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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

Our New Website Domain Names

We have some new website domain names to make it easier to find our existing websites. **www.Carderocksprings.org** represents the “community” and will be the cover page for the websites: *CarderockCitizens.org (CSCA)* and *CarderockClub.org (CSSC)*.

What is a Domain Name? It is the way to reach our private clouds where you will find the existing sites. Just enter **www.Carderocksprings.org** Come visit!

MaryLou Shannon, Member-at-Large

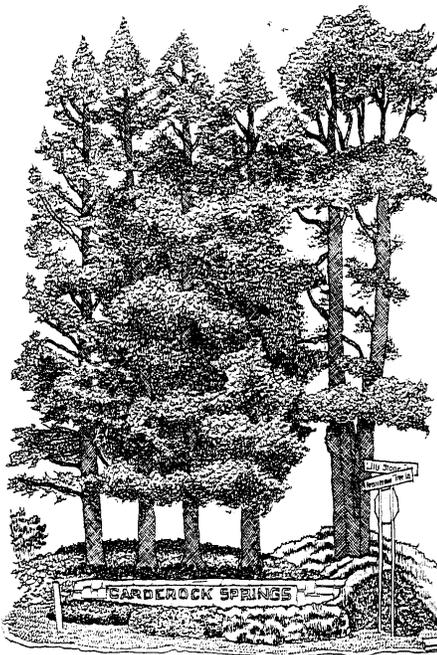
Our New Newsletter Name

The new name for the CSCA newsletter is **Carderock Springs Community News**, or **Community News** for short. We welcome your suggestions for content, formatting, and a new masthead. Please send any comments or suggestions to CSCAnewsletter@gmail.com

50th Anniversary Celebration

A committee has been formed to organize a celebration commemorating the half century that has passed since the first homes were built in Carderock Springs in the early 1960s. The event, which is planned for early September, will focus on bringing our current and former neighbors together in a fun, informal event. We are planning a short program honoring the families who are original homeowners in the community, a catered dinner, and live music.

We are interested in getting photographs from the early days of the community, as well as plans and brochures relating to the homes and the club grounds. If you have any of these that you



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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, 2012. 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.

can share, or if you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Jack Orrick, Mary Lou Shannon, or Georgia Petché, CSCA Board members.

Jack Orrick, Member-at-Large

Carderock Springs--Did You Know? The first section of the Carderock Springs community opened in June 1962 at the top of Fenway Road. Section II followed on Magruder Mill, Peck Place, and Still Spring Court. Houses were priced in the low \$30,000 and would rise to an average of \$45,000 by 1966 when the last section was finished.

MaryLou Shannon, Member-at-Large

Annual Meeting

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association

Sunday, April 22, 2012

The spring meeting of the CSCA will be held on Sunday, April 22, starting at 6 PM at the Club. This is an important meeting of the community and everyone is encouraged to attend. The agenda includes (but is certainly not limited to) a discussion of proposed By-law changes (**See article Page 3**) and the nomination and vote on the CSCA Board Members

AGENDA

6:00 PM - Wine and nibbles. Take this opportunity to talk with neighbors, meet new Carderock residents, and reconnect with each other.

7:00 PM - Annual Meeting

Welcome

Reports Summary of the Board's activities

Treasurer's report (including how member dues are spent)

Board committee reports (brief summaries of what the committees have done this past year and plans for the future)

By-law changes discussion and vote (see separate article on these changes in this newsletter)

Nomination and vote on CSCA Board

President: Phil Rider

Vice President: Georgia Petché

Secretary: Gunnar Tomasson

Treasurer: Robert Stocker

Membership: Barbara Ames

Members at Large: Jack Orrick and MaryLou Shannon

Two new at large members (if by-law change is approved)

Recognition and thanks to Curt Hastings for his years of service on the ARC

Kick Off Of The Carderock Springs 50th Anniversary Celebration. The Board is pleased to have John Eberhard and Jim Angell offer some memories of the early days of Carderock Springs. This will be an interesting and informative beginning to the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Time Banks. A simple concept: for each hour of service that members give, they earn an hour's worth of alternative services donated by other members.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments For Approved at Annual Meeting

The Board of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association has approved, and is submitting to the members of the CSCA for adoption at the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on April 22 at the clubhouse starting at 6 pm, several amendments to the Bylaws of the Association. The proposed amendments, and the rationale for adoption, are described below.

Article I, Section I of the Bylaws is proposed to be amended by adding the language in bold face italics as indicated below:

Section 1 - Membership. Membership in the Association shall be open to adult persons residing or owning houses within the suburban subdivisions known as Carderock Springs and Carderock Springs South ***and within contiguous subdivisions comprising the Greater Carderock Community*** in Montgomery County, Maryland.

