



Traffic Evaluation Committee Appointed

The CSCA Board has appointed a committee to evaluate the trial islands which the County has installed for a four month period on Fenway Road between Still Spring and Magruder Mill. The Committee intends to circulate to the Carderock Springs Community a referendum on the



islands after their removal and the receipt from the County of results of updated traffic speed studies which it has indicated will be conducted on Fenway Road prior to the removal of the islands. This referendum is expected to be conducted online (with paper copies available upon request) in late February or early March. The members of the Traffic Evaluation Committee are Stefan LoBuglio, Don Goldberg, Bill Draper, Amy Taylor and Jane Roth.

Jack Orrick
CSCA Board President

Architectural Review Committee Meetings

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm



The Citizens' Association has an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse. If you are considering an addition or exterior modification of your home, submit your plans for review by the 20th of the month. Design and review procedures plus other documents are available at CarderockCitizens.org. The ARC was created by the covenants which govern your property in Carderock. ARC meetings are open for any and every community member to attend, whether you are renovating or not.

Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted



DAY/DATE

Monday, Feb 19, 7:30 pm

EVENT

CSCA Board Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, Mar 7, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee Monthly Meeting

ANNUAL DUES TO CSCA

In early February you should have received in the mail your annual dues statements from the CSCA. Dues are **\$50 per household** for 2018, the same as the past several years. The CSCA provides many benefits to the community, including (i) publishing a periodic newsletter with neighborhood news and information, (ii) maintaining the neighborhood website



(www.carderocksprings.org); (iii) publishing a biannual directory of households in the neighborhood, which in addition to providing contact information for neighbors, contains important information concerning neighborhood providers of child care and babysitting, pet care, and lawn and garden care, information concerning the recorded neighborhood covenants and the process for undertaking exterior modifications to residences and tree removal, and (iv) hosting various neighborhood social events. During the past year, for example, in addition to our two community-wide meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring, the CSCA held a welcoming reception for all newcomers to Carderock, a scavenger hunt, and an international progressive pot luck dinner. This year, we plan to organize a talent show and a wine and cheese tasting party, in addition to other social events. The CSCA also appoints the Architectural Review Committee that approves exterior modifications to homes, sheds and fences and enforces the community covenants if issues arise. Finally, but certainly not least of all, the CSCA is the voice of the community in addressing external County and other local issues. The voluntary dues that are paid to the CSCA allow us to continue to serve the neighborhood.

Your dues notice includes a form where you can manage and edit your info that appears in the neighborhood directory. Just make any edits on the form itself and return it with your check.

Please pay your dues as quickly as you can after you receive the mailing – checks to be mailed to P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237. (Please do not deliver your checks to the Carderock Swim and Tennis Club – the Club is a separate organization with its own system for collecting dues.) We also accept PayPal - \$51.80, payable to cscatreas@gmail.com. Thanks!

Rob Gorman, CSCA Treasurer

CSCA Monthly Board Meetings, 7:30 pm

The Citizens' Association Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Clubhouse. The meetings are open to all community members. Minutes and financial reports are posted online at www.CarderockCitizens.org . The February meeting is Monday Feb 19.

CSCA SPRING 2018 HOUSE TOUR (?)

We still are looking for residents in Bennett homes interested in putting their homes on a house tour which would be conducted in Spring 2018, date TBD. The criteria for homes to be included are that they have been recently renovated (ideally within past 3-4 years), have not been showcased on a prior CSCA house tour, and either have received approval from the Carderock Springs Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for any exterior improvements or have been improved with interior renovations that did not require ARC approval.

The CSCA house tour was conducted on an almost annual basis from the late 1989's until early 2000's. The Board reinstated the tour in 2015, and would like to continue this tradition on a biennial or triennial basis into the future. The tour is advertised only through the Carderock Springs Citizens Association newsletter and is a great way to show neighbors creative approaches to remodeling the 6 or 7 base Bennett models of Carderock homes.



Any interested homeowners should contact Board members Stefan Lobuglio, Bill Draper or Jack Orrick.

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

Carderock Tree Walk: Two years later, we are again planning the very informative and successful local tree walk with Conservation Montgomery. Representatives come to our neighborhood with us to demonstrate and teach us how to care for our own trees. Pre-registration will be required. Details as soon as date is confirmed for late April or early May.

Community-wide Yard Sale: After lots of success with and requests for another community yard sale, we will again be planning one for the Fall.

C&O Canal work: Major improvements to the canal between 2018-19 are now set to preserve the park's historic structures, allow them to withstand flooding, and keeping the parks and tow path well-maintained. There will be temporary detours during this process and we will keep you informed to help ensure that the empty canal in our area gets refilled when improvements have been completed.

The Great Backyard Bird Count: Feb. 16-18, register beforehand at <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> if you are interested in participating. Includes a minimum of 15 minutes of counting birds you see at any location.

(Carder-Eco, cont.)

Montgomery County Solid Waste: It is often difficult, especially for newcomers, to ascertain whether various trash items are approved for disposal into our co-mingled blue bins or whether they belong in the trash. To simplify, you can place all numbered items # 1-7 into the bin except #6. This includes clean containers from bakery products, clamshells, plastic cups, deli trays and containers, fruit and vegetable containers and baskets, tubs and domes, individual plastic plant pots, non-hazardous aerosol cans, bimetals (steel/tin) and aluminum cans, and buckets from cleaning supplies or cat litter.

