

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.

CALL TO ACTION:
Recently Approved BELTWAY Expansion
WILL Negatively Impact Carderock Springs.
Volunteers Needed to Assist in
Making Our Community's Needs Known
to State and County Officials

Background

On January 8, the Maryland State Board of Public Works (BPW) approved the process for bidding and constructing through a Public Private Partnership (P3) the Phase 1 expansion of two toll lanes each way on the American Legion bridge, the Beltway/I-495 between the George Washington Parkway and I-270, and I-270 from the Beltway to I-370 (ICC). This is the portion of the Beltway abutted by Carderock Springs and adjacent communities. The CSCA and private citizens have previously sent letters to the Governor, members of the Board of Public Works and SHA requesting that the construction be limited to areas within existing right-of-way (ROW)--i.e. no taking of private property-- and that sound barriers be built to mitigate noise and air pollution. However, the provisions requested by our and neighboring communities were NOT included in the BPW's Phase 1 approval. Nor have the environmental impacts of expansion been fully studied or disclosed. To date, local and state officials have provided inconsistent and conflicting information about how this expansion will impact our community. **In the worst case scenario for expansion, citizens will lose property and Beltway noise and air pollution will drastically increase for all residents and the 500+ elementary school students and staff of Carderock Springs Elementary School.**

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Community Calendar

All events are at the Club

Wednesday Feb 5, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Monthly Meeting (1st Wednesday of each month)

Thurs Feb 13, 11:30am

Carderock Men's Lunch (2nd Thursday of each month)

Monday Feb 17, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting (3rd Monday of each month)

Wednesday Mar 4, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Monthly Meeting

Thurs Mar 12, 11:30am

Carderock Men's Lunch (2nd Thursday of each month)

Sunday Mar 15, 5:30 pm

International Potluck Dinner

Sunday April 26, 7:30 pm

CSCA Annual Meeting

(Beltway, cont. from previous page)

Current Status

Now that a P3 process for Phase 1 has been approved, we must act as a community to express our concerns and work for the best outcome possible for Carderock Springs and our neighbors. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is moving very rapidly to choose a private contractor to undertake the expansion. The approved timetable for solicitation of private developers is:

- February 2020: Request for Qualifications released to industry
- June 2020: Shortlist of qualified teams announced
- December 2020: Final Request for proposals released to shortlisted teams
- March 2021: selection of preferred offeror
- May 2021: BPW approval of Phase 1 P3 agreement and execution of agreement (requires further BPW vote)

In light of this aggressive timetable, Carderock residents at the CSCA Board meeting held on Monday, January 13, called for the following actions:

1. Alert Carderock community residents that planned Beltway widening will have adverse impact on environment, health and property value.
2. Distribute flyers to residents in directly affected areas (the first row of houses

adjacent to the Beltway on Hamilton Spring Road and Stone Trail Drive) to confirm who got a letter from SHA requesting access to their property for the purpose of surveying. This letter stated: “The purpose of this letter is to advise you of our need to access your property to gather data and to request your cooperation.” If you received one of these letters, please let Petra Jacobs (petraejacobs@gmail.com) know. Please include your home’s address.

3. Schedule a community meeting with Montgomery County representatives and legislators to clarify the current Beltway expansion plan and to discuss how to protect Carderock Springs.
4. Reach out to Carderock Springs Elementary School (CSES) PTA to suggest outreach to the CSES Principal and MCPS Superintendent to request protection for CSES students’ health in light of Beltway Expansion. Many CSES parents are currently unaware of how Beltway Expansion will impact CSES, whose parking lot and playground are directly adjacent to the Beltway. The school building itself is also very near the Beltway.
5. Solicit volunteers to get involved with researching Beltway expansion plans and the status of

negotiations and to contact and continue meeting with Montgomery County representatives and mobilizing the community, etc. If you are willing to help, please contact Petra Jacobs

(petraejacobs@gmail.com).

We are calling for volunteers to assist with these time-sensitive activities before SHA imposes its plans on our community! Please add your voice and any volunteer time that you are able to contribute to help improve our community outcomes. This is our last chance as a community to make a difference before construction plans are finalized and get underway. PLEASE JOIN US NOW.

