

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.

Proposed Beltway Expansion Will Directly Impact Carderock Springs and South Carderock

The recently released information from the State Highway Administration (SHA) of the seven remaining alternatives being considered for the expansion of the I-495 Beltway and I-270 indicate that our community will be directly impacted, with some homeowners on Hamilton Spring Rd, Stone Trail Rd, Tomlinson Ave., Osage Ln. and Thornley Rd possibly losing parts of their yards and a larger portion of the community being exposed to higher noise and potential air pollution emissions.



The map and information on the alternatives being considered can be accessed at the following website: <https://495-270-p3.com/your-participation/meeting-materials/>

A couple of salient points on the above map for residents to consider that come out of these materials and the workshop held by SHA at Pyle Middle School on April 13 include: *(continued on next page)*



Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted.

Mon May 20, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting usually on the 3rd Monday of each month

Saturday May 25

Carderock Swim and Tennis Club pool opens

Thursday May 30, 7 pm

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition (MCQSC) Meeting

Wednesday June 5, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month

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1. Pink lines in the middle show adding 2 Managed Lanes each direction. Adding these lanes results in an expanded right of way (orange line) and limit of disturbance (narrow pink line) with several homes on Hamilton Spring Rd, Stone Trail Rd, Thornley Ct, Tomlison Ave, Osage Ln and Cypress Grove Ln losing parts of their yards.
2. Adding elevated ramps (thick pink) over the Beltway linking Managed Lanes and River Road on each side of the highway expanded the area affected by noise and air pollution.
3. Red dotted line shows areas 66 dB contour going through Carderock Springs Elementary school, its field and first row of houses next to Beltway on each side.
4. Stormwater ponds (in blue) are planned for the area between Tomlison Ave and Beltway and behind Seven Locks Rd.

FYI, light pink area highlights historic properties.

Residents wishing to submit your comments on the proposed alternatives should do so by June 14, 2019 at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us or email your comments to Sandra Dembski (sdembski@icloud.com) to include your comments in the letters representing our community.

Residents should also write letters to member of the Board of Public Works, Comptroller Peter Franchot



(pfranchot@comp.state.md.us), Treasurer Nancy Kopp (Treasurer@treasurer.state.md.us), jkillie@treasurer.state.md.us and Governor Larry Hogan (Mark.Newgent@maryland.gov) to urge them to reject the classification of the P3 (Public Private Partnerships) when it comes up for a vote in June and to prevent MDOT from selecting vendors for the project before a draft Environmental Statement, traffic study and financial analysis are completed. You may also call their offices: Peter Franchot 410-260-7801, Nancy Kopp 410-260-7160 and Governor Hogan at 410-974-3901.

Councilmember Tom Hucker has also prepared an online petition: https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/dont-approve-the-i-495i?source=s.icn.em.mt&r_hash=CSYQq1VWQ

Carderock Springs Citizens Association (CSCA) has sent a letter to Treasurer Kopp and Comptroller Franchot on behalf of our community opposing the proposed widening. A copy of this letter is posted on the CSCA website at <https://www.carderocksprings.net/> under the tab for “About CSCA – Newsletters and Documents”.

Jack Orrick and Petra Jacobs

Beltway Tree Planting Update

Based on our community request in the meeting with the SHA on February 10th, SHA has initiated a project to **install fast growing evergreen** tree plantings to supplement existing vegetation within SHA ROW (Right-of-Way) along I-495 Inner & Outer Loop from Seven Locks Rd to Persimmon Tree Road. The expected Planting **Completion Date is June 30, 2019**. If there is an impact due to the Beltway widening, SHA will evaluate tree relocation options.

Sara Love Speaks at CSCA Annual Meeting

Sara Love, newly elected Maryland District 16 Delegate, was the speaker at the CSCA Annual Meeting on April 28, 2019. Love provided an overview of her work in this Spring's legislative session and answered community members' many questions.

Love began by alerting the audience to several items of legislation that successfully passed the General Assembly in its recently-completed 2019 session:

- Maryland voted to ban polystyrene (i.e. Styrofoam) food containers
- The Maryland minimum wage will increase to \$11 in July 2019, then by an additional dollar each July until the rate reaches \$15 in 2023
- The Clean Energy Jobs Act passed and will increase the state's renewable electricity standard to 50% of the total grid by 2030 and requires the state to examine pathways for achieving 100% clean power by 2040. It encourages offshore wind power development and small- and large-scale solar energy production.

Love was also happy to share that the legislature overrode Governor Hogan's rules about determining school calendars at the state level and put this decision-making back in the hands of local government.



