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# CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

## ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, AT THE SWIM & TENNIS CLUB  
6:30 PM FOR WINE AND NIBBLES, 7:00 ANNUAL MEETING

### AGENDA

- ★ Secretary's summary of year's events/decisions,
- ★ Treasurer's report
- ★ Election of CSCA Board
- ★ Priorities for the year
- ★ A spokesperson from the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department will attend and present general fire safety guidelines followed by a Q&A session.
- ★ Architectural Review Committee member Ryan Robbins will provide his thoughts on some of the issues he has seen during his renovation and contractor work on numerous houses in Carderock.

### 2013-2014 CSCA BOARD NOMINATIONS

At the Spring Annual Meeting, a new Board will be elected for the upcoming year. The Board is pleased to announce that the following are willing to serve for another year.

President: Phil Rider	Vice President: Jack Orrick
Secretary: Gunnar Tomasson	Treasurer: Bob Stocker
Events Chair: Joe Tobin	Club Liaison: Larry Ondrejko
Membership: Barbara Ames	Member-at-Large: Donna Schwartz
Member-at-Large: Vacancy	

Georgia Petsche and Mary Lou Shannon, after two years of wonderful service, will be stepping down. However, they have both agreed to continue on their committees; Mary Lou with Welcoming and Georgia with Beautification. We'll thank them at our Annual Meeting.

This leaves one position open - Member-at-Large. The Board hopes that a couple of you will volunteer for these important positions. The Board is especially asking newer members of the community to consider taking this responsibility, because the Board feels it needs more input from the perspective of newer residents. Please contact Phil Rider at [p mrbthmd@yahoo.com](mailto:p mrbthmd@yahoo.com), phone 301-469-0231.

Nominations can be made at the Meeting for any position. Come and cast your vote!!  
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

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## Brief Survey of Electrical Incidents in Carderock

Dear Carderock Springs Residents:  
The following two questions need your attention:

- ★Have you experienced any unusual electrical incidents such as blinking or dimming lights lasting for several minutes?
- ★Did this incident cause damage to your computer, printer, or another appliance?

Since August 11, 2012, Carderock Springs residents have had 11 documented electrical incidents involving power surges or brown-outs. In order to best document our case that a PEPCO audit should be pursued, we need you to gather this information. One way to do this is to post any incidents on the CS-Chat (If you are not a member of CS-Chat, See Following Article on how to join). Please give your address, and the date and time of the incident. Or you can call me, Susan Eastman, 301-605-7226 or email me at SueEastman@aol.com. I am tracking this data in an effort to make PEPCO improve our electrical service.

It is **VERY** important that you notify PEPCO **and** send a message to members of this email list: cs-chat@yahoogroups.com when you experience an electrical disruption. PEPCO should come out and investigate, and possibly put a recorder on your house to detect additional anomalies.

We need to keep the residents of Carderock Springs safe in their homes. The underground electrical system is now 50 years old, more than 20 years beyond its 30-year life span. PEPCO needs to maintain the lines and transformers which step down the voltage to our houses. The residents of Carderock Springs should demand safe and reliable electrical service from PEPCO. *Susan Eastman*

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## Keep Informed and Connected to Neighbors Join the CS-Chat!

Every day there are posts on the CS-Chat. It might be a reminder of Club, CSCA or school activity; lost or found dog, keys or phone; someone might ask for recommendations, or offer tickets to a concert or game. Not only is the CS-Chat a wealth of local information, but it also socially connects you to neighbors, of value to singles and families, young and old. All of us!

CS-Chat is a neighborhood email list to enable over 400 neighbors to communicate and exchange news, post items for sale/free, in search of items, yard sales, lost/found pets, recommendations for carpenters/plumbers, etc.and other topics of interest. If you are not on the Chat, take the time now to join:

1. Send a blank email to cs-chat-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
2. You'll immediately get a reply asking for your Carderock street address.
3. Within a day or two you'll receive another email with further instructions to Join CS-Chat.
4. You will have the option to receive Individual CS-Chat emails, approximately 0-4 per day, or a Digest of one long email which includes all the emails for that day.

If you have problems getting set up, contact our CS-Chat Administrator Margie Orrick at orrickfam@hotmail.com or call 301-365-6253 with your name, street address and email.

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## **Memorial Service Marilyn Mayerfeld, April 7th**

Marilyn Mayerfeld, longtime resident of Carderock Springs, recently passed away at her home in Carderock. The family will hold a celebration of Marilyn's life on Sunday, April 7th, at 9:00 a.m. at Adat Shalom, 7727 Persimmon Tree Lane.

If you wish to commemorate Marilyn's life, you can send a donation to:  
Montgomery Hospice  
1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100  
Rockville MD 20850

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## **What do you get for your \$50 Dollar CSCA Membership?**

These days \$50 may buy you a tank of gas, a decent dinner without libations or an annual membership to support the Citizens Association. The CSCA Board thanks all who have sent their 2013 dues and would like to remind those who haven't what services we provide.

One of the services is the very newsletter that you are currently reading. That includes the delivery to your mailbox so you can hold it and enjoy all the latest in the community. We also provide the website where you can see what is happening in electronic format.

The entrance and right-of-ways have been worked on and beatified. You have been represented within the county when issues that could affect the community have been involved. There have also been community social activities such as the 50 Anniversary Celebration and the recent introduction party for newcomers to our community.

The Directory is a big item that gives you information on contacting your neighbors, or when looking for someone to help with babysitting, pet care or yard work.

Our newest project is reviewing the current tree guidelines and working with local authorities to understand the rash of home fires and electrical issues.

