

# 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.

## Community Meetings on Beltway Expansion

Sunday March 29

Sunday April 26

The Carderock Springs Citizens Association (CSCA) is planning two community meetings to help the neighborhood respond to the planned widening of the Washington Beltway which runs adjacent to Carderock Springs and Carderock Springs South. The planned construction includes two additional lanes running in each direction, as well as the addition of elevated access lanes at the River Road intersection with the Beltway. For more information on the current status of these plans, please visit <https://495-270-p3.com/>

On Sunday, March 29 at 7:00 pm, the CSCA is holding a neighborhood meeting at the Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club for residents to discuss the issues that affect the neighborhood resulting from this project. These issues include the potential taking of private property from homeowners living adjacent to the Beltway, the construction of barriers in the right-of-way to mitigate the noise and environmental impacts of the widened Beltway, and developing strategies on how the community can respond to the P3 program, including commenting and reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement when issued, commenting on the final P3 agreement and discussion on what specific action items we want our State and County legislators to undertake on our behalf with respect to this project.

To this end, a Beltway Noise Working Group has already been formed comprised of interested community residents that has begun to look into these issues. In March they will be providing comments to the draft SHA Cultural Resources Technical Report issued in December. Carderock Springs Citizens Association is listed as a Consulting Party to this report due to the historic status of Carderock Springs. We welcome the participation of other community members as well to assist this group. *cont.* →



## Community Calendar

*All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted*

### **Thurs Mar 12, 11:30 am**

Carderock Men's Lunch  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
@Normandie Farm)

### **Sunday Mar 15, 5:30 pm**

International Potluck Dinner

### **Monday Mar 16, 7:30 pm**

CSCA Board Monthly meeting  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month)

### **Sunday Mar 29, 7:00 pm**

Beltway Expansion meeting

### **Wednesday Apr 1, 7:30 pm**

Architectural Review Committee  
(ARC) Monthly meeting  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month)

### **Sunday April 5, noon:**

Spring Egg Hunt!

### **Sunday April 26, 7:00 pm**

CSCA Annual Meeting,  
Including meeting with  
legislators on beltway topics

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On Sunday, April 26 at 7:00 pm, the CSCA is holding its annual spring meeting at the Club to elect officers and directors. Following a short business meeting, we are hosting members of our District 16 delegation to the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Susan Lee, and Delegates Marc Korman and Sara Love, our County Councilmember Andrew Friedson, and County Executive Marc Elrich (invited) to a roundtable discussion on the Beltway widening project.

We hope that many of our neighbors will plan to attend both meetings. For more information, please feel free to contact either of us or any of the other members of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association Board.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*

*Petra Jacobs, CSCA At Large Board member*

## Check Your Mailbox For Your 2020 CSCA Dues Notice

2020 CSCA Dues notices were mailed out on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to all households who haven't yet paid their dues for the year. Be on the lookout for the envelope with our new orange and grey 'modern' branding. As an enhancement to the process this year, we sent the first round of notices via email resulting in over 170 households paying dues, saving the association on printing, postage and mailing effort. A big thank you to everyone who has already paid!

We rely on the **\$50 per house annual dues** to fund activities that directly benefit the community, including providing this

periodic newsletter, neighborhood interests with government, hosting social events, and more. As a reminder, we have eliminated the PayPal payment surcharge and added Venmo as another option to encourage electronic payments.

Please submit your **\$50 payment through one of 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](http://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.

If you have already paid, but received a dues notice in the mail or for any other dues related questions please reach out at [cscatreas@gmail.com](mailto:cscatreas@gmail.com) for a quick response.

*Ashish Goel, CSCA Treasurer*

## River Road Entrance Light Replacement



CSCA has completed a project to replace the two halogen entrance light fixtures on Carderock Springs Drive near River Road with a single energy-efficient LED flood light. The new lighting fixture will result in a power usage drop from 500W to less than 50W. We anticipate a significant corresponding decrease in our PEPCO electric bill, which will likely cover the entire cost of the project in 3 months.