Many thanks to John Tierman who testified on January 29 **in favor of Marc Korman/Susan Lee et al. (SB0229) bill requiring county consent** for new toll roads and bridges.

Upcoming events:

February 11, 1 pm: House Transportation & Environment Committee hearing on Sara Love’s Eminent Domain bill (HB0299) prohibiting the Administration from using Eminent Domain to take private property for Beltway expansion: The Environment and Transportation Committee, House Office Building, Room 251, 6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401.

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Many thanks to Stephanie Land for her willingness to testify.

February 13, 1 pm: House Transportation & Environment Committee hearing on Korman's/Lee's bill (HB0292) requiring county consent for new toll roads and bridges. Please contact Petra Jacobs (petraejacobs@gmail.com), if you are willing to testify. This testimony previously given January 29 to the House & Senate could be identical.

At the April 26 CSCA Annual Meeting we will host a roundtable discussion with local, County and State representatives on the Beltway widening plan.

Petra Jacobs, Jennifer Spreitzer, Katherine Stifel, Jack Orrick

2020 CSCA Annual Dues Notices are in the (e)mail

After a productive 2019, CSCA is geared-up to continue serving Carderock Springs in 2020. We rely on the **\$50 per house annual dues** in order to fund activities that directly benefit the community, including providing this periodic newsletter, advocating for our neighborhood interests with government, hosting social events, and more. At the beginning of each year,

CSCA sends out a dues notice to each household to kick-off the collection process. This year, CSCA has made several enhancements in order to increase convenience, reduce environmental waste, and lower costs of collecting dues. We:

- eliminated PayPal payment surcharge
- added Venmo as another electronic payment option
- sent out first round of dues notices electronically using available email addresses from our online neighborhood directory (over 300 households emailed with nearly 35% paid to date).

Whether or not you have received an e-mailed dues notice, please consider paying your dues now in order to save the Association the cost of generating and mailing a printed notice. We are planning to send these printed dues notices later this month, but only to those households which have not paid. Please submit your **\$50 payment through one of the three convenient ways.**

1. PayPay (Preferred) – Type the following URL in your browser and include your house address in your transaction:



www.paypal.me/carderock

2. Venmo (Preferred) – Add us as a friend @CarderockSpringsCA.



Please include your address in the 'What's it for?' field along with the payment. If required, the last 4 digits of our linked phone number are 4309.

3. Mail - You can snail mail your check with your address clearly noted and made out to "CSCA" to:



P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD, 20818-0237

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

Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or questions relating to dues at cscatreas@gmail.com.

*Ashish Goel
CSCA Treasurer*

Carder-Eco News from the Environmental Committee

Reminders

Request a blue bin, for paper or for co-mingling, from the Montgomery County MD solid waste site:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/>

Anyone can visit the recycling center off Shady Grove road and 355 during open hours... ear plugs provided! It might change the way you sort your trash and recycling as you watch others dealing with the dirty work.

You can place such things as post it notes, envelopes with acetate openings, waxed and cleaned juice and milk cartons, used paper cups, and books into the paper bin, but do not mix in paper towels or Kleenex, dirty or cleanput those in the trash.

Recycling regulations vary among districts, so newcomers or those used to a different method may need to change habits after moving to Montgomery County.



6 R's: Refuse, Reduce, Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle, Rot (composting)

New Year Resolutions

The Treehugger.com site recently recommended ways to be greener for each month of the year. Here are their suggested methods, in the order of months starting with January.

1. Declutter
2. Keep an eye on the thermostat and find others ways to stay warm
3. Reduce some meat and dairy in your diet, explore beans
4. Walk or bike more, drive less, plan your car trip errands
5. Eat local food, visit farmers markets
6. Vacation closer to home and avoid flying
7. Stop using single use straws
8. Use reef-friendly sunscreens on beach vacations
9. Freeze foods during farmers market peak times
10. Stop removing all leaves from your lawn
11. Adopt some strategies to lower food waste
12. Resist wasteful consumerism

Search the article for details on how to accomplish these changes.

<https://www.treehugger.com/green-home/12-easy-green-resolutions-every-month-year.html>

Diane Karlik

PEPCO Update



We want to thank the over 20 residents who emailed their permission to PEPCO to share their smart meter data with the Office of People's Counsel consultant.