The current Bylaw language limits membership in the Association to persons living in the legal subdivisions of Carderock Springs and Carderock Springs South. The Board believes that the activities of the CSCA actually benefits persons living outside of the strict limits of these subdivisions, such as residents living on Upper Fenway Road (non-Bennett homes), Fenway Drive, Comanche Court, Persimmon Tree Lane and other contiguous communities, and that membership should be open to these individuals as well. As a voluntary organization, the Board cannot assess anyone to pay dues, but it is the hope of the Board that many of these residents of the Greater Carderock Community will be interested in participating and supporting the work of the Association.

Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws is proposed to be amended by adding the language in bold face italics as follows:

Section 1. – Directors. The number of directors shall be ***no less than*** seven, consisting of the officers and other board members elected or appointed in accordance with these By-Laws.

The first paragraph of Article II, Section 2 of the Bylaws is proposed to be amended by inserting the language in bold face italics as set forth below:

Section 2. – Officers. The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall be in addition two ***or more*** At-Large Representatives, ***with functions as assigned by the Board, including welcoming, activities and events, covenants and liaison to swim club.***

The current Bylaws specify that the number of directors of the Association is fixed at seven, with five officers and two At Large Board positions. The Board believes that the Association would be benefitted by increasing the number of directors by at least two additional positions. The additional Board positions would be At Large positions, but it is the expectation that, as is now the case with the two current At Large Board positions, each of the additional At Large Board positions would be assigned a functional area to participate in, such as activities and events and liaison to the swim club board.

Article II, Section 6 of the Bylaws is proposed to be amended by inserting the language in bold face italics as set forth below and by striking the words “to serve under the chairmanship of the Second Vice President.”

Section 6 – Delegates. Additional delegates and alternative delegates to the Montgomery County Civic Federation ***or other neighborhood associations*** shall be appointed by the Board of Directors ~~to serve under the chairmanship of the Second Vice President.~~ These

delegates may also represent the Association before such other County and State activities whose objects and actions may be of concern to the Association. The delegates shall present the views of the Association only on matters as to which the Association has determined a position at a general or special meeting and shall state the number of votes on each such position. However, in emergency circumstances and in the absence of a prior determination of policy by the Association, the delegates may present the views of the Board of Directors, and the Association shall be notified accordingly.

The CSCA receives invitations to send delegates to various citizens groups and civic associations from time to time. Most recently, there was a request to participate in a neighborhood association meeting regarding the new residential projects on River Road, and a couple of years ago, neighbors in Carderock Springs participated with residents of Cabin John in a scrap metal collection competition. The amended Bylaw language is intended to make the authority to send delegates to various organizations more general and to remove an outdated reference to a "Second Vice President" position that was removed in the prior Bylaw amendments.

Article III, Section I of the Bylaws is proposed to be amended by inserting the language in bold face italics as set forth below:

Section 1 – Elections. The officers ***and board members*** shall be elected at the first annual meeting of each calendar year and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are chosen. Nominations shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made by any group of three or more members of the Association who have notified the President of such nominations in writing at least one month prior to the voting meeting. No other nominations shall be permitted. The consent of the nominee shall be obtained in advance of all nominations. The membership shall be notified in writing of all nominees for office at least two weeks in advance of the voting meeting.

This amendment is to clarify that each of the board and officer positions are for a one year term, subject to reelection at the first annual meeting of the CSCA.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, which will feature two speakers who are original residents of Carderock, having lived here the past half century, as well as time for socializing with neighbors and the election of the Board slate for next year.

Jack Orrick, Member-at-Large

Time Banks

Each hour one member donates of a service can be exchanged for an hour of service donated by another member

In the most recent issue of the AARP magazine, I read a very interesting article on Time Banks. It's a simple concept: for each hour of service that members give, they earn an hour's worth of alternative currency known as time dollars, which can be traded for services donated by other members. According to TimeBanks USA, the time one spends to get a service provided earns her/him that exact time as time dollars. Then, s/he can spend her time dollars using another member's service. For example: I list my available service. Say one of them is life coaching. Sally uses my service, and we talk for four hours. I earn four time dollars to spend on a service I may need that's offered by other time bank members. Perhaps another member offers some house cleaning, and I choose to spend my dollars on that.

A key concept is equality of self-worth and time--my time is equal to yours, whether the

service is stuffing envelopes or preparing a tax return. By placing the same value on all services, members are encouraged to share abilities that may not have much cash value, but can do a lot to help neighbors. Examples are: tutoring, driving, delivering, child care, cooking, sewing, ironing, yard work, painting, plumbing, yoga classes, among others.

Time banking is a simple and powerful means of exchange that furthers the idea that doing for others--and then having others do for you--is really strengthening. This may be something we can consider/nurture/develop in Carderock and/or w/adjoining neighborhoods. We will talk about this more at the annual meeting of the CSCA in April.

