

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.

The Coronavirus Pandemic

“We fell asleep in one world and woke up in another. Suddenly Disney is out of magic, Paris is no longer romantic, New York doesn’t stand up anymore, the Chinese wall is no longer a fortress, and Mecca is empty. Hugs and kisses become weapons, and not visiting parents and friends becomes an act of love.” - Yasir Hussain

Our world has suddenly and astonishingly changed. What is common now was not thought possible a season ago – or even weeks ago: a Stay-At-Home order from our governor, schools closed for months, face coverings in public, one-way directional signs in grocery stores, heroic medical and other workers without adequate Personal Protective Equipment or testing, etc. As we learn facts based on science, the gravity, scope and timeframe of this situation has sunk in.

Meanwhile in Carderock it has been heart-warming to see the helpful cohesiveness of our neighbors reaching out to others – making masks, delivering groceries, offering creative ideas and quickly responding to a variety of unexpected requests. It is also encouraging to see neighbors walking, biking and asking about each other - at a safe distance, of course.

What a blessing it is to live here in this wooded paradise. Stay healthy and Stay Home to flatten the curve. We can do this.

Margie Orrick, Editor



Community Calendar

Due to the coronavirus, all events at the Club this month are cancelled.

For next month:

Monday May 6, 7:30 pm
CSCA Board Monthly meeting
(3rd Monday of each month)
Virtual or physical location TBD.

***Tentatively* Sunday May 31,
7:00 pm**
CSCA Annual Election Meeting,
Including meeting with
legislators on beltway topics

Update on Beltway Widening

The CSCA held a Zoom video conference meeting with interested members of the community on March 29 to update everyone on the current status of the I-495 Beltway widening proposal.

Carol Rubin from the Montgomery Planning Board of the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission, along with Petra Jacobs and Katherine Stifel, members of the Carderock Springs Beltway Working Group, were the main presenters. In addition, Charlotte Troup Leighton, Vice President of Cabin John Citizens Association, presented on the efforts to protect Moses Hall Cemetery, and Eddie Bankhead, on behalf of the Reverend Bankhead presented on the impacts on Gibson Grove Church on Seven Locks Road.

The project is still being evaluated under the NEPA Environmental Impacts Study process. Due to the historic status of Carderock Springs, the Carderock Springs Citizens Association is a Consulting Party to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) on the project.

On March 16 CSCA submitted comments on the draft Cultural Resources Technical Report (CRTR) on the impacts to Carderock Springs Historic District, as well as Carderock Springs South, which is listed as an eligible historic district. The CRTR

focuses on the potential adverse impacts to historic properties. While the draft CRTR indicated that adverse impacts on Carderock Springs could not be fully determined, it did indicate that SHA intended to include measures to avoid adverse impacts and if avoidance is not possible, to undertake a process to identify minimization and/or mitigation measures in the programmatic agreement for the project. Our comment letter emphasized that we believe that there will be adverse impacts on Carderock Springs and Carderock Springs South, and that to avoid such adverse impacts there should be no taking of private property outside of the existing right-of-way. Further, there need to be sound barriers constructed within the right-of-way to protect the neighborhood from the increased decibel levels from traffic on the widened roadway.

The current USDOT/SHA timetable for the NEPA process is to issue the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) -- which will reflect the comments to the CRTR -- by May 15. Public hearings on the EIS will likely be held in late June or early July. SHA is exploring options for virtual hearings to supplement in-person hearings. Locations and times of these hearings are not yet determined. The comment period on the draft EIS is scheduled to expire on July 31. While the SHA now intends to enter into a Public-Private Partnership (P3) Agreement limited to the first phase of the project, which will cover the widening of the American Legion Bridge, the west side of the Beltway from the bridge to I-270, and I-270 from the Beltway to the ICC, the EIS will address the impacts to the entire Beltway

(Beltway, cont.)

widening project including the sections in eastern Montgomery County, in Prince George's County, and the section of Rte. I-270 from the Beltway to I-70 in Frederick.

Carol Rubin indicated that the SHA is still working on the identification of concessionaires to enter into the P3 Agreement to construct Phase I of the Beltway project. Responses to the Request for Statement of Qualifications are due by April 22, and the SHA anticipates issuing its first draft of a Request for Proposals to the short list of qualified concessionaires by July. Between this date and the March 2021 date for selection of the final proposer, the SHA must complete its analysis of the alternative designs for the project. A final agreement must be entered into by the Board of Public Works and the selected concessionaire in order to commence the P3 project. The current schedule is for execution of this agreement by May 2021. In all likelihood, construction would commence sometime in 2022 if the schedule holds.

The CSCA is now planning on holding its Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 31. Members of our State legislative delegation and our County Council representative have been invited to attend this meeting to address questions on the Beltway widening project.

The CSCA Beltway Working Group is comprised of interested members of the community. It is working collaboratively with other neighborhood associations,

including Cabin John Citizens Association. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Petra Jacobs at petraejacobs@gmail.com.

Jack Orrick

Annual Election Meeting Postponed to Tentatively May 31

For obvious reasons, the Annual Meeting of Carderock Springs Citizens Association that was originally scheduled for April 26, 2020 has been postponed. The tentative rescheduled date is Sunday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club if possible under state and county guidance. If not, this meeting will likely be re-scheduled again.

We plan to invite the same legislators who were scheduled for our April meeting to attend to discuss the Beltway widening project and how best we can mitigate the adverse impacts on our neighborhood.