After trialing a couple of options over the past week, the CSCA Board settled on the fixture currently in place. Special thanks to one of our CSCA Board Members, Ashish Goel, for undertaking this *electrifying* effort. For any comments about the new fixture, please contact [cscatreas@gmail.com](mailto:cscatreas@gmail.com).

The Board also plans to replace the lightbulbs in the fixture at the entrance to the community entering off of Persimmon Tree Lane on Lilly Stone with LED lights later this month.

## Spring Egg Hunt

Sunday April 5, noon

Many thanks to Bei Wu for organizing the popular annual Spring Egg Hunt at the Club. Contact her [wubei1229@yahoo.com](mailto:wubei1229@yahoo.com) if you'd like to help out.

For those hunting, don't be a late arrival! It starts at noon and while there are plenty of eggs for all kids, they do get snapped up quickly.



# Golf Course Re-grading at Congressional Country Club

Those massive mounds of bare dirt may be next to our neighborhood for a while longer because earth-moving on the golf course is scheduled to occur for another two years. To re-grade their golf course, Congressional had received approval from Maryland National Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) to remove over 17 acres of their Forest Conservation Easement, which had been protected for its capacity to absorb and filter storm water. Yet the approvals granted that 10.14 acres of unprotected tree critical root zone could be excluded from the required reforestation.

Representatives of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association met with the project engineers and staff at MNCPPC in November. We expressed our concerns at that meeting to the project engineers and County representatives about how the removal of the trees and vegetation bordering our neighborhood will increase the volume of storm water flowing from Congressional's property into our neighborhood. The MNCPPC report stated that 3,467 inches of DBH (diameter at breast height) of trees will be removed and 867 inches in DBH will be planted (plus 228 caliper in transplants). This is roughly one-third of the mass for storm water retention. New planting on the golf course has not been scheduled until fall 2020. It has been described as grassy meadows with some 3" caliper trees, although we haven't seen a plan yet. Some sodding may occur this spring.

Unfortunately, the sediment control fencing that was installed to filter runoff during construction hasn't been working. Following winter storms, the creek which runs from Congressional's

property has run brown with sediment and we have observed brown runoff flowing through the surrounding woods into the creek.



The MoCo Department of Permitting Service (DPS) has met with the contractor, delivered citations and even for a short period stopped work. The CSCA has been communicating with DPS and MNCPPC and we hope that better measures will be installed.

The creek which flows down from the golf course through a culvert beneath Fenway Road into Cabin John Creek collects and conveys a huge volume of runoff. Last summer this culvert collapsed during a major storm closing Fenway Road for over four months. As a condition to receiving the approval for the regrading, Congressional was required to contribute over \$800,000 to the MNCPPC Parks Dept. for stream restoration. The understanding was that these funds would go for the creek's restoration. Prior to construction, the stream banks of the creek were already severely eroded from excessive runoff. The slopes surrounding the new culvert are collapsing and need to be stabilized.

The CSCA is working to ensure that it happens. We have sent letters and are trying to get some answers from County officials.

*Lisa Wilcox Deyo*

# The Carder-Eco Column

\*Good reading:

*National Geographic, March 2020, The End of Trash*

Can we save the planet by reusing all the stuff we make?

Two thirds of everything we take from the earth is wasted. The article highlights the goals of a “circular economy” where we would extract value from most of what we now discard. This is so much more than what we do when we recycle.

\* Good reading: *Leyla Acaroglu*

I have recently been reading various articles by Leyla Acaroglu (leylaacaroglu.com), a well-regarded sustainability provocateur, a sociologist, designer and expert in environmental change. This particular quote caught my eye.

**“The undeniable issue is that we have created a disposable culture, and no amount of recycling will fix it.” – Leyla Acaroglu**

It is difficult but not impossible to change the way we live.

“Single-use throwaway stuff permeates our day-to-day lives; it’s hard to avoid a coffee cup here, a plastic bag there, some wooden chopsticks at lunch, or that boxed take-out Thai food for dinner.

