

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.

Looking for Block Captains for Welcoming Committee

The CSCA is looking for individuals willing to serve as “block captains” for their immediate neighbors in Carderock and **notify the CSCA Welcoming Committee when houses are put up for sale and/or new families move into the neighborhood.** The CSCA Welcoming Committee attempts to monitor home settlements and to contact new residents to provide them with a greeting package shortly after they move in. They have found however that oftentimes families may not move in right after settlement and sometimes the families that move in are renters as opposed to homeowners. Everyone needs to be welcomed but the welcoming committee needs to know where newcomers are.

We thank those who have volunteered so far, but still need more participation. We are particularly in need of residents who live on

- Lilly Stone Drive west of Hamilton Spring Road,
- Fenway Road,
- Stone Trail Drive,
- Hamilton Spring Drive south of Lilly Stone Drive,
- Still Spring Ct,
- Magruder Mill Ct, and
- anywhere in South Carderock.

If you would be willing to help out by agreeing to notify the Welcoming Committee about new families moving into your block and possibly an adjacent block in the neighborhood, please contact the Chair of the Welcoming Committee, Leanne Long at leanne.long@mac.com or the President of the Carderock Springs Citizens’ Association, Jack Orrick, at CSCAPRES@gmail.com



Community Calendar

All events are at the Club

Mon June 24, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting
usually on the 3rd Monday

Wednesday July 17, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Monthly Meeting, usually on the 1st Wednesday of each month

Mon Aug 19, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting
(no meeting in July)

Wednesday Sept 4, 7:30 pm

ARC Monthly Meeting (no meeting in August)

Many more local events are sponsored by another group, the Carderock Swim and Tennis Club – such as swim and dive meets, BBQ’s, games, etc. See their website carderockclub.org

Beltway

The State Highway Administration (SHA) contractor has begun installing the plant material along the I-495 inner and outer loop and should be completed by 6/21/19. This replanting was requested by many residents and the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association (CSCA) in the community meeting with SHE on February 10. The project includes about 130, 5 ft high Leyland Cypress (68 on the Outer Loop and 62 on the Inner Loop), and 100, 5 ft hgt. Green Giant Arborvitae (77 on the Outer Loop, and 23 on the Inner Loop). These trees will be interspersed among the existing vegetation. SHA will evaluate relocation options of new trees as during its I-495 widening plans.

On June 5, 2019 the Maryland Board of Public Works moved the I-270 widening project to be before the I-495 widening project. I-495 widening plans have been delayed by two years which will allow more time to better involve affected communities and counties ([thanks so much to all Carderock neighbors who submitted their comments and signed the petition!](#)).

On June 12, 2019 CSCA submitted a letter with Comments about alternatives retained for detailed study & concerns about planned Beltway expansion to Governor Hogan, Administrator Slater and SHA representatives responsible for this project. The letter can be found online <https://www.carderocksprings.net/about/newsletters-and-documents> . Many thanks to all neighbors that contributed to the letter!

The Walt Whitman High School PTSA Cluster issued a statement in support of Beltway Noise and Air Pollution Mitigation to Governor Hogan, Administrator Slater and SHA representatives. Many thanks to Karen Roman for coordinating with all three schools' PTSA's in order to submit this timely request to protect our community, including school-aged children from air and noise pollution caused by the I-495 beltway.

Petra Jacobs

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

Jamie Raskin joined 28 other Members of Congress in requesting that the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigate "how the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has considered community noise impacts while implementing the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) in major metropolitan areas," including the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

The Secret Service asked FAA that all planes use GPS computer-controlled approaches/departures because of incursions into restricted airspace in DC. This will include general aviation aircraft as well as the current flights, resulting in a narrower band of flights (more density) and more planes in that band. While the problem with incursions was due to problems on departures, arrivals are also being included in the new procedure. This new procedure is planned to be implemented in mid-August.

File airplane noise complaints



To file airplane noise complaints (extremely important! please do it often!): go to <https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>

Petra Jacobs

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

Tree and shrub care

It is important to remove climbing ivy and other vines from the trunks of trees. Many trees in CS yards are covered, and thus would encourage insect infestations as well as its extra weight and tendency to accumulate water weight during rainy spells, all of which can cause tree damage or falling trees. In addition, standing water can also encourage mosquito breeding.

If you are going to prune azaleas or other Spring flowering shrubs, this should be done right away and before the buds are set for next year's bloom.

Mulch

When using mulch, it is healthier for the tree if the mulch is not piled around the base of the trunk where it meets the ground. All you need to

do is to pull the mulch away from that area so air can penetrate the base.

There have recently been reportings of pet dogs being poisoned by ingesting cocoa mulch, a type of gardening mulch readily available that attracts those pets who like to eat almost anything. If you use it, you need to monitor your dog. In addition, check the bags for "pet approved" varieties, and be sure there is no or little caffeine or the compound theobromine. Should you use this type of mulch in a garden along the road, please leave a little sign for those residents who walk their dogs past your home.

