

# 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 Election Meeting

Sunday April 28 6:30 - 8 pm at the Club

Please join us at the CSCA annual meeting to:

- **Elect officers/directors** for the upcoming year
- Learn about recent **branding initiatives** for the Carderock Springs community
- Speaker to be announced

The following individuals have submitted their names and have been approved for election by the Board (Stars \* are those newly serving on the Board):

President	Jack Orrick
Vice President	Tom Deyo
Secretary	Jenny Spreitzer
Treasurer	Svitlana Sweat

Membership	Bill Draper
At-Large	Petra Jacobs
At-Large	<b>Sue Eastman*</b>
At-Large	<b>Ashish Goel*</b>

\*See Eastman and Goel bios on next page.

Please come and join for an informative discussion. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*



### Community Calendar

*All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted.*

**Sat, April 13 , 10 am - noon**

SHA Meeting on Beltway Widening, BCC High School

**Sun, April 14, 11:30 am**

Spring Egg Hunt – be prompt!

**Mon April 15, 7:30 pm**

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

**Sun, Apr 28, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Annual CSCA Election meeting

**Wed May 1, 7:30 pm**

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

# Carderock: Great Place to Live!

Washingtonian magazine has singled out Carderock Springs as one of a few neighborhoods that is a particularly great place to live in the DC Metro area – well, we already knew that!



*(Board Election, from previous page)*

## Sue Eastman

Sue bought her Carderock house on April 1, 1988, April Fool's Day, and it was one of the smartest decisions she and her family made. The landscape, the house with all its glass walls, the interface with nature, and the sunny interior light were the main draw, never mind the architectural history of our community. In her earlier life, she worked as a cost analyst with Bechtel Power Corporation. Then two wonderful children arrived, and she changed her career to education just when they entered the public school system. She teaches in the District, and her subject areas are robotics, coding, and financial literacy, which includes running an afterschool class called The Stock Market Game (supported by SIFMA) for interested students.

When not teaching, she can be found in her garden or on a bike. Sue has been involved with the PEPCO Committee to make our underground electrical grid safer, and with the Carderock Conservation Committee (C3) to deal with the community's storm water runoff, which led to Carderock being designated a Rainscape Neighborhood by Montgomery County.

Sue currently serves as a liaison to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and is a member of the Carderock Women's Book Club.

## Ashish Goel

Ashish moved to Carderock in September 2018 accompanied by his wife Anne and son Apollo (18 months). A Montgomery County native, Ashish graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Computer Engineering and now has a career as a Federal Government technology consultant.

Ashish is a mid-century modern enthusiast who was drawn to the unique situational modernism that only Carderock Springs could offer in Montgomery County. Luckily, Anne is a fan, too!

Prior to moving to Carderock Springs, Ashish lived in a downtown Bethesda condo where he was an active participant in condo board affairs and understands the balance between individual rights and the common good.

## About Those New Street Lamps...

The CSCA would like to alert the community to street lamp replacement that will be occurring over the next few months, according to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. Our original street lamps need to be replaced with newer, more energy efficient lamps. Unfortunately, the original lamps cannot be adapted or retrofitted so all will be replaced over the next few months.

Thanks to the efforts of vigilant neighbors and the fact that Carderock Springs is on the National Register of Historic Places, the county has agreed to replace our lamps with modern-style replacements in keeping with the architecture and design of the neighborhood. Most of the rest of the county will be getting Colonial-style replacement lamps, some of which were inadvertently installed in February in our neighborhood.

According to Dan Sanayi, Chief of Design & Operations in the Division of Traffic Engineering & Operations for the Department of Transportation, all of the

incorrectly installed lamps will be replaced when the new fixtures arrive. In late February, he estimated that this would take 4 to 6 weeks. We hope that this means that the modern-style will soon be installed this Spring and the colonial fixtures will be removed.

Board members requested that South Carderock also receive the modern-style fixtures.

If you see any crews installing the incorrect Colonial-style fixtures in the neighborhood, please let the CSCA Board of Directors know at [cscaboarddir@gmail.com](mailto:cscaboarddir@gmail.com). We will contact the county.



Original light



Colonial (incorrect) light



New (correct) modern light

# 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](mailto: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.



*Each spring when the daffodils bloom throughout Carderock we are reminded of and thankful for those who have planted them, led by Anne Carlson in appreciation of Mary Lou Shannon.*

## 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 soon 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/>



## Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

If you are being disturbed by airplane noise, or concerned about the negative health ramifications of being under the revised but inequitable and narrow flight path over our school and homes, please be sure to file only ONE complaint per month to be counted as being opposed to the current situation. With windows starting to be left open, and neighbors spending more time outdoors, we are likely to be bothered more than we were over the winter. Many of you complained last year that you couldn't hear one another while enjoying your patio, deck or yard with others.

