



New Survey on Temporary Trial Traffic Islands

At its May Board meeting, the CSCA Board decided to conduct a separate **survey (#2)** on community support for having Montgomery County install, on a **three-month trial basis, two temporary islands** along a fairly straight stretch of **Fenway Road** to the north of Still Spring Road. This action was taken based on the results of the February traffic survey (#1, which is posted on the CSCA website -- <http://www.carderocksprings.net/>), the data from Montgomery County DOT speed studies which indicate excessive speed on Fenway Road, and residents' comments expressed at the annual CSCA meeting in April which revealed concerns about traffic safety on Fenway Road but no consensus on the use of traffic islands to reduce vehicle speeds. We have received permission from the homeowners who have direct property frontage on Fenway Road to install the possible trial islands.



If the new survey results show support of Fenway Road and community residents in favor of the temporary islands, the Board will ask the County to install the temporary islands. Also, the Board will ask the County to conduct further traffic speed studies while the islands were in place and will report the results to the community. Then, at the end of the three-month trial period, the Board will conduct another survey (#3) asking residents whether they support the installation of permanent islands. Again, the Board will be guided by the survey results and ask the County to install permanent islands only if residents support this option.

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Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted



DAY/DATE

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 pm

EVENT

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 7

Deadline to register for Swim/Dive Teams. See Club website www.CarderockClub.org for more swim/dive dates for meets, etc.

Monday, June 19, 7:30

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting

www.CarderockCitizens.org

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association

New Survey on Temporary Trial Traffic Islands, continued...



The survey #2 will remain open until June 30 and will soon be available on Survey Monkey from the CSCA homepage (if your e-mail address is in the CSCA database, you should be receiving an e-mail invite). As was the case with the February survey, respondents must indicate their property address and the Board will only accept one survey from each residence located in the CSCA newsletter delivery area. If we receive duplicate surveys from an address, we will endeavor to notify the respondents, but if not practicable, will use the first survey received and discard the others.

The proposed trial islands are 18 inches in width and 40 feet in length and would consist of a series of vertical flexible posts with painted lines on the road to indicate traffic lanes and the narrowing roadway to alert pedestrians, bikers and motorists to their location. They are not located in the middle of the roadway but off to the sides and will serve to narrow the roadway in these areas. The width of the shoulders between the two side islands and the edges of the road would be around 3.5 feet (as originally indicated in our first survey in February). See www.CarderockCitizens.org for a plan showing the proposed location and dimensions of the trial islands. The Board believes that if the community is supportive of temporary islands, residents will have the opportunity to see first-hand what the islands might look like and to see how the islands function with actual pedestrians, bikers and vehicle traffic, and this should lead us to have a more informed opinion on the efficacy of this option.

Concerning the February survey results on other options, the County police determined in April that speed cameras - which was the most popular choice on the first survey to address traffic safety issues - are not a viable option due to lack of sufficient traffic volume on Fenway Road. The other option, pavement markings, was not supported generally by Fenway Road residents, presumably due to the prohibition of all on-street parking.

One other note – As was reported at the May CSCA Board meeting, the Montgomery County police notified us in April that there is a possible new traffic calming option that may be pursued which consists of posting **electronic speed boards** at one or more locations on Fenway Road. These boards would indicate the speed of the oncoming traffic and record these speeds, but would not be able to photograph the actual vehicles so there would be no ability to identify the vehicles at a later point in time. This option is still being vetted by the police, and the Board has sent a list of questions on how this program would work including the cost to the Citizens' Association of initially obtaining these boards and the means and cost for their ongoing maintenance. The Board will report to the community when additional information is available.

The CSCA Board thanks the Traffic Safety Committee for their diligent work along with the police and County DOT in helping us explore options to address speeding on Fenway. So, too, we appreciate residents' comments both in support and in opposition to different options expressed at meetings and in emails to us. As a Board, we are committed to a fair and open process to determine community support for how we proceed.

Jack Orrick
CSCA Board President

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News from the Environmental Committee

Recycling

Our recycling bins and yard recycling have not been picked up as scheduled due to employment/driver issues. The county is working with the contractor on this. Although our covenants state that no trash receptacles are to be placed curbside or even visible from the street except for trash day pick-ups, this cannot currently be helped. Leave your recycling containers curbside until they can get picked up.

Articles of Interest

Straw Bale Gardening: Want to try vegetable gardening with your kids in that small area of sun, but don't want to have to do the labor to dig one up? Here is an alternative.

<https://www.rodalorganiclife.com/garden/straw-bale-gardening>

Organics: As you shop for organic or conventional produce, note the following produce items that are grown using are the most chemical-laden.