Not a bad investment for \$50.00. If you haven't sent in your dues for 2013 please mail them to CSCA, PO Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818

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## **Renew Your Garden with Funds from Montgomery County**

Now is the time of year when our yards look the bleakest. Spring is around the corner, but mostly what we see is barren ground. Furthermore, without the cover of plantings, spring rains wash away soil and mulch, and our gardens look even more unsightly. If you are wondering how to landscape a spot where grass won't grow, or replace some old growth with an attractive garden, Montgomery County can help fund your project. Their Rainscapes Program provides rebates of up to \$2,500 to homeowners who install environmentally sensitive landscaping. The program is a few years old and was just revamped to be more user-friendly.

The goal is to help restore the water quality of streams and waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay, by recycling stormwater into soil, which absorbs pollutants before they run down roadside drains. The program offers six techniques. One is the Rain Garden, which is a planting area with a shallow depression of loose soil that collects and drains stormwater – although on residential properties they won't be large enough to absorb *all* rain water. Rain gardens are not bogs and dry out within 12 hours after a storm. They are generally planted with native shrubs, trees and perennials.

A second technique is Conservation Landscaping, which is a garden that replaces some grass with mostly native plants that are adapted to shade or sun and the site's soil conditions. These gardens are also good for absorbing stormwater. They can also be designed as focal points to be enjoyed from your home or to block an unpleasant view.

For a complete list and detailed descriptions of all six techniques, go to [www.rainscapes.org](http://www.rainscapes.org). The website is easy to use, and includes an application and explanation of their rebate program.

*Lisa Wilcox Deyo, ASLA, Masters of Landscape Architecture from the University of Virginia*

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## **The Carder-Eco Column News from the Environmental Committee**

### **Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO foods) labeling**

I am sure that many of you have read about the decision by Whole Foods to label their GMO products by 2018. While the jury is out regarding the long-term effects on the environment, global food supply and health of all types of living organisms including humans, at least the consumer will be able to make a decision according to personal beliefs and concerns. In the meantime, note that products labeled “organic” already is “non-GMO”. I am sure that as suppliers change their packaging, that you will see the increased labeling in a variety of stores.

### **Why purchase organic seeds?**

Vegetables and herbs grown for their seed spent a lot more time in the ground than those raised for eating. They are thus in the ground longer, possibly incorporating the pesticides, fungicides and other pollutants. There are fewer such restrictions for seed crops. In addition to benefitting our soil, water and air, the vegetables we grow from organic seed, including hybrids, have been developed over the years via organic methods, and are bred to be resistant to certain diseases more prevalent in organic fields. Organic seeds are available via mail order and in our local nurseries.

Maryland and DC are leaders in the U.S. Green Building Council for new Leadership and Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications in 2012. DC ranks number 1 and Maryland ranks number 6.

Our areas also offer its residents a variety of programs, such as rebates and incentives for Greening residences. Thank you, Mary Lou, for this information.

I am now an active member of Bethesda Green's new community outreach program and I am hoping to glean information on how our community can benefit from various resources and will keep the neighborhood informed.

Why feed/attract birds? In addition to having fun watching them and supporting their needs, birds are extremely helpful to control insects over the warm months. Keeping them in our neighborhood is a plus.

Chickadees, who may be eating our seed now, have a summer diet of 90% insects.

Nuthatches, those black and white birds who go headfirst down a tree, are 100% insectivorous during the summer months.

Sparrows love weed seeds, eating 2/3 seeds plus 1/3 insects

Woodpeckers, especially the varieties in our woods, eat a diet of 85% wood-boring insects that can often sicken/destroy our trees.

Wrens eat an almost exclusive insect diet during the summer.

We don't seem to get Bluebirds in our area, but should we succeed in attracting them via nest boxes, they would control our grasshopper population.

Thank you for recent comments and questions re. trash, recycling and the environment. This is my opportunity to learn along with you...this is not my professional area of expertise.

*Diane Karlik, Environmental Committee*

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## Newcomers to our Neighborhood

Kate Thornton and Mike Delorenzo have moved into 8208 Fenway Road with their two little boys Ryan, almost 3, and Finn 22 months. Their nanny Sara lives with them, too. You can reach Kate and Michael on 301-498-1716, or with email Kthornt2@jhmi.edu. Kate and Mike are renting the home of Heather Worley and Sean Mann, who recently moved to Sri Lanka for a couple of years. They were here less than a year, but consider Carderock their home, and will be back.

*Mary Lou Shannon, Welcome Chairman*

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## Classified

**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 at 240-204-2953.

**Handyman:** Jose Louis will help with any and all chores in and around the house and garden, including painting, drywall, carpeting and indoor repairs, as well as snow shoveling, yard clean up, deck and patio 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.

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## Donna Schwartz CSCA Board Nominee, Member-at-Large

Donna Schwartz moved to Carderock Springs in May 2012 with her husband, Dick. They are the proud residents of a Glenmore model home at 8005 Park Overlook Drive. As lovers of everything mid-century modern, they were drawn to this neighborhood for the architecture and the feeling of community. They moved here from near Merrimack Park in Bethesda; before that spent 16 years in San Mateo, California. They are originally from Michigan and are alumni of the University of Michigan. Donna is trained as a medicinal chemist (PhD, Purdue University) and currently works as a scientific writer. Donna volunteered to join the board of the CSCA to provide a newcomers view of the neighborhood. She looks forward to being an active member of the Citizens Association.

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### Carderock Springs Board Members

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<i>Georgia Petsche</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Gunnar Tomasson</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Bob Stocker</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Barbara Ames</i>	<i>Membership</i>
<i>Larry Ondrejko</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Jack Orrick</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Mary Lou Shannon</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Joe Tobin</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Noëlle F. Lewis</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>

*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, 2013. 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.*