Barbara Feuer, Carderock Resident

ARC Member Needed

The CSCA Board has received the resignation of Curt Hastings from the ARC. The Board is very grateful for Curt's years of service on the committee and will officially thank him at the upcoming Annual Meeting. This means that the Board is now looking for a new member to replace Curt on the ARC. The only qualification is an interest in and commitment to the architectural guidelines used by the ARC in making its decisions. If interested, please let Phil Rider know asap at p mrbthmd@yahoo.com

Fighting to Preserve a Local Potential Educational Hub and Natural Resource from Development

Nick Maravell has leased the 20-acre field located on Brickyard Road in River Falls, and farmed it organically for the past three decades. Nick's Organic Farm is unique because it is a seed breeding farm and uses sustainable farming techniques. Seed breeding means saving seed from year to year. The farm is one of few in the region to produce organic heritage varieties of corn and soybeans. Some of the corn varieties were propagated by the American Indians of this region. Because corn is wind pollinated, it is essential to have a large buffer between corn varieties, especially from genetically modified corn pollen that would contaminate pure organic corn seed. Therefore, the farm's suburban location is ideal because of its isolated location. It is important to preserve the genetic diversity of our corn and soy so that a disease or pest targeting one variety of corn doesn't destroy our corn supply. When viewing seed preservation in this way, preserving genetic seed diversity is logically the best way to ensure national food security. If Nick is not allowed to keep farming on this land, some of these seed varieties may go extinct as it is very difficult to find farm land located miles away from other farms growing genetically modified crops.

The Montgomery County Board of Education owns the land, but leased it to Montgomery County in April 2011. County Executive Ike Leggett's intention is to lease the land to MSI, (Montgomery Soccer Incorporated) for pay-for-play soccer fields and parking lots. The local community is against the development and is outraged over the lack of transparency exhibited in the process. Multiple law suits have been filed by Nick Maravell and the Brickyard Coalition stating that the Montgomery Board of Education has violated the open meetings act.

In the meantime, a second generation farmer, and Nick's daughter, Sophia Maravell, returned home to the land where she grew up to start an educational component with two other women, Dea Keen and Sara Shor. Their vision is to provide the students of Montgomery County with an environmental educational resource. Maravell, Keen, and Shor submitted an

proposal for an educational farm center to the Montgomery County Executive in response to proposal posted by the County. The only two proposals submitted to the county regarding the Brickyard parcel were Montgomery Soccer Inc. (MSI) and Brickyard Education Farm. Located only ten miles from 43 Montgomery County public elementary schools, the proposed Brickyard Educational Farm would serve as an accessible outdoor classroom and field trip destination site for school students. It would help fulfill Maryland newly mandated Environmental Literacy Standards under the No Child Left Inside Initiative, as well as honor the Jane Lawton Farm to School Bill. Brickyard Educational Farm's mission is to provide hands on learning experiences to connect the students of Montgomery County with the land, soil, and water that sustain them. Already, Brickyard Educational Farm has hosted two groups, one 50 person volunteer day, and has spoken to 140 local school children. Their goal for this year is to reach 800 students before August 15, 2012, when Nick's License on the land expires. Maravell, however, is still planning and planting as though the development plans will be halted. "This is one that is worth doing regardless of the political forecast because I believe in the inherent value of this land. I believe in the value of the soil in a way unfamiliar to a developer's eye. I see through the surface the soil to where the micro-organisms and worms thrive. I believe this land should be a shared public resource for children of Montgomery County to have the experience that I did growing up on the farm, and developing a sense of connection to the land."

Written by Sophia Maravell. For more information visit: www.brickyardeducationalfarm.org

This article is submitted by Diane Karlick. Responses are encouraged and welcome.

Women of Carderock

Thursday, April 19, 2012

The April meeting of the Women of Carderock on Thursday the 19th will be from noon to 2:00 PM at the home of Patricia Encarnacion 7507 Hamilton Spring Rd. Please RSVP to her at 240-505-0984 or pat@encarnacion.org. Bring your lunch and enjoy the company. Newcomers are always welcome.

Classifieds

Handyman: Jose Luis will help with any and all chores in and around the house and garden, including painting and drywall work, indoor repairs, gardening and clean up, mowing, mulching, edging, transplanting, power washing, fence, pathway or platform construction, and any other kind of heavy work, on a reasonable hourly basis. Contact Carderock neighbor Ray at 301-469-0192.

Organist/Pianist CD: My professionally-recorded CD, "Susan Burkhalter, Organist/Pianist" dropped in stores in October 2011. My CD has 9 organ pieces recorded on the large 3-manual Lewis and Hitchcock at St. Andrew's Episcopal in College Park, Md., and 8 piano pieces recorded on my home Steinway grand.

There are 4 works by Bach, including a vocal solo of "Jesu, Joy" (sung by Bev Benda, the singer at my church). The piano pieces include a Beethoven sonata, a ragtime piece, and 2 by Robert Schumann. My CD is available directly from me for \$15 (shipping is \$3.99) at scastlekep@aol.com, phone 301-469-8728 and also found on <http://cdbaby.com/cd/susanburkhalter>. Note, if you live in Carderock, I can deliver it for free, just pay \$15.00 cash (I usually carry change for a \$20 bill). Thank you.