Most of the conversation during the Question and Answer session concerned Beltway Expansion. Love, who serves on the Environment and Transportation Committee, sponsored and co-sponsored legislation regarding Beltway Expansion (HB 663, HB 102) that unfortunately did not pass during the session.

She noted that, unfortunately, the Maryland legislature's ability to impact state highway development is limited. Governor Hogan has single-mindedly pursued adding two lanes in both directions on I-270 and I-495 and has not been receptive to considering alternative plans, many of which have been proposed. Love encouraged us as a community to "continue to push on this" by writing letters to our legislators and other public officials.

Other topics covered included continued development in downtown Bethesda, solar energy panels in Maryland's agricultural preserves and whether Maryland might pass a law requiring major candidates to release their taxes to the public in order to appear on the ballot. Love encouraged constituents to communicate with her and her office frequently. She can be reached at sara.love@house.state.md.us and followed on social media @saralove4MD.

Jenny Spreitzer

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

Updated Info to File Aircraft Noise Complaints

Please continue to file aircraft noise complaints and encourage your neighbors to do so as well!! It is important to submit your online complaints properly.

Unfortunately, we have confirmed that a significant number of noise complaints submitted through the third party vendor, Airnoise, are not actually being received and counted by MWAA's complaint system. MWAA *does* receive many complaints through Airnoise, but a significant subset are not going through. This seems to occur when the link between the Airnoise registration and the MWAA registration is not working properly -- which can be hard to determine.

Therefore, for most users we are recommending that you STOP using Airnoise and send complaints only by using the MWAA website or app. Needless to say, it's important that if you are taking the time to file a complaint, it needs to be counted!

WEBSITE URL

You can still file Noise Complaints from your computer here:
<https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>.

APP

Instructions for downloading the mobile phone version so you have a DCA noise complaint link on your phone are below.

iPhone Instructions

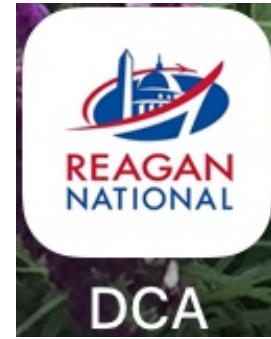
Step 1: If you have the old mobile phone app for filing complaints, delete it.

Step 2: Go to the SAFARI browser **on your iPhone** and type in the following URL:
<http://viewpoint-app.emsbk.com/dca>

Step 3: Tap the Upload icon (a square with up arrow) at the bottom of the screen, then scroll the bottom row of options until you see "Add to Home Screen".

Step 4: Click on "Add to Home Screen", then click on "Add" in the upper right corner.

This 1-minute YouTube video tutorial illustrates the iPhone steps above.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iQL-vo4sVw&feature=youtu.be>



Android Instructions

Step 1: If you have the old mobile phone app for filing complaints, delete it.

Step 2: Go to the browser **on your phone** and type in the following URL:
<http://viewpoint-app.emsbk.com/dca>

Step 3: Tap the row of dots in the upper right corner, then select "Add to Home Screen, then scroll the bottom row of options until you see "Add to Home Screen".

Step 4: Click on "Add to Home Screen", then click on "Add" in the box that comes up..

This 1-minute YouTube video tutorial illustrating the Android steps above.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbAG34IX7bc&feature=youtu.be>

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MC Quiet Skies Coalition

website:

www.MoCoQuietSkies.org (or
<https://sites.google.com/site/208xxquietskies/>)

If you have any questions about the Coalition, send email to:

mont.co.quietskies@gmail.com

Visit this group at

https://groups.google.com/group/mcqsc_updates.

To view this discussion on the web visit

https://groups.google.com/d/msg/id/mcqsc_updates/CAAhSJOp8q3NYAabd8dCMMthAvYS26NB%3D10WRK-so7izVSJvc4Q%40mail.gmail.com.

MCQSC Meeting Thursday,

May 30, 7 pm

The next Coalition meeting for all interested in the background and news regarding increased airplane traffic over our homes is at our clubhouse on Thursday, May 30.

7 pm orientation/background for those attending their first meeting with opportunity for basic questions and information

7:30 pm for those who have attended before

Our neighborhood was one of the very first to join this group, and the environmental committee has made a financial contribution to help defray the expenses of the volunteer leadership to attend national conferences on the same topic. We are among many jurisdictions dealing with the same types of changes. However, our situation is somewhat more difficult in that we are concerned about an airport that serves three independent jurisdictions (MD, VA, DC).

