

CARDEROCK SPRINGS Community News

We are a community recognized by the **National Register of Historic Places** as a prime example of Situated Modernism, where houses complement and blend in with the natural landscape.

Annual CSCA Meeting Sunday, April 25, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join by Zoom: <http://carderocksprings.net/zoom> which is also clickable on the home page of our website <https://www.carderocksprings.net>

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+19292056099,,3013656253# US (New York)

Please join us for

- the election of Officers and Directors for the upcoming year and
- an informative illustrated talk by Dr Barbara Wolanin, who was Curator for the Architect of the US Capitol for 30 years. She will speak about her work taking care of a wide range of murals, sculptures, and historic assets about which she was very concerned on January 6, 2021.

The slate for election is (**Bold Face** are 2 new proposed members):

Jack Orrick	President
Tom Deyo	Vice President
Firooz Gidfar and Gary Ratner	Secretary
Ashish Goel	Treasurer
Bill Draper	Membership Secretary
Sue Eastman	At Large/ARC Liaison
Petra Jacobs	At Large/Beltway Task Force Liaison
Katalin Roth	At Large
Mickie Simpson	At Large



Community Calendar

Saturday April 10, morning

Spring Egg Hunt, contact wubei1229@yahoo.com for info

Weekend of April 10,

Fire Pit Visits, contact sclindstrom@yahoo.com for info

Monday April 19, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Meeting via Zoom
<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

Sunday April 25, 7:00 pm

Annual CSCA Meeting via zoom

Wednesday May 5, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting via Zoom, email CSCAarc@gmail.com for zoom link

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Many thanks to **Jenny Spreitzer** who is leaving the Board after 3 years of service. Jenny has been a diligent Secretary and has assisted in multiple projects and efforts. Thank you Jenny for your service, it was very much appreciated!

Bios of the two new At Large members are below:

Mickie Simpson lives with husband Dave at 7000 Buxton Terrace in Carderock South. Their two adult kids in their early 20's are both living and working on their own, so it's just Mickie, Dave and two cats now. They bought the house in late 2019 but are not "newcomers", having been in the general vicinity for some time, first 5 years in Cabin John and then 6 years in Glen Echo. She knows and loves this area, especially our great access to outdoor amenities and the wonderful local retail establishments, as well as all the great folks who live here! She has been a real estate agent with Sotheby's International Realty for 10 years, and spent about 25 years in commercial real estate before that, including project and property management roles. She is very happy to be living in Carderock South now, and welcomes the chance to assist the CSCA Board in whatever ways she can. She also volunteers on the Board of Bethesda Green, with Round House Theatre, and as a Billy Goat Trail Steward at the C & O Canal Park.

Katalin (Kathy) Roth moved to Fenway Road in Carderock Springs nearly 25 years ago in 1997 with her husband Phillip Singerman and sons David and Adam. Since 1997 she has worked as a doctor (internal medicine, geriatrics and palliative medicine) at George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates and commutes to Foggy Bottom. She grew up in Connecticut and has lived in New York, New Haven and Philadelphia before moving to Bethesda. Her sons attended the local public schools Carderock, Pyle and Whitman. Volunteer activities in the past few decades have mostly centered on refugees (Physicians for Human Rights), Bread for the City Clinic in DC, and medical missions to the Dominican Republic. She plays tennis, is a sometime swimmer and since the pandemic started she bakes a lot of sourdough. A casual gardener, she has acclimated to the realities of the neighborhood and has learned to grow salad greens and tomatoes on her front balcony, where the deer cannot reach. She is passionate about the neighborhood and hopes to work to help preserve its architectural integrity and woodsy friendly vibe.

2021 CSCA Annual Dues Notices

CSCA relies on the **\$50 per house annual dues** to fund activities that directly benefit the community, including providing this periodic newsletter, advocating for our neighborhood interests with government, hosting social events, producing the printed neighborhood directory, and more.

Dues notices were emailed and snail-mailed in March. Please submit your **\$50** payment (online preferred) through Paypal



(www.paypal.me/carderock),

Venmo (friend @CarderockSpringsCA



and in the comment

"What's it for" include your address; if Venmo requires the last 4 digits of the linked phone number then it is 4309), or snail mail a paper check to CSCA, Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818.