Clean paper products can go into the paper bins, including magazines, junk mail, newspapers, envelopes (even those with clear openings), paper with staples, books, phone books, any papers from packaging materials, as well as wax coated food containers such as those for milk. Please clean these before disposing in the paper bin.

County Solid Waste website: Need a new blue bin? How to trash or otherwise dispose of some specific items? How to arrange for a free bulk pick-up or a metal pick-up? Access the county site at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/> to help you with any of these. Within the site, there are links to requesting bins, links to the specific items you are concerned about, and scheduling a pick-up. The county phone number is 311 and you can access many departments using that. In addition, you can contact dianekarlik@verizon.net for any question or try the cs-chat as many often do.

Environmental links you may be interested in:

- Information from the Environmental Working Group: This includes such topics as children's health, water, food, toxins, and products, <https://www.ewg.org/>
- Safely deter garden pests of many types, including rabbits and deer <https://www.rodalorganiclife.com/garden/how-to-deter-garden-pests>
- Sustainable and safe fish <https://www.rodalorganiclife.com/food/fish-you-should-never-eat>
- Air within your home can be more toxic than the outdoors <https://www.rodalorganiclife.com/wellbeing/chemicals-in-the-home>

Diane Karlik

CSCA Environmental Committee Chair

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition (MCQSC)



MCQSC leaders Anne Hollander and Janelle Wright engaged in a lively discussion with Carderock residents at the semi-annual CSCA Community meeting on November 5, 2017. Many members of the Carderock community are deeply concerned about increasing airplane noise and pollution and expressed their support to MCQSC's effort. To summarize the **MCQSC presentation**:

For 70+ years DCA arrivals & departures followed routes along the Virginia side of the Potomac River. In recent years, FAA made two changes that dramatically shifted air traffic over DC and Maryland:

1. Moved flight paths (ARRIVALS) from the Virginia side of the Potomac River to the Maryland side.
2. Implemented NextGen Performance Based Navigation (greater precision allows more flights into busy airspace, airplanes fly closer, in narrow flight corridors). In our area, this meant re-routing DEPARTURES into more narrow corridors.

(Quiet Skies Coalition, cont.)

Flights occur every 1-3 minutes, from 5:30 am to past midnight, 7 days a week, creating a constant noise over our community. Low altitude arrivals create unbearable noise, which disturbs sleep, concentration, and general wellbeing of affected residents. The louder and longer the exposure, the greater the risk of cardiac effects, anxiety, cognitive impairment. The situation is complicated by the fact that DCA area involves 3 different jurisdictions. Complaints from Montgomery County residents expected to increase over 500 times since 2015. FAA study by Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc. shows a 19% drop in value for moderately priced homes under flight paths. MSQSC was created by 19 communities, including Carderock, to collaborate with citizens, governments, and the DCA Noise Working group aiming:

1. to return to pre-NextGen paths (disperse the impacts)
2. equitably allocate the air traffic so that all local jurisdictions are equally burdened by the noise and pollution
3. move flight paths away from residential communities as much as possible
4. impose meaningful noise level restrictions
5. establish meaningful nighttime and early morning limits
6. move more air traffic to underutilized Dulles

MCQSC informs and involves the following State and County elected officials in finding solutions: Governor Hogan, MoCo Executive Leggett, County Council President Berliner, State Delegate Korman.

Congressional Strategy includes work with Representative Raskin, Senators Van Hollen and Cardin, National Quiet Skies Caucus (about 40 members in the US House of Representatives) on amendments to FAA Reauthorization and Infrastructure/Transportation Funding. Furthermore, collaboration with other jurisdictions around the country is in place as NextGen is a national problem.

Legal Strategy Group is exploring if FAA failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when flight paths changed (City of Phoenix just won a lawsuit against FAA with similar facts). County/State may file – case is under investigation.

To support these incredible efforts, please:

1. Bookmark <https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3> and **submit your complaint** regularly (daily or weekly). Convince your neighbors to submit complaints regularly, too.
2. Attend MCQSC meetings every-other-month on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at: Brookmont Church, 4000 Virginia Place, Bethesda, MD 20816. The next MCQSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm.
3. NEW/ TIME SENSITIVE: Send your concerns and personal stories to Marcio Duffles: mduffles@gmail.com, D.C.'s Palisades neighborhood representative for the DCA Noise Working group. Please make sure to copy your message to MCQSC's representative at mcquietskiescoalition@gmail.com to be able support Marcio at DCA Noise Working group meetings.

Diane Karlik and Petra Jacobs
Carderock Springs Representatives on the Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

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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, electrical, 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.



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.

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board Members

Jack Orrick	President
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Yvette Quintela	Member-at-Large
Julie Weber	Member-at-Large
Larry Ondrejko	Club Liaison
Margie Orrick	Newsletter Editor
Scott Wilets, Doug Soe-Lin, Katherine Stifel	Architectural Review Committee

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, 2018. Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs telephone 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.