<https://www.rodalorganiclife.com/food/the-most-pesticide-laden-produce-of-2017>

Pacific Plastics: Some of you may remember the past efforts of CS and the Cabin John community, first with our metal recycling challenge, and then with our plastic bag initiative. Those occurred well before the county began charging for plastic bags. Due to the currents in the Pacific and the Pacific gyre, one remote island seems to be the dumping ground for our floating plastics.

<https://www.treehugger.com/ocean-conservation/henderson-island-most-remote-most-polluted-place-earth.html>

ID Tree Types: A fun app can determine what types of trees you have in your yard and in our neighborhood. Those interested in walking around the neighborhood for a few hours with an arborist to discuss practices and procedures, please contact me. We organized such a walk one Spring, but with so many new residents who may be interested, we might repeat this program.

www.treehugger.com/natural-sciences/what-tree-app-puts-arborist-your-pocket.html

Re-use/Use-it-up: Rather than the recent interest in simplifying and de-cluttering by throwing things away, read some of the statistics, and think about re-using, upcycling or otherwise donating or selling what you own. Many residents are placing offers for free or sale on CS-Chat@yahoo.com.

www.treehugger.com/cleaning-organizing/forget-spark-joy-how-about-use-it.html

Other options? A Wider Circle will pick up large items like furniture in good condition (not dirty, torn, etc.). There is a wait so try to anticipate your future needs and schedule an appointment. Smaller items can be brought to their Silver Spring warehouse. They are always looking for many types of household items: beds of course, but anything to be used to set up households for those in need. They also have a branch that trains and equips those to enter the workforce, so professional or nicer clothing (no stains, no tears, etc.) is always accepted. Email furnish@awidercircle.org

Sport Equipment: Leveling the Playing Field for sports equipment, or advertise on CS-Chat.

<http://www.levelingthefield.org/>

Moco Info: Dial 311 for a variety of Montgomery County recycling and other info.

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

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition Update

The Montgomery County Skies Coalition (Coalition) held its monthly meeting on May 11. The meeting was well attended with nearly 50 community members along with representatives from the offices of Senator Christopher Van Hollen, Congressman Jamie Raskin, Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner and the Montgomery County Regional Services Office. Discussion included recent letter from the Maryland Delegation to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requesting to conduct by June 1 a thorough written review of the noise levels pre- and post-implementation of 2015 flight path changes. So far 15 civic league and homeowner's associations (including Carderock Springs) have formally signed on to the Coalition. Additional community associations are in process of review and signage.



Please keep filing your own complaints <https://complaints.bksv.com/dca>, but also spread the word to your friends and neighbors and encourage them to file complaints. Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) reported that in 2016, 97 individuals from Bethesda filed a complaint (compared to 8 individuals in 2015). We hope for a much larger number of our neighbors reporting on airplane noise in 2017!

Tip from one Coalition's member: Filling out the Complaint form about airplane noise to MWAA is super-fast and easy if you use Chrome to auto-fill your complaint form.

- 1) Download and Install Google Chrome on your computer or smartphone. Here is a link: <http://bit.ly/2qbGLc9>
- 2) Navigate to <https://complaints.bksv.com/dca>
- 3) Click the little star in the far right of the search bar. This will bookmark this page in Google Chrome on all your devices.
- 4) Autofill should be on by default: you can check by clicking the 3 dots in the top right, going to settings, show advanced settings and ensure that "Enable autofill..." is checked.
- 5) Once you have filled out the form once, it will be mostly filled out whenever you return.....just click into the first text box and you'll be prompted with the option to autofill.
- 6) It's just as fast to do on smartphone as computer.

Here is a short video showing the result on a phone to encourage people to grab their phone when they are disturbed: <https://youtu.be/u2jhKmTRZnQ>

The Coalition's next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm, Brookmont Church, 4000 Virginia Place, Bethesda, Maryland, 20816.

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

Here's an idea that MIGHT happen if someone would volunteer to help organize it....

Fall Community-Wide Yard Sale

Anyone interested in working with Diane Karlik to provide ideas and organize a yard sale in the Fall? Rather than at a central location like the club requiring moving our items, we could list on CS-Chat certain home addresses who would be participating and invite neighbors to move around the neighborhood "shopping", obtaining items for free, and meeting with neighbors. The kids can set up stands for snacks and drinks.

Interested in helping make this a reality this fall? Contact Diane Karlik, DianeKarlik@verizon.net.



CSCA Dues Reminder

All members of the community are reminded that the annual dues to the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association are \$50 and can be paid by check, mailed to P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237, or PayPal payable to cscatreas@gmail.com. Please do not deliver your checks to the Carderock Swim and Tennis Club as this is a separate organization. Your dues supports the work of the CSCA which enforces the neighborhood architectural covenants, publishes a periodic newsletter, serves as a vehicle to disseminate community information, publishes a community directory, maintains the community entrance monument at River Road and holds periodic social events.

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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.

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.

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

3rd Monday of the month, 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.

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board Members

Jack Orrick	President
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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.