Note that the Citizens' Association (CSCA) is a different entity from the Swim and Tennis Club (CSSC), which is also collecting annual dues this Spring. Membership in one does not include membership in the other, although the population overlaps since residents often join both.

Moving

Past CSCA President and CSCA Social Chair Phil Rider and the talented Jeff Hanson have sold their Carderock home and moved back north to Massachusetts to be nearer to family. They have been an integral part of Carderock for many years and will certainly be missed. While we are sad to see them go, we wish them the best in adjusting to their new home.

Daffodils

Spring in Carderock means it's cheerful Daffodil Season again. Many thanks once again to Ann Carlson for organizing multiple fall bulb plantings.



ISO Community Social Chairperson



The Citizen's Association hosts various events with the goals of building community and celebrating our diversity. Past examples of events held in the neighborhood have been the annual Welcome dinner for new residents each Fall, the annual International Potluck, a Progressive/moving dinner, a wine tasting, a local art show, a talent show, a tree tour, a massive daffodil planting, etc.

After covid, the possibilities are endless! The Swim and Tennis Club has often been the location of these events, which the community very much appreciates.

We are now in search of someone to take the lead on organizing periodic events - as many or as few as you'd like, continuing with annual traditions and/or building new traditions or one-time events.

Contact Jack Orrick (cscapres@gmail.com) if you'd like to raise your hand.

Stairs in the Woods

On a slippery, muddy hillside along a path in the woods behind the Club, Rob Stern took the initiative and assigned himself the task of Doing Something About It.

He ingeniously carved out steps, added some small stones for stability and installed rope railings to hang onto while you venture up or down the slope.

Now walkers in the woods are more likely to return home without a big patch of mud on the seat of their pants!

Many thanks to Rob Stern!



A Note from the CSCA Treasurer

When I assumed the role of Treasurer 2.5 years ago, I set out to support the CSCA in accomplishing three high-level goals:

1. Find smart opportunities to reduce costs
2. Increase revenue and household participation without raising dues
3. Streamline administration of our finances

During my tenure, CSCA has eliminated \$700 in recurring annual expenses and saved over \$1,200 in one-time costs. The annual savings resulted from lowered electricity usage / costs tied to our entrance lighting LED upgrade project and a reduction of physical mailing expenses as we digitize our dues collection process.

We've increased our neighborhood participation as well. In the past two years, 50+ additional households have become dues-paying members of the Association, raising our annual revenue by over \$2,500. We have also smartly invested our contingency fund in CDs, which are earning \$1,000 in interest annually. These revenue increases have allowed us to keep dues at the same \$50 rate as in previous years.

Additionally, we've adopted a digital mindset for the administration of our finances by introducing a new electronic dues payment option (Venmo), automating parts of our financial reporting, and storing more of our records electronically vs. on physical paper.

These improvements have allowed CSCA to focus its resources in more value-adding areas and ensure that we will be fiscally sound for years to come. While I present a full Treasurer's

Report at each Board meeting, I wanted to use this opportunity to widely share our 2020 Annual Report and our approved 2021 Operating Budget.

In 2020, our major expenses were related to advocacy efforts to promote our neighborhoods' position on Beltway Widening, the printing and delivery of our physical neighborhood newsletter, maintenance and landscaping of our neighborhood entrance signs, and normal administration costs of the Association. We ended the year contributing over \$4,000 to our contingency fund, which is set aside for large one-time costs that the Association may encounter in the future.

Looking forward to this year, our approved 2021 budget's regular operating costs are largely in line with previous years. We have, however, budgeted more than usual for discretionary spending by allocating \$5,000 for a neighborhood sign repair / upgrade project, \$3,500 to continued neighborhood advocacy related to Beltway Widening, and \$1,500 for the semi-regular physical directory printing. The budget's conservative membership projections show that we may have to dip into our contingency fund to pay for these expenditures; however, if we repeat 2020 membership numbers we will more likely break even for the year.

If you have questions about either the 2020 Annual Report or 2021 Operating Budget or recommendations relating to the Association's finances please email me at cscatreas@gmail.com. It's my hope that this note helps show that your dues are being managed in an effective and efficient manner.