In September, there was a ground fault outage, which required PEPCO to replace underground cable and two transformers. Recently, in December, there was an electrical fire on Glenmore Spring Way, whose cause remains unknown. And prior to this, the February 24, 2019 power surge (which was initiated by a tree branch falling on a power line) caused extensive damage to some residents' households who live along the Pepco feeder which has experienced other similar problems in the past.

We reached out to Pepco (whose response was not satisfactory to us) and to several elected and other public officials. Among those was Maryland's Office of People's Counsel. After we talked to one of their attorneys, OPC decided to hire a consultant to analyze the entirety of the record on this matter. Between our requests of Pepco and theirs, the consultant is now honing in on what he believes to be the cause of these years-long problems. Please keep posting your electrical events and street address on CS Chat at cs-chat@groups.io

*Michal Freedhoff
Sue Eastman*

Community Safety

A January burglary on Still Spring Court has left Carderock Springs residents wondering what we can do as a community to prevent future break-ins. Below is advice from Officer Dana Stroman, the Community Services Officer responsible for Bethesda. There is much we can do as individuals and as a community to protect ourselves.

Home Security

Check your Locks

- Make sure every external door has a sturdy well-installed dead bolt lock.
- Lock all of your doors both when you leave and when you are in your home. [Note: it's a good idea to do the same with your automobiles!].

Check your Doors

- All outside doors should be metal or solid wood.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors, so you can see who is outside without opening the door. Door chains break easily and don't keep out intruders.
- Don't open your door to strangers.

Check your Exterior

- Install lights and keep them on during the night.
- Keep your yard clean. Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows.
- Clearly display your house numbers so police and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly (4-6 inches).

Alarm Systems

- If you have a home security alarm, use it.
- Put alarm stickers on windows and doors and place alarm signs in front and rear yard.

When you Travel

- Don't let your mail pile up, especially newspapers in your driveway or packages on your front doorstep.
- Tell a trusted neighbor that you will be out of town and ask them to keep an eye on your home.
- Set timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening.

Still Concerned?

- Montgomery County Police offer free home security surveys: a Police Officer will come to your residence and assess your locks, doors, windows, landscaping and make recommendations based on current crime patterns and trends. Call Officer Stroman **240-773-6727 to schedule.**

“See Something, Say Something!”

Anything that seems even slightly out the place or occurs at an unusual time of day could be criminal activity. Some of the most obvious events to watch for and report include:

- Any stranger entering your neighbor's residence could be a burglar.
- Someone peeking into parked vehicles may be considering stealing a vehicle, the valuables inside or both.
- The sound of breaking glass or any loud noise could mean an accident, burglary or vandalism.
- Persons loitering around a school, park, or a residential area could be casing a community.

Report Suspicious Activities

301-279-8000 non-emergency,
911 emergency

Thank you for working together to make our Carderock Springs a safer community for everyone!



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.

Carderock Men's Lunch Thursday, Feb 13

The monthly men's lunch has been a part of Carderock Springs life for over 30 years. On the 2nd Thursday of each month (Feb 13, 2020 is the next lunch), a group of men meet at Normandy Farms Restaurant on Falls Road. Greetings and cocktails at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00 noon. It usually ends between 1:00 to 1:30. But there is no formal start or finish time.

The primary purpose is to provide an opportunity for an informal discussion usually without a specific agenda or presentations. On a personal note, I have learned a lot of fascinating things about the people of our community, their experiences, etc. and have developed an increased appreciation of our community.

To attend, email Charlie Casper (charlescasper@aol.com) by Monday night before e.g. February 10, 2020, for the upcoming month indicating that you plan to attend so that the restaurant can be notified in advance of the table settings. When you indicate an interest, a reminder is usually sent each month to those on the mailing list.

Questions - Email Charlie Casper or call 301-365-4683 for more information on this community enrichment opportunity or if you may need a ride to and from.



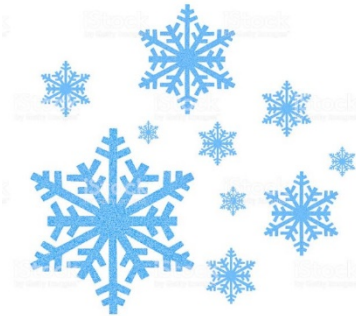
Winter Greetings to
Carderock's delightful resident **Mr. Whooo**



Movie Night in January was preceded by pizza and the annual Eating of the Gingerbread House! Thanks to Bei Wu and others for organizing yet another fun event.

