

## CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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*Residents of Carderock Springs and surrounding areas may join the Citizens Association for annual dues of \$30 for a membership year ending December 31, 2007. Dues and family information for the 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.*

# Annual Meeting

## Elections of Board Members 2007-08

**Sunday, April 22, 2007, at  
6:00 pm, at the Carderock  
Springs Swim Club**

The Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Spring Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 6:00 pm. We will begin with a Wine and Cheese Social at 6:00 pm, and the formal meeting will begin at approximately 6:30 pm.

Among other business, the membership will be asked to vote on two proposed amendments to the CSCA By-Laws (see following article for Proposed Amendments), and to vote to elect officers for the upcoming year. The Nominating Committee, Mary Lou Shannon, Lisa Wilcox Deyo, and John Surr, has offered the following slate for the upcoming year:

### Office Nominees

President—Malcolm Stevenson  
First Vice President—Phil Rider  
Second Vice President—Tom Hilton  
Secretary—Sunny Pitcher  
Treasurer—Christine Uzzell  
At-Large—Sandy Dembski  
At-Large—Noelle F. Lewis

Under the By-laws, the period for other nominations has closed.

Please come join us.

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# Proposed Amendments to the CSCA By-Laws

The following proposed changes to the by-laws will be voted on at the April 22, 2007 Annual Meeting:

Moved that:

Article II – Organization; Section 1 – Directors, be amended as follows – that the current section which reads as follows

“Section 1 – Directors. The number of directors shall be five, consisting of the officers elected or appointed in accordance with these by-laws” be amended to read as follows:

“Section 1 – Directors. The number of directors shall be seven, consisting of the officers and other board members elected or appointed in accordance with these by-laws.”

And further moved that:

Article III – Election of Officers; Section 3 Vacancies - be amended as follows – that the current section which reads as follows:

“Section 3 – Vacancies. In case of a vacancy in any office, a replacement officer shall be selected by the Board of Directors to serve for the duration of the unexpired term of his

predecessor.” be amended to read as follows:

“Section 3 – Vacancies. In case of a vacancy in any office or a vacancy of any other board member, a replacement officer and/or member shall be selected by the Board of Directors to serve for the duration of the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.”

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## Tom Hilton Recommended to Join CSCA Board as Second Vice President

Tom Hilton is a psychologist at the National Institute on Drug Abuse where he oversees a large portfolio of research grants. He has been a Carderock Springs resident living on Stone Trail Drive for over seven years. A retired Navy Captain, Tom has lived in nine cities, many of them multiple times. He moved back to the DC area after seven years in Oklahoma City where he managed the FAA’s Organizational and Training Research Lab. Tom is familiar with neighborhood associations, having served one year as secretary and three years as president of the Shoreham North Homeowners Association, two years a vice president

of the Woodley Park Community Association, and several years as vice president of a small condo association in San Diego. Tom is an avid sailor, occasional bicycler, and a rotten golfer. He and his partner, Ivo, keep a boat in Edgewater near Turkey Point.

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## **Sunny Pitcher Recommended to Join CSCA Board as Secretary**

Sunny Pitcher was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. His parents and his Boy Scout experience helped foster his appreciation for the natural world at an early age. After a brief stint studying psychology at Johns Hopkins University, his college years were spent mountaineering and touring the national parks of the US on his BMW motorcycle. In the nineties, he moved to the metro areas to focus his attention on a career in the outdoor retail industry. Finding enjoyment and success in sharing his love for the outdoors with others, Sunny decided to start his own company. Each year, Potomac Paddlesports introduces area professionals to the pleasures and challenges of paddling on the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. In addition to providing recreation, the company serves to

educate the public about the challenges facing our natural world, and what can, and must, be done to restore and protect it.

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## **Sandy Dembski Recommended to Join CSCA Board as Member At-Large**

Sandy Dembski recently retired from the Foreign Service. Now she wants to use her new-found freedom to help ensure that Carderock Springs remains the special place it is.

While in the State Department, Sandy served in a number of countries (Peru, Hungary, Pakistan, Nicaragua, and Russia) as well as in Washington. She worked on issues ranging from assistance to Afghan refugees to nuclear non-proliferation to the negotiation of bilateral aviation agreements.

Sandy is the proud parent of Mikey Gonzalez, a 2006 graduate of Carderock Spring Elementary School and current Pyle sixth grader, and the happy spouse of Francisco Gonzalez, a Foreign Service officer.

Sandy moved to Hamilton Spring Road in Carderock in 2000. During the past year, Sandy has worked with

Brenda Bell and Mary Lou Shannon to promote the listing of Carderock Springs on the National Register of Historic Places.