Ashish Goel
CSCA Treasurer

CSCA Budget

	<i>2020 Actuals</i>	<i>2021 Approved Budget</i>
REVENUES (\$)		
Dues	17,480.50	16,000.00
Advertising	217.66	150.00
Account Interest	1,020.46	1,000.00
Other Revenue	399.25	0.00
Total Revenue	19,117.87	17,150.00
EXPENSES (\$)		
Operating		
Annual Dues Collection	(426.52)	(500.00)
<i>Printing</i>	<i>(105.72)</i>	<i>(200.00)</i>
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>(320.80)</i>	<i>(300.00)</i>
Insurance	(1,170.00)	(1,170.00)
Maintenance	(759.20)	(1,000.00)
Newsletter	(2,995.84)	(3,750.00)
<i>Printing</i>	<i>(2,485.84)</i>	<i>(2,750.00)</i>
<i>Distribution</i>	<i>(510.00)</i>	<i>(1,000.00)</i>
Electric (PEPCO)	(495.24)	(480.00)
Postage (Non-Annual Dues)	0.00	(100.00)
Miscellaneous Supplies	0.00	(100.00)
Post Office Box Fee	(114.00)	(112.00)
Website	(240.00)	(240.00)
Directory Printing	0.00	(1,500.00)
Total Operating Expenses	(6,200.80)	(8,952.00)
Discretionary		
Committee Expense	(810.35)	(1,550.00)
<i>Environmental</i>	<i>(285.95)</i>	<i>(450.00)</i>
<i>Welcome / Social</i>	<i>(524.40)</i>	<i>(1,000.00)</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>(100.00)</i>
Non-Committee Meetings / Entertainment	0.00	(200.00)
Association Dues	0.00	(100.00)
Beltway Widening Support	(7,947.95)	(3,500.00)
Sign Upgrade Project	0.00	(5,000.00)
Total Discretionary Expenses	(8,758.30)	(10,350.00)
Total Expenses	(14,959.10)	(19,302.00)
Annual Total Contribution to Contingency Fund (\$)	4,158.77	(2,152.00)

The Carder-Eco Column News from the Environmental Committee

Gardening!

**Save the dandelions:
Raising awareness on
the effects that toxic
lawn chemicals have on
our environment, wildlife,
pollinators and health.**

Lawns are not a status symbol for most of us in Carderock so I am hoping that most will follow the guidelines in the article. I always hear from those concerned with the well-being of their families and pets, as well as health of the planet .
<https://momsorganicmarket.com/save-the-dandelions/>

Add some food-producing plants to your front yard:
<https://savvygardening.com/front-yard-vegetable-garden/>

Easy ways to produce food even when you cannot dig a garden:
<https://savvygardening.com/straw-bale-gardening/>

OR
<https://savvygardening.com/galvanized-raised-beds/>

(Carder-Eco, cont.)

Below are a few examples of the dynamic virtual education happening across the state educating communities and assisting families and our essential workforce.

Video Gardening Series - In Harford County, Joyce Browning is using Facebook to share [Master Gardener lessons](#), posted daily with advice on local horticulture. Her videos can also be seen on the [Home & Garden Information Center YouTube channel](#)

Healthy Home Environments - Jen Dindinger with the Maryland SeaGrant Extension program in Dorchester County, is teaching her communities how to [prepare gardens and rain barrels](#) for the spring through YouTube videos, helping ensure less runoff to the Chesapeake Bay from urban coastal areas.

Grow It Eat It Preserve It - Donielle Axline, Family & Consumer Science educator in Frederick County, offered a webinar on the [basics of growing, eating, and preserving your own food](#), designed for elementary-aged students.

Backyard gardening/farming zoom sessions for free by UMD Extension Service

<https://extension.umd.edu/>

and also go to your local Extension personnel <https://extension.umd.edu/locations> for news and updates.



Reuse in the News

How to Make Your Own Zero-Waste Sponges

Store-bought sponges are wasteful and can often be an eyesore in your kitchen. [bhg.com](#)

Upcycling Plastic Waste in Kenya

Kenyan Nzambi Matee recycles plastic waste into bricks stronger than concrete. [Reuters.com](#)

Amazing Permaculture Raised Bed Vegetable Garden

Adam Jones shares with us his inspirational garden of food abundance, nature, and joy. [Youtube.com](#)

Scientists Solve Major Climate Mystery

Scientists confirm Earth is hotter than it's been in at least 120 centuries. [Space.com](#)

How to Repair Your Stairs

Whether your stairs are loose, squeaky, or moving away from the wall, we've got the cure. [Oldhouseonline.com](#)

Colgate Launches Reduced-Waste Toothbrush

Toothbrushes can't be recycled, but Colgate is launching an alternative. [Fastcompany.com](#)

If there is anything you would like me to research or to schedule for our community as an outdoor event, please let me know. In the past, we have had a number of speakers /events, however, at this time I am planning only outdoor sessions.