Should you be interested in reading the 40 page State of Maryland Reply Brief to the FAA that was filed on May 9, you can check the organizational website or request a forward from dianekarlik@verizon.net

*Diane Karlik and Petra Jacobs,
MCQS Coalition reps*

Mission Statement

CSCA

The Carderock Springs Citizens' Association mission is to foster a thriving and welcoming community; to uphold a safe, hospitable, and attractive oasis for all ages by honoring our rich architectural heritage and the environmental sanctuary that surrounds our homes. This mission is upheld by volunteers on the CSCA Board, working in collaboration with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), the Tree Committee, and other Board-appointed committees.

As your fellow-residents and neighbors, we are committed to the following tasks:

- Hold annual elections for the CSCA board members;
- Enforce the legally-binding covenants for the community in accordance with the recorded Declarations, including appointing the members of the Architectural Review Committee to review and approve residents' plans for exterior modifications and appointment of the Tree Committee to review and approve residents' plans for removal of trees;
- Maintain and beautify public spaces including the entrance areas to the community;
- Connect residents through the website, newsletter, directory, and welcoming and social events that celebrate our community's talents and diversity;

- Provide a forum for respectful sharing of concerns, requests, and interests;
- Represent the community before government agencies regarding issues that may affect the quality of life for residents.

Thank You

Many thanks to those departing CSCA board members Stefan LoBuglio, Julie Weber, Tim Williams and Svitlana Sweat for volunteering their valuable time and diverse talents towards the good of the Carderock community.



The board welcomes new board members Ashish Goel and Sue Eastman and already appreciates their dedication and work.



...Planting a seed here for future board members and/or community volunteers:

*When
'someone should do something',
that someone just might be You.*

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.

Recent ARC submissions include:

Carderock Springs		ARC Submission Ledger			
4/3/19	8 Park Overlook Ct	Aime O'Donoghue	New Shed, Replace Fence	Verifying Zoning	
4/3/19	8324 Fenway Rd	Noureen Chohan	Front Porch, Deck, extend overhangs	Application signed; Approved	5/1/19
4/3/19	8109 Lilly Stone Dr	Sofia Antelo & Emory Meek	Remove and infill rear patio door	Design Approved; Pending Application Signature	
4/3/19	7508 Hamilton Spring	Greg & Petra Jacobs	Replacement Split-Rail Fence	Approved; Application Signed	4/3/19
4/3/19	7614 Hamilton Spring Rd	Raven	Kitchen Window	Concept Approved; Submit Application	
4/3/19	8121 Hamilton Spring Road	Rhonda & Michael McLaughlin	Master Bedroom over Garage/Bump-out	Concept Approved; Submit Application	
4/3/19	8009 Hamilton Spring Rd	Melissa & Scott Wilets	New Window @Master Bathroom	Approved; Application Signed	5/1/19
5/1/19	8029 Fenway Rd	Jonathan Blythe & Heidi Marcella	Split-Rail Fence to match existing	Approved; Application Signed	5/1/19
5/1/19	7706 Hamilton Spring Rd	Nick Miranda & Judy Wen	3-Bedroom, garage, and kitchen Addition	Application Signed; Concept Approved; CD follow-up	

(Renovation, cont.)

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.

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

Lawn Pesticides

Lawn companies and some homeowners filed a suit against the county ... and lost! Still not a reality totally, but is a step in the direction of safety to families, growing kids, pets, certain animal species, water safety and other aspects of the environment .

Pesticides cannot be used on lawns for “cosmetic purposes” but can still be used in garden areas, golf courses and farmland. These chemicals can still be sold in Montgomery County.

What exactly does this all mean for us? You can still purchase and apply it yourself in your gardens but not on your lawn? That is what it seems to say. However, there are alternatives so please go to a local business that sells garden materials and find out what else you could use.



Maryland Court of Special Appeals upholds Montgomery County’s law banning pesticides on lawns

Court reverses Circuit Court’s 2017 ruling that struck down measure

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 3, 2019—The Maryland Court of Special Appeals on [May 2] sided with Montgomery County, reversing the Circuit Court’s ruling that invalidated the County’s 2015 law banning the application of certain dangerous pesticides to lawns for cosmetic purposes.

The court sent the case back to the lower court and directed it to enter a judgment in the County’s favor.

“This is a big win for our environment and the public health,” said Councilmember Tom Hucker, chairman of the Council’s Transportation and Environment Committee and one of the bill’s lead sponsors, along with then-Councilmembers George Leventhal and Marc Elrich. “It also affirms our County’s authority to protect our residents, especially our kids, from the harmful threats that pesticides and other environmental toxins can pose.”