We will also have our annual election of officers and directors.

Please plan to attend.

Jack Orrick

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition

Aviation Consultant

Good news! On March 19th, Arlington County and Montgomery County issued a joint announcement that the contract for airspace consultancy work was awarded to **abcx2, LLC**. Recently, Jim Allerdice of abcx2 has advised Montgomery County on potential measures that could mitigate regional noise exposure from approaches into DCA. We have found that Jim has relevant experience and deep knowledge about airspace operations. We appreciate his practical approach and sensitivity to the plight of communities like ours. We applaud Montgomery County and Arlington County on their selection.

MCQSC Meetings

Due to social distancing requirements, the date of the next MCQSC meeting remains TBD. However, please know that your Quiet Skies leadership team and the dedicated members of the DCA Working Group are meeting via Zoom and remain as determined and committed as ever to mitigate noise over our communities.

Some recent work includes:

- Discussions about how best to continue our efforts via the Working Group and engage the FAA at a time when we cannot meet in person;
- Regular communication with staff for Congressman Raskin and Senator Van Hollen;
- Writing a letter to the Maryland Congressional delegation on your behalf which outlines our strong objection to an airline bailout

unless it includes action from the airlines that mitigates noise over American communities;

- Engagement with the National Quiet Skies group, including participation in the newly formed legislative committee;
- Coordinating a response to the GAO regarding a helicopter noise study in the DC area;
- Embarking on a redesign of our website.

Noise Complaints

More residents are home these days, or are trying to maintain outdoor conversations 6 feet apart. We've been hearing from many of you that the airplane noise has been as relentless as ever despite reports of lower flight traffic due to the coronavirus. Now that many of us will be spending more time at home and in our communities, please take a moment to file a noise complaint and send a note to your neighbor to do the same. Your complaints help support our work.

As a reminder, it is more important to have *many people* complaining versus just a few people filing many complaints. If you have yet to set up an account with MWAA, it takes less than a minute. If you have complained already today, thank you. It is imperative that if bothered, that you do this at least once a month. Choose only one "reason" (too loud, etc) each time, however.

Please note that there is a new link, so be sure to change any bookmarks on your computer. The new link is: <https://viewpoint.emsbk.com/dca3>

Diane Karlik

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

Vegetable Gardening! It is that time of year, and perfect for the entire family while the kids are home from school. Whereas it is too early to plant certain crops like tomatoes or basil (Mothers' Day is the traditional time for that), there are certain vegetables to be directly sown into a prepared bed or large container that will germinate now.

For those of you with too much shade, there are even a few varieties that you may find successful in healthy soil. Read the information on seed packets because they will tell you the requirements for successful plants. It is important to know that we are zone 7A.

Early crop possibilities:

- Scallions: 20-30 days
- Peas, sugar snap peas: 50-70 days
- Radishes: 20-30 days
- Salad green , arugula, chard, sorrel, turnip tops, mesclun greens , spinach, kale : 21-55 days

Many greens are shade tolerant. For example sorrel and spinach just need 3-4 hours of sun. Culinary herbs such as parsley, chives, cilantro, mint and oregano can also thrive with just 3-4 hours. Although these may be “leggy” as a result , the leaves, the part used, will be abundant.

You can check <https://extension.umd.edu/> for home gardening ideas and other information.



Ideas for upcycling materials for your garden. The Pinterest App or a google search will give instructions for any of the following -

For biodegradable seed starter pots: use newspaper, toilet paper cardboard rolls, egg shells

For plant markers: use wine corks, wooden clothes pins, plastic lids, plastic forks/spoons/knives, wooden sticks, painted rocks, paint sticks , broken pottery, alphabet beads on metal wire,

You can outline a raised bed using plastic bottles or use filled plastic bottles and string to irrigate your plants

You can plant in old drawers in dressers, old file cabinets, cans, milk jugs or cartons, old kitchen items such as colanders, plastics or cake pans, shoes or boots, toys, tires, certain old broken toys, pallets.

Make an upcycled butterfly or hummingbird feeder ...check Pinterest for many ideas.

Recycling yard trash: Over the past month, the yard trash collectors have been placing orange colored stickers on yard trash that is left on the curb because it does not meet the requirements set forth by the department of solid waste. In Montgomery County, the yard trash gets composted and then offered for sale as “Leaf Gro” and any uncompostable plastic bag pieces would contaminate the product. Therefore it is not acceptable to use plastic bags of any type for yard trash.

You can use trash containers that get emptied or purchase the biodegradable but strong large paper bags sold specifically for that purpose and available in grocery and hardware stores.

Twigs and branches must be tied together or placed in cans or the bags as specified above.

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. In normal time, 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.

Due to the Stay-At-Home Order by the Maryland Governor due to the coronavirus, the ARC will likely not meet in person at the Club May 6. If you are PLANNING A RENOVATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARC by email cscARC@gmail.com for further instructions regarding your plans for review and approval. Applications can also be dropped off at 8009 Hamilton Spring Rd.

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.

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, 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. 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
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Spring has sprung in Carderock with Blue Bells, May Apples, Spring Beauties and more!

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.



What's Open for Take-Out/Delivery Meals?

Support local food businesses.

MoCo Eats is a ToGo guide of restaurants offering pickup or food delivery:

<https://visitmontgomery.com/restaurant-directory/>



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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, 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.

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