*Diane Karlik
Environmental Chair*

At your Service: Montgomery County (MOCO) Services and State Commissions



Get your tax dollars to work for you. Comcast was repairing the cable near my swale and damaged my underground sprinkler system. I reported it to Comcast. After repeated calls, I discovered the county website, <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cable/about.html> (Department of Telecommunications Services) where you can file an online complaint after contacting the cable provider. I completed the form, recorded the complaint number, and monitored the status online. Within an acceptable wait time, my sprinkler system was repaired.



Defective or incomplete product delivered to your home? Utilities such as gas, water, electricity not responding to your queries? Adjacent rental property not being maintained according to county codes? No problem. MOCO at your service! Montgomery County has an office of consumer protection that will handle your defective product.

<https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/CALMSpublic/ocpintakeform.aspx?mode=add>. In my case, because Macy's delivered a Nespresso machine missing a part, I called Macy's to complain. They would not supply or substitute the part. I was advised to return it, pick up another, but the Macy website said this particular machine was nowhere to be found within a 200 mile radius. I filed a complaint with consumer protection, and eventually a Macy's manager sent me another Nespresso with the missing part.

Maryland Public Service Commission can help you with utilities and transportation problems.

https://pscwebapp2.psc.state.md.us/newIntranet/capa/ComplaintNotes_new.cfm



Pepco billed me for electrical service when I was not connected to the grid due to an electrical fire. I called Pepco but bills kept being mailed. At that point, I filed an online complaint form with Maryland Public Service Commission and the problem with billing was resolved.

The CS Architectural Review Committee (ARC) can help owners with design guidelines, codes, and covenants. However, rental properties fall under the county's Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) and also deal with tenant and landlord rights. DHCA

https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/housing/commonownership/filing_a_complaint.html also



regulates rentals and grants rental licenses. If informed of a dangerously leaning tree, drainage runoff, or fencing violations, it will investigate this code non-compliance, contact the landlord, and if necessary, levy citations, hefty fines and deny a rental license.



The Better Business Bureau www.BBB.org is another responsive site. I had an insurance policy terminated but as a policyholder I was not informed and monthly premiums continued to be deducted by HR. Filing with BBB enabled a prompt resolution and reimbursement. BBB can handle auto, insurance, landscaping, and other business complaints. Overall, corporate America does not like customers to register a complaint with regulatory agencies.

Finally, I leave you with 4 simple rules to follow: **1) document problem, complain first to your provider;** **2) file a complaint online, record service request number, note website, print hard copy and monitor status;** **3) keep an analog or digital paper-trail;** **4) be patient and persistent.**

Susan Eastman SueEastman@aol.com

CS-Chat: Please Join and Please Follow the Guidelines for Posting



CS-Chat is a neighborhood email listserv with over 600 members. It was started by a group of neighbors 15 years ago in 2006 as a crowd-sourcing tool to enable community members to communicate with each other. CS-Chat is maintained by a group of neighbors who serve as volunteer moderators. Although CS-Chat sometimes contains information about the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association and the Carderock Springs Swim Club, it is not officially sponsored or monitored by these organizations.

If you live in the neighborhood and are not yet a member, we encourage you to join. Just email cs-chat+subscribe@groups.io and you will be asked for your street address or swim club membership number.

Members send email to cs-chat@groups.io , Recent emails have been looking for information (a misdelivered package), offering free items (dog crate, razor scooter) and offering tips (nearby food truck schedules, vaccine availability, contractor recommendations).

Note that by default a Reply goes to over 600 of your closest friends. It is therefore a good habit to *pause before hitting Send* and consider – do you want to send this to 600 people or just 1? Is the content appropriate? Is the tone appropriate? People can't actually hear your voice or see the nuances of your facial expression plus humor may be hard to convey and therefore misinterpreted in email.