(Carder-Eco cont.)

“This court decision is a great victory for our County’s public health and environment,” said County Council President Nancy Navarro. “We must not relent in exercising our right to enact sensible legislation that protects our residents from harm. As president of the County Council, I will continue to work with my colleagues to make our County a healthy place for all our residents to live, work and play.”

“The Supreme Court held in 1991 that the principal federal law governing pesticides permits such local legislation,” the court wrote. “We conclude that the ordinance does not run afoul of State law.”

In its decision, the Court of Special Appeals cited the late Rachel Carson of Silver Spring and her groundbreaking book “Silent Spring,” published in 1962, which led to a ban of the toxic pesticide DDT.

“Carson’s examination of the health impacts of DDT and other pesticides galvanized the public, and the next decade saw Congress enact a broad range of statutes that are foundational to modern environmental law,” the court wrote. “Montgomery County claims, in essence, that it is following in these footsteps, but we must determine whether it has done so consistently with State law.”

After the County Council passed the law in 2015, it was sued by a group of homeowners and landscaping companies, which claimed that the County law should be struck down because it banned pesticides that had been approved by the federal government.

In August 2017, the Montgomery County Circuit Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, calling the law an example of overreach by the County.

The County appealed the lower court ruling to the Court of Special Appeals.

The law acknowledges that while certain pesticides can be useful in agriculture and when protecting (C

some natural resources, they also contain dangerous toxins and should not be applied for solely cosmetic purposes, such as on lawns. The law does allow pesticides to be applied to farmland, golf courses and gardens, and does not prohibit their sale in the County.

The Court of Special Appeals found that “state law does not expressly pre-empt local government regulation of pesticides.”

It also rejected the lower court’s finding that allowing individual jurisdictions to establish their own pesticide regulations could cause “chaos and confusion in the marketplace”:

“For decades, Maryland’s Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program has authorized certain counties to regulate pesticides within the Critical Area without any record of chaos and confusion for multi-tiered regulation,” the court wrote.

It also said that while the state’s pesticide statutes reference conformance with federal legislation, this is “best regarded as an aspirational goal, rather than an obstacle to local legislation.”

The court’s ruling is here:

<https://www.courts.state.md.us/data/opinions/cosa/2019/1203s17.pdf>

Diane Karlik

Activities at the Club

While the CS Citizens' Association is not the CS Swim and Tennis Club, be aware that the pool season is upon us and in Carderock that means

- Sign up: Tennis team, all ages
- Sign up: Swim and dive team, all ages
- Register: Summer Fun program for kids ages 6-11 and volunteer opportunities for tweens/teens ages 12+
- Apply: Employment at the club for teens – walk to your first job!

The club's website has more information:

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

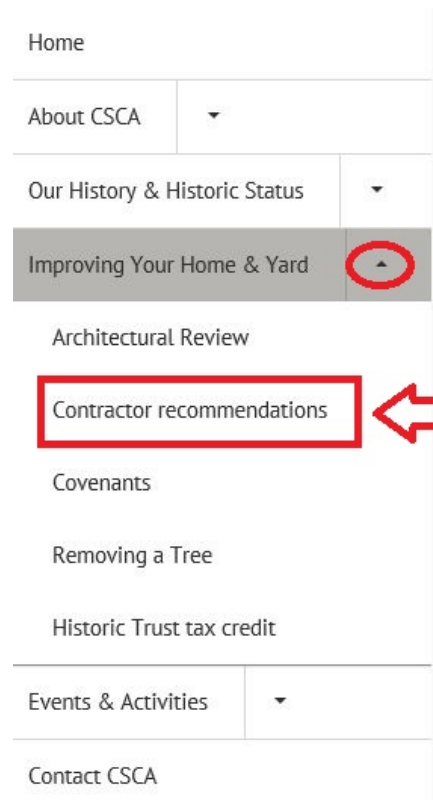


Recommendations Updated on the CSCA Website

Looking for a contractor and want to know who your Carderock neighbors have recommended?

Krista Sassaman keeps the updated list which is posted on <https://www.carderocksprings.net/>

From the website's menu item Improving Your Home & Yard, click the drop down arrow then click Contractor Recommendations:



The list is nearly 30 pages long and includes everyone from Accountants to Yard Work.

Thanks Krista!

Classified

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.



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

Middy 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.

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



Block Captains Sought to Assist CSCA 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 any 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.

If you would be willing to help out by agreeing to notify the Welcoming Committee about any 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

Your assistance is appreciated.

Jack Orrick



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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