Plastics

A recent book by Michael Webber, entitled *Power Trip: The Story of Energy*, states that "Bottled water is at least 1,000 times as energy-intensive as water from the tap, and offers few if any benefits". That should encourage us to use our own refillable bottles.

A New report finds plastic production and use could have the equivalent impact of nearly 300 new coal power plants on Earth's climate over the next decade.

Plastic is polluting oceans, freshwater lakes and rivers, food and us but is also a major contributor to global climate change, warns a new report.

Scientists, policymakers and consumers are increasingly aware of the threat plastic pollution poses to oceans and water, wildlife, food and people. However, often lost in calculating plastics' environmental harm is its contributions to climate change.

<https://www.ehn.org/plastic-causes-climate-change-2637105746.html>

Diane Karlik

Planning a renovation?

ARC Approval and Architectural Salvage

If you're planning a renovation to your Carderock Springs home, there are two important things to know before you begin work: Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval for exterior modifications and architectural salvage for interior renovations.

EXTERIOR: MODIFICATIONS CONSIDERED BY ARC



As required by the covenants recorded against each lot in Carderock Springs, any outside modification or additions to the structures on a lot must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Architectural Review Committee. This may include, but is not limited to the following: fencing, sheds, exterior color schemes, and live, sound hardwood tree removal.

The ARC is an appointed committee comprised of residents who are trained as architects/designers. The ARC meets on a monthly basis, generally the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm at the Club, to review applications and plans for exterior modifications to Carderock homes. Meetings are open to all residents, whether you are renovating, planning to renovate or interested in listening.

Please submit an application and your plans for review to the ARC beforehand. Initially these can be early conceptual plans and then later on they can be construction drawings with specific elevations. The ARC can often assist homeowners with suggestions on design issues that have arisen with other homes in the past and possible workarounds. As the project becomes more defined, homeowners should return for another meeting to review construction drawings with specific elevations. Additionally the ARC may make recommendations and want to see amended drawings and details.

Specifics on the ARC submission process and the application form are on the CSCA website which also has a 20 page document of architectural guidelines that reflect the architectural standards the ARC looks for in exterior modifications, outdoor landscaping features and sheds. To contact the ARC, email cscarc@gmail.com.

INTERIOR: ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

If you are undertaking an **interior** renovation, consider offering **gently removed original elements** from your home **to the neighborhood** using the Carderock Springs CS-Chat email group. Many neighbors wish to maintain the original interiors of their Carderock homes and would very much appreciate your doors, light fixtures, tile, countertops, cabinets, sinks, vanities, etc.

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Tutor Specializing in International Students



School is hard enough without it being in a second language! Get expert help today and give your student the support he or she needs. Confused by the American school system? No problem, I can show you what's expected, what is normal and keep you from worry. I have 30+ years experience teaching English to students from all over the world and have tutored International students in a variety of subjects. So don't delay, get ready for the new school year today! Contact Sharon Nothman 202-438-2233, sharonnothman@gmail.com

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, 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.



Fiber Art Studio Camp and Classes

We knit, crochet, sew, embroider, weave and needle felt!

Carderock resident Anja Caldwell runs a studio and store in Potomac Village, in the mall above the Giant. Besides handmade gifts we offer drop-in classes for kids and adults throughout the school year, birthday parties, workshops and crafting socials for grown-ups. Our small summer camps in June and July are one of the best kept secrets in town!

Minimum age for campers is 6. Camp days are 9 am to 3 pm.

Space for the camps is limited and registration is going on now. More information and videos about the camp are www.FiberArt.studio

For a registration form and any questions, contact anja@fiberart.studio



Interior Design Studio

"We create thriving spaces" through Residential & Commercial Interior design; Space Planning & furniture layouts; Planning, Remodeling & Expansions (managing & working with your builder & architect); Custom and Unique furnishings, including: Furniture, Lighting, Accessories, Artwork, Window treatments, Rugs. Design is not about style – It is a problem-solving tool. Good design focuses first on function & then aesthetics that reflect your personality. Experience the difference. Contact Carderock resident Noureen Chohan noureen@studiofiza.com 301.365.1741 studiofiza.com

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.

WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Classified ads may be placed for \$10 for 1 newsletter issue or for all CSCA newsletters published each year for \$50 per year. Please submit payment to CSCA, PO Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237.

Get to Know Your Own Historic Place

There's a new display box at the club's entrance door which provides great historic info on the formation of our community in the 1960's. It's chock full of interesting tidbits about the history of Carderock Springs and why we are on the National Register of Historic Places - the treasure of situated modernism architecture! Check out the photos of the Mad Men culture from the 1960's. Many thanks to Tom Deyo for putting it together!



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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, 2019.

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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