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# Noëlle F. Lewis Recommended to Join CSCA Board as Member At-Large

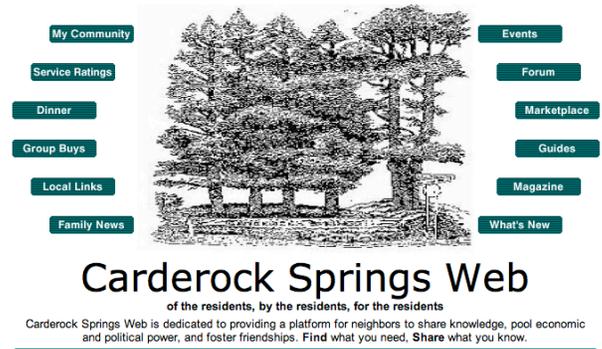
Noëlle F. Lewis has lived in Carderock since 2003, and has been the CSCA newsletter editor since 2004. Noëlle received two Master Degrees, one in Chemical Oceanography and one in Marine Policy, from the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island. Noëlle worked in Rhode Island for 25 years in the areas of Oceanography/Atmospheric Chemistry and International Coastal Management. Noelle also spent several years working for Rhode Island’s largest environmental group “Save The Bay,” dedicated to cleaning up Narragansett Bay.

Noëlle is now working at Carderock Springs Elementary School where her twins are in 5th grade, she also has a daughter who is a sophomore at Whitman. Her husband, Kenneth Hinga, works as a Foreign Relations

Advisor for the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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# New CSCA WEBSITE



## [www.carderocksprings.net](http://www.carderocksprings.net)

The association has a new website <http://carderocksprings.net>. When visiting the site, the link ‘My Community’ provides access to the Carderock Springs Citizens’ Association site. You will need to register and create a user login to access newsletters and the document library.

Information concerning all aspects of the Citizens’ Association, as well as links to other local activities, is available from the main page. Please join the community site and keep “up-to-date.”

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# National Register of Historic Places: Status of Carderock Springs Nomination

We are happy to report that on February 20, 2007, the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) approved the nomination of the Carderock Springs community/KLC community (Bennett houses) for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination recognizes the community as a prime example of situated modernism (that is, modern houses which complement and blend in with the natural landscape). The nomination process began several years ago when the MHT asked two University of Maryland professors to document modernism in Montgomery County. At the April 2006 CSCA meeting, MHT representative, Peter Kurtz, informed the community of the study's recommendation that Carderock Springs be included in the National Register. Over the summer, Brenda Bell, Sandy Dembski and Mary Lou Shannon put together an inventory of Carderock Springs homes. This material was added to the nominating materials. A final decision on the community's inclusion in the National Trust should be made before

the end of the year. While this recommendation by the MHT is very positive, the final decision will be made by the National Register. More information on the Maryland Historic Trust and on tax benefits and other financial assistance for historic properties, can be found at: [marylandhistoritrust.net](http://marylandhistoritrust.net)

The National Register of Historic Places is a list of properties acknowledged by the Federal Government as worthy of recognition and preservation for their significance in American history and culture. National Register properties include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of significance to their local community, state, or the nation. The National Register program is part of a national policy to recognize and protect the country's historic and cultural heritage. The National Register is maintained by the Secretary of the Interior and administered by the National Park Service. In Maryland, the National Register program is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust, the State Historic Preservation Office.

## Benefits of listing in the National Register:

1. The prestige of formal recognition that a property is of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and/or culture. Nomination involves a

multiple-step review process that includes professional evaluations of the significance of the property.

2. Consideration in the planning for federally or state assisted projects. Procedures require careful consideration of properties which will be affected by projects involving federal or state funds, licenses, permits, or tax benefits.

3. Eligibility for federal income tax benefits that include: 1) a 20% investment tax credit for a certified rehabilitation of historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings and 2) a charitable donation deduction for the conveyance of a perpetual easement to a qualified preservation organization.

4. Eligibility for a Maryland income tax credit for approved rehabilitation.

5. Eligibility to apply for grants and low interest loans for historic preservation projects.

#### Listing in the National Register:

1. Does NOT mean that the Federal Government or the State of Maryland want to acquire the property, place restrictions on the property, or dictate the colors or materials used on individual buildings. Local ordinances or laws establishing restrictive zoning, special design review committees, or review of exterior alterations, are NOT

a part of the National Register program.

2. Does NOT require the owner to preserve or maintain the property or seek approval of the Federal Government or the State of Maryland to alter the property. Unless the owner applies for and accepts special federal or state tax, licensing, or funding benefits, the owner can do anything with his property he wishes so long as it is permitted by state and local law.

3. Does NOT guarantee preservation of the property. The owner is not required to preserve the property nor is the property protected from the effects of development projects, unless federal or state funding, licensing or tax benefits are involved.

4. Does NOT stop federally or state funded or licensed projects when these are desired by the owner and shown to be in the public interest. Procedures do require careful consideration of federally or state funded or licensed projects which call for alteration or demolition of National Register properties before the license is issued or funds released.

5. Does NOT impose tax penalties on owners who demolish listed properties.