While it’s most prevalent in the food industry — bottles, cups, lids, straws, grocery bags, produce bags, cutlery, produce wrap, and even those single-serve little sauce sachets — recently, [design for disposability](#) has moved into the medical, transport, and government sectors just as much. Over the last 60 years since the invention of cheap plastics,

and even more so in the last 15 years, since [the rise in the cult of busy](#), we have literally [designed ourselves](#) into a disposable society.” “As awareness about environmental issues associated with waste has risen, so too has the quick fix of “make it recyclable” as a solution to disposability. This has validated the production of single-use product streams. It has given way to the myth of ‘good’ (paper) and ‘bad’ (plastic) materials, which is so problematic as all materials have impacts, but it also has distracted us from the real issue all whilst more and more products and services have shifted to disposable from reusable.”

How can we begin to deal with this? A more local food system, whether it be our local Co-op or seasonal produce markets or bulk food providers, could result in less packaging since items such as clamshell containers protect for time and distance ...that is not necessary if local and/or purchased at such stores.

When you take out food, such as a sandwich, ask for minimal packaging. Instead of accepting a box or larger than necessary container, ask for it to be wrapped in waxed or food grade wrapping paper. You could also bring your own reusable container. If you consider it a must to continually hydrate yourself by carrying single use bottles of water, consider a refillable and reusable one instead. Do the same with your coffee.

Whereas most of us reuse our shopping bags each time, and wash them often, I know that we have been less strict in using the plastic

produce bags. One can purchase lightweight reusable and washable produce bags instead, and take them along with your reusable larger shopping totes to corral your selections of produce and have those weighed.



## IS CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) FOR YOU?

CSAs are basically farms that are supported by community members in a variety of ways (work, fees) in exchange for fresh and local produce. Each one is different, some deliver, some require you to visit the farm, some have recently tried to individualize a family’s portion.

Check [mocoalliance.org](#) and search for information on CSA’s. Here’s a start:

<http://www.mocoalliance.org/community-supported-agriculture.html>

Now is the time to do this, as many fill up quickly and early. You will see descriptions specific to each farm.

If you have found a CSA you like, please post the name on CS-chat@groups.io . It would then be reasonable and possible for neighbors to coordinate and/or “carpool” to pick up weekly produce, saving time, fuel and energy.

*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](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@groups.io 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.

## Classified

### 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](mailto: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.

## Carderock Men's Tennis Team Seeks More Players

Do you know that there is a Carderock men's tennis team?

There is, and we are



looking to add a little depth to our roster for the upcoming season, which is May-July. We play in a nominally a 4.0 league, so players range from a solid 3.5 and up. In general, the 4.5 and up players tend to play in the singles matches.

If you're in the range, think about joining the team. We have a non-mandatory practice on Sunday mornings, which is a good workout and a lot of fun. For the season, we play on Tuesday evenings and figure you'd play in about half of the matches (1 singles and 2 doubles).

Please reach out to me if you're interested. Thanks!

*Darrell Tanno*  
*darrell82666@yahoo.com*

### **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.*

## Welcome

Stop by and say hello to:

Anna Malgorzata Husar and Irakli Imerlishoili with Ana and Nina have just bought 8104 Fenway Rd.

Alan Richard Brenner with 2 cats has just bought 8326 Still Spring Court.



# It's not too late: **Carderock International Dinner**

*Sunday, March 15, 5:30 pm*

*at the Clubhouse*

Dozens of your neighbors have signed up to share favorite dishes representing nations all across the globe. It's not too late to join the fun. All you need to do is bring an appetizer, entree, or dessert representing your national heritage -- or any heritage you want to "borrow" for the evening. How much of the globe can we cover this year? Bring a dish and find out. Families, friends and children? Of course! Global beverages provided by CSCA? Sure!



RSVP to Social Chair Craig Stoltz at [stoltzc@gmail.com](mailto:stoltzc@gmail.com) or 240-426-2458. Let us know how many are in your party and what you plan to bring.



**CARDEROCK SPRINGS**  
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, 2020.

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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