Welcome

Carderock welcomes **Kathleen and Brian Mitchell** with Abby 8, Rosie 5 and Maggie 2 to 7704 Glenmore Spring Way. Stop by and say Hi!



Farewell

Original Carderock Springs resident and member of “the Greatest Generation”, **John G. Honig**, passed away on January 30, 2020 – he was 96-years old. He loved Carderock and vowed never to move – and didn’t. Over the years, John served as treasurer of the club, played tennis, belonged

to a duplicate bridge group; and officiated at his son’s aquatic events with the Carderock swim club. John was a Holocaust survivor, escaping Vienna to England when he was 15. His parents were able to leave before the Austrian border was closed in 1939 and emigrated to New York City. John joined his parents a year after they settled. Pearl Harbor was attacked while he was in college and he went off to the Army. After the war he returned to Drew University, graduated and eventually received his doctorate in physical chemistry from Georgetown Univ. He was a scientist through and through. He held numerous positions in operations research and systems analysis, mostly involving the Defense Department. He is survived by Elaine, his wife of nearly 40 years, their son David, and two children who also grew up in Carderock, Gary and Judy, from his first marriage. The family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society or the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in his memory. A celebration of his life will take place in the very near future and we hope many in the neighborhood will attend.

Barbara Vendig West, co-founder of the Barbara West chain of women's clothing boutiques, died January 9, 2020 in Bethesda. Born in 1924, she and her husband of 66 years, Murray M. West, who died in 2015, owned stores in Georgetown, Capitol Hill, and Colorado in the 1970s and 1980s. They moved to Park Overlook Drive in 1970 with their sons Peter of Boulder CO and David of Silver Spring. Barbara enjoyed reading, playing tennis, traveling with her husband, volunteering at the Bethesda Co-op, walking, exercise class at the Clara Barton Center, and following a wide variety of sports. She is survived by four sons, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

CS-Chat Moved to Groups.io from YahooGroups

The neighborhood listserv CS-Chat has moved to **CS-Chat@groups.io** from YahooGroups in a relatively seamless transition of moving user email ids and over a decade of archived messages.

If you were a member of CS-Chat on Yahoo then you are automatically enrolled in CS-Chat on groups.io.

To join if you are new to Carderock, email

cs-chat+subscribe@groups.io then send a reply email with your snail mail address or CSCA Club membership number.

When emailing over 650 neighbors about a lost/found pet, item free/sale/ISO, contractor recommendation, etc, remember to email

cs-chat@groups.io and not cs-chat@yahoogroups.com.

Margie Orrick

Classified

Give and Receive Help



Carderock resident Rebecca P. Cohen has a community of caring individuals called

ShareMyJourney.org. Rebecca matches those seeking help with the life experience of others. She currently has members seeking life experience with parenting adolescent girls, writing a memoir, losing a sibling to breast cancer, aging in place and staying active, caring for an ill spouse, and navigating tissue loss. All knowledge and life experience is welcome. *Call or text Rebecca at (703) 405-0077 to learn more or RSVP to stop by for an informational open house at her Carderock home on Sunday, February 9th from 3-4pm.*

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 junior and Carderock resident Christian Hill. He comes to your home with all equipment needed. Experienced as a junior soccer camp counselor, knows ins and outs of the sport, 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 per player. Text 202-802-4319.

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.

Save the Date: Sunday, March 15 for the 2020 Carderock International Dinner

Sunday, March 15, 5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

It's one of the most popular events on the Carderock social calendar: The International Dinner. Neighbors bring a dish representing their national heritage -- or any heritage they want to "borrow" for the evening -- and tuck into a global feast. Thanks to our community's spectacular international diversity (and talented cooks) last year we enjoyed dishes from, among many other destinations, Iran, Chile, Hungary, England, Argentina, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, China, Morocco, and yes, the United States. How much of the globe can we cover this year? Bring a dish and find out. Watch the listserv cs-chat@groups.io for updates.



Questions or RSVPs? Contact Social Chair Craig Stoltz at stoltzc@gmail.com or 240-426-2458.



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National Register of Historic Places

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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