Please encourage neighbors to report once a month as well by using one of the following methods:

<https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>

<https://webtrak.emsbk.com/dca>

<https://airnoise.io/>

*Diane Karlik and Petra Jacobs,  
MCQS Coalition reps*

## Beltway Widening



Come to the SHA meeting on Beltway widening on Saturday, April 13, 10-noon, Pyle Middle School. SHA will present traffic, environmental, and financial analyses for the recommended 7 Screened Alternatives and the recommendations for the alternatives to be retained for detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. <https://495-270-p3.com/your-participation/upcoming-events/>.

*Petra Jacobs*

## Dues Reminder

Thanks to those who have paid their \$50 annual dues to the CSCA for 2019. For those who haven't yet, please send your check payable to CSCA to PO Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818 or pay \$51.80 online to [cscatreas@gmail.com](mailto:cscatreas@gmail.com) via Paypal. Your modest dues supports the CSCA mission of fostering a thriving and welcoming community which honors our architectural heritage and environmental sanctuary.



# The Carder-Eco Column

From My Green Montgomery:  
What a winter it has been, with frequent rain and water logged soils.

It's the perfect time to start a routine of organic lawn care! Birds are eating worms, squirrels are digging up nuts, and kids and dogs are romping in the yard-- let's make sure everyone and everything is safe walking barefoot through the grass.

If you are tempted by ads for discounted lawn services, bags of fertilizers and weed pesticides on the shelves of your local garden store, you are not alone. But stop before you shop, and make the right decisions for the health of your local water, air, family, pets, and yourself by avoiding chemical treatments. Here are some easy tips to get off on the right foot this spring with organic lawn care practices:

- Sharpen your lawn mower blades
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn
- Take a soil sample if your lawn is unhealthy
- Add compost or compost tea
- Overseed bare patches with annual ryegrass to suppress summer weeds (and schedule

ahead for a fall lawn grass seeding)

- Hand pull unwanted weeds (and add edible ones like chickweed or dandelions to your salad!)
- Aerate compacted soils

For details on all these tips, and more, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns)

**Please remember to verify that your landscaper or lawn maintenance company who might be using thus far legal, but possibly potentially toxic chemical products, for certain weed killers** for example, that they are REQUIRED to post a yellow sign on your property. Certain chemicals are currently banned in Europe and Canada but not yet in the United States. Any neighbor should avoid those areas, and should there be rain, to avoid lawn areas that are downstream of the runoff coming from swales. If you should see a landscaper treating a lawn with chemicals without displaying a yellow sign, please inform your neighbor who is having this done.

Many of the large companies simply automatically feed or use weed killers and fertilizers on your lawn whether you need them or not. They drive around the neighborhood, spend up to 15 minutes on your lawn, and

then apply the exact same things to your neighbor's lawn up the road. They do not test soil beforehand. This can lead to not only unhealthy soil in your yard, but also to extra chemical runoff that can lead to further pollution of our watershed and the Chesapeake Bay. It would be best to avoid these companies if you can. Be aware of the word "Natural"...this does not mean "organic" or "healthful" in any sense. For example, radon is "natural", but we know that it is certainly not good for us. Chemicals can be made of natural ingredients as well.

Try to be a well-informed gardener.

*Diane Karlik*



# 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](mailto: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 Noreen Chohan [noreen@studiofiza.com](mailto:noreen@studiofiza.com) 301.365.1741 [studiofiza.com](http://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](http://www.FiberArt.studio)

For a registration form and any questions, contact [anja@fiberart.studio](mailto:anja@fiberart.studio)



# Carderock Neighborhood Directory now on-line!

In conjunction with our moving the production of the print neighborhood directory to AtoZ Directories, the Carderock neighborhood directory is now accessible to all residents on-line <https://www.atozdirectories.com/home/login.php> and through a mobile app which can be downloaded from Google Playstore or Apple App Store by searching for “HOA App” or “AtoZ Connect”. Note that you will have to enter an e-mail address and a password when you log in. If you have not created a password, click on the “forget password?” button. If you have not provided an e-mail address to CSCA or have any trouble logging in, please contact our Membership Secretary, Bill Draper, at [bdraper99@gmail.com](mailto:bdraper99@gmail.com)



Once logged in, click on the “My Household” tab to review and make any necessary edits to your dwelling and/or personal information. Use the “My Directory” or “Neighbors List” tab to begin looking up your neighbors quickly and conveniently. There is also a “Dwellings List” to search neighbors by street name.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*



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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

## Carderock Springs Citizens’ Association Board Members

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Katherine Stifel, *ARC*

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