 8200, 8300 and 8400 blocks, whether only counting the homes facing Fenway or all homes including the knob and corner lot homes. Accordingly, one option that may be considered is the installation of temporary “trial” islands along a stretch of road in one or more of those blocks to see what neighborhood reaction might be. As noted in the survey, if this option were chosen, there would be a second survey conducted prior to the installation of permanent islands.

The annual meeting of the CSCA will include time for neighborhood discussion of the survey results. The Board will pass along any additional information that is received at or prior to this meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled to occur between 6:30 and 8:00 pm on Sunday, April 30 at the Carderock Clubhouse. We hope that all interested residents will attend.

Jack Orrick
CSCA Board President

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News from the Environmental Committee

The Agricultural Reserve (Montgomery Countryside Alliance)

We are fortunate to have an Agricultural Reserve in Montgomery County, ensuring that a portion of the area is dedicated to farming and husbandry. They provide many nearby opportunities to view for yourself and partake in activities, many of them appropriate for families, during the season.

You can also access their website <http://www.mocoAlliance.org/> for CSA shares still (as of March 30) available for this coming season. Other neighbors subscribe to ones already delivering nearby, and possibly this very community, and I ask those to “advertise” these on CS-Chat@yahoogroups.com . For one fee, you will receive weekly deliveries of fresh produce from these farms, many of which are certified organic or commit to raising crops in an organic manner.



Upcoming events include: May 6 MoCo Greenfest, June 24 Field and Fiddle Festival, April 29 Wildflower Walk, April 22 Shearing Day at Stargazing Farm and more. The group also has been pushing powerful efforts to support farmers in general and to protect our land and water.

Carder-Eco, continued...

Food

For those interested in increasing the vegetable intake of their families, we have found an article on treating your veggies like meat, resulting in more flavor:

<http://www.Treehugger.com/green-food/secret-cooking-amazing-vegetables.html>

More on Endocrine Disruptors

One other eye-opener....do a google search using the words "sperm changes sunscreen" for many articles on what some of our modern-day practices, including use of plastics, sunscreens, and other potential endocrine disruptors have been implicated in changes in the sperm in young men. Check the March 11 opinion piece if you have access to the NY Times.

Diane Karlik, DianeKarlik@verizon.net
CSCA Environmental Committee Chair

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition: Update

The Board of the Carderock Springs Citizen Association confirmed its support of the Quiet Skies Coalition and the Resolution to Create a Committee for the Coalition by identifying voting delegates and alternates.

Councilmember Berliner has asked the County to explore taking legal action against the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) over the increased air traffic and noise over Montgomery County <http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/2017/Berliner-Urges-County-To-Consider-Legal-Action-Against-FAA-Over-Increased-Airplane-Noise/>). Please feel free to contact Councilmember Berliner to thank him for his support. In our county, the planes now fly on a much narrower route south of the I-495 split, whereas previously they spread out over the I-270 corridor. In addition, planes are descending sooner and at much lower altitudes than before, which further increased the noise level. These changes were made without any input from, or advance notice to the County.



Please continue your complaints at <https://complaints.bksv.com/dca> . In fact, do so each time you find the noise bothersome, or search for 'DCA loud noise complaint' and you will be taken to that same site. This important step can make a difference. Bookmark the site for convenience.

Consider joining the group at mcquietskiescoalition@gmail.com and registering for their google group, or going to their website at <https://sites.google.com/site/208xxquietskies/downloads>. At this website, you will find information for contacting our elected officials. The most effective letters, e-mails and phone calls are those that include personal stories of how you have been affected.

Several observations from Carderock residents: increased noise disturbs some and are exacerbating auditory issues. Some people are concerned about air pollution or decrease of property value. Residents without cable TV who rely on window digital antennas are losing service on several public broadcasting stations, including MPT, whenever planes fly over, which can be as often as one a minute. On other stations, there is interference. Please do not hesitate to contact dianekarlik@verizon.net to report other concerns about the effects of this new noise imposition.

Meetings of the Coalition are usually the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting of the Coalition is Thursday May 11 at 7:30 pm in the Brookmont Church, 4000 Virginia Place, Bethesda, MD 20816.

Diane Karlik and Petra Jacobs
Carderock Springs Representatives on the Quiet Skies Coalition

Architectural Review Committee Meetings

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm

The Citizens' Association has an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meeting on the 1st 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 20th of the month. Design and review procedures plus other documents are available at 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.



CSCA Monthly Board Meetings, 7:30 pm

The Citizens' Association Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Clubhouse. The meetings are open to all community members.

There is no board meeting in April due to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 30, 6:30 – 8 pm.

Daffodil Thanks

A round of applause to those who assisted the Citizens' Association's Garden Club in planting daffodil bulbs in the fall throughout Carderock. Your results have been fabulous and are much appreciated by all of us this spring!



Classified

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.

Looking to Rent: A Cabin John renter for many years, responsible, mature, is seeking to rent basement apartment/ in-law cottage/ or similar space. Excellent Cabin John and Carderock references, please call Carolyn 240-204-2953.

CARDEROCK SCAVENGER HUNT SUNDAY, MAY 7TH



3:00 PM - Scavenger Hunt
5:30 PM - Pizza and Salad Supper

This is for everyone
- singles, couples, families, dogs

Discover some of the mysteries of Carderock

There will be teams of 10 people each

\$5 per person; \$15 max for family of 3 or more
to cover cost of food and drink.

Also subsidized by your
\$50 CSCA dues.

PLEASE, RSVP TO Phil: pmrbthmd@yahoo.com

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board Members

Jack Orrick	President
Bill Moore	Vice President
Stefan Lobuglio	Secretary
Rob Gorman	Treasurer
Sindy Udell	Member-at-Large
Bill Draper	Member-at-Large
Seth Hertlein	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, 2017. 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.