When posting to CS-Chat, please follow these guidelines:

1. Generally stick to the main subject: our neighborhood.
2. Put a relevant topic in the Subject line (dog found, yard sale/date, etc.)
3. Trim your posts: do not include the text of the message you are responding to.
4. Sign your name to keep things neighborly.
5. Keep in mind the effect on the whole neighborhood of your tone & your content. This is not a place to vent, provoke, insult, ridicule, threaten or USE ALL CAPS (equivalent to shouting).
6. Extensive back and forth debate & heated discussion between individuals should be taken off-list.
7. Generally do not send virus alerts, chain letters or difficult-to-verify messages.
8. Follow the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

An archive of searchable emails is available to members by logging into groups.io or going directly to <https://groups.io/g/cs-chat/topics> . You can also specify delivery preferences there in your account – some members get Individual emails when they are sent while other members prefer to receive one Daily Digest of all emails sent that day.

CS-Chat Moderators:
Jaime Banks
Betsy Brach
Sue Eastman
Margie Orrick
Jeff Rich

Carderock Men's Tennis Team Seeks More Players



Do you know that there is a Carderock men's tennis team? There is, and we are looking to add a little depth to our roster. We play in nominally a 4.0 league, so players range from a solid 3.5 and up. In general, the 4.5 and up players tend to play in the singles matches.

If you're in the range, think about joining the team. We have a non-mandatory practice on Sunday mornings, which is a good workout and a lot of fun. For the season, we play on Tuesday evenings and figure you'd play in about half of the matches (1 singles and 2 doubles).

Please reach out to me if you're interested. Thanks!

Darrell Tanno
darrell82666@yahoo.com

Pandemic

Suddenly in April vaccines are getting to be more readily available than they were during the ridiculousness of February and March when multiple overwhelmed websites were roadblocks in getting a vaccine appointment. The available vaccine locations may be an hour or 2 away, but they are available now for ages 16+. This brings a great sense of relief, although both those vaccinated and unvaccinated continue to wear masks and socially distance. We can do this!



'Cudas Care

While pockets of our county have been hit hard by the extended economic circumstances of the covid pandemic, local Carderock Swim Team families in March collected and donated food to St. Martin's Pantry in Gaithersburg.

Photo by Liz Bilbao

Classified

General Dentist Accepting New Patients!



Raised and currently residing in Carderock Springs! Attended Gonzaga College High School and University of Maryland. Also received DDS degree from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Fluent in Spanish and wants to serve the community where he was raised. Matias Cima, DDS. 202.686.9100, drcima@cobbdentistry.net, 4400 Jennifer St NW #340, DC 20015.

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 240-204-2953.

Private Soccer Lessons!



For kids ages 6-13 by Whitman senior and Carderock resident Christian Hill. He comes to your home with all equipment needed. Experienced as a junior soccer camp counselor, knows the ins and outs of the game; will improve technical skill on the ball as well as soccer IQ for your son or daughter. \$20 for ½ hour, \$35 for 1 hour. Social distancing will be observed. Text 202-802-4319.

Car Wash

Need your car/s washed? I live in the neighborhood and can come to your house and do the job. All I would need is the use of a hose and a place to plug my vacuum cleaner. I charge \$10 for full washes (interior and exterior) for the first car and \$5 for any additional car.



If you are interested, please contact me, Manuel Schmukler (13 years old), at (202)981-8635.

Tutor. Michael Chellman, Green Mind™ Academic Coaching, LLC.

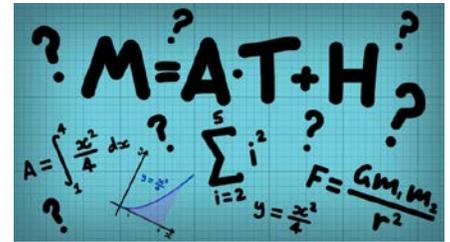


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Fire Pit Visits & S'mores

Over 2 weekends in early April multiple residents with fire pits hosted visits by masked neighbors they knew and neighbors they didn't know yet. It was a great way to meet community members! Many thanks to Shannon Lindstrom for the vision and implementation of this fun project. Shannon coordinated neighbors signing up on a google doc to host then coordinated other neighbors to sign up to visit specific Fire Pits at specific times to keep the volume of people manageable.



Big applause to Shannon for her creativity in building community!



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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, 2021.

Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs 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.

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