#### FEBRUARY 2017

# CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

#### FENWAY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING OPTION SURVEY IS AVAILABLE

The Board of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association has directed the CSCA Traffic Safety Committee to distribute the long-awaited survey on possible Fenway Road traffic calming options to all Carderock Springs residents. By the time you read this, if you have an e-mail address listed in the Carderock Springs Citizens Association database, you should have received an email invitation to complete the survey via Survey Monkey. If you did not receive the email invitation, please use this link to complete the survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XLZ82R">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5XLZ82R</a>. The survey will be open until March 1, 2017.

Please note that the actual survey consists of twelve questions (three additional questions for Fenway Road residents) and is accompanied by explanatory material that we urge you to carefully read. There have been some changes to the recommended options since the October 2016 CSCA meeting where the County DOT and police presented, and in order to understand what are now being offered as possible options, you should carefully read the explanations provided. The Traffic Safety Committee has worked very closely with the County to narrow the options presented on the survey to those which are feasible. One of the options is to do nothing.

Please note that the current list of options, together with resource material on the County traffic speed studies on Fenway Road and traffic calming generally, are also set forth on the CSCA website – see http://www.carderocksprings.net/

A couple of notes about the survey. First, it has been reviewed and edited by the Board as well as a number of residents that have expertise in preparation of surveys. These individuals have varying personal views on the options being considered, some of whom have publicly expressed opinions either pro and con to certain of the traffic calming options.

Second, as this survey is intended to be a one household, one vote arrangement, we require that each survey returned include the address of the survey respondent. We cannot accept any surveys that do not include the address of the respondent since we want to insure that the survey represents a fair poll of the neighborhood. We also cannot accept more than one survey from any single address. If we receive such duplicate surveys, we will endeavor to notify the respondents, but in the event this is not practicable, will use the survey first received and discard the other(s).

#### **Carderock Springs Community Calendar**

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

Day/Date

Event

Saturday Feb 25, 9am - 5pm Eight Cooking Classes - See Page 4

Saturday March 18, 6-9pm Swim and Dive Pre-season Potluck - See Page 3

Once the survey period is closed, the Board intends to tabulate the responses and will report to the community on the results at or before the April CSCA meeting. The Board does not intend to suggest any option to the DOT or MC Police without first reporting the survey results to the community. If the survey indicates community support for moving forward with a particular option (other than doing nothing at all), the Board intends to convene a community meeting to discuss the specifics of such option, and/or conduct another survey, prior to any implementation of any traffic calming measures on Fenway Road. The one exception to this is if there appears to be support for the installation of temporary islands, which is an option described in one of the questions in the survey, the Board will direct the County to proceed with this option for a limited time to gather feedback on how the neighborhood responds.

I want to commend the Traffic Safety Committee, Bill Moore, Julie Weber, Bill Draper and chair Karen Roman, for doing an extraordinary job in producing this survey which will allow the entire community to weigh in on an issue that has been raised repeatedly over the past years. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Karen and the committee, as well as those individuals who commented on the survey, for their hard work. If anyone would like to receive a hard copy of the survey, or has any questions, you may contact Karen at karenroman1@gmail.com

Jack Orrick, CSCA Board Chair, Co-chair Karen Roman and Julie Weber

#### ANNUAL DUES TO CSCA

You will be receiving your annual dues statements from the CSCA in the mail within the next couple of weeks. Dues are \$50 per household for 2017, 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 communitywide meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring, the CSCA held a welcoming reception for all newcomers to Carderock, a beer and bourbon tasting event, and held two international progressive pot luck dinners. The CSCA also sponsored two campouts open to the community. This year, we plan to organize a house tour, 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 will include a form where you can manage and edit the information 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 - \$51.94, payable to cscatreas@gmail.com.

Rob Gorman, CSCA Treasurer

# Carderock Swim and Dive Pre-season Potluck Saturday, March 18 6-9pm

The Carderock Swim and Dive would like to invite you to their first event. It will be a preseason potluck at the clubhouse on March 18. 6-9pm. All neighbors are welcome regardless of your participation in the swim and dive programs. New families are definitely encourage to come out and learn more about our programs which include swim lessons, pre-team, swim team, and dive team. This is a family event, not a drop off. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

Swim and dive programs are a great way to experience what the Carderock community is all about and a wonderful addition to the summer neighborhood experience. More details will follow soon on the CS-Chat regarding this event and the swim and dive programs in general, but for now mark your calendars and save the date!

Online registration for all swim and dive programs will open April 1. Additionally, we will host a Swim & Dive Open House on April 23 from 3-5pm at the club. Please contact Shannon Lindstrom at <a href="mailto:sclindstrom@yahoo.com">sclindstrom@yahoo.com</a> with any questions. We look forward to having your CUDA on the team for the summer season!

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#### The Carder-Eco Column

Dealing with winter weather: In case you missed the last edition's suggestion, check this out for ways to deal with ice and snow with fewer dangers for your pets, family and the environment. I am hearing that many pets have been reluctant to go outside with the chemical applications. www.rodalesorganiclife/home/5-eco-friendly-ways-to-de-ice-your-driveway

Environmental projects: The committee is offering financial and other support for your projects that either involve our neighborhood or are organized through our neighbors' efforts. This can be a personal favorite, a scout project, a continuation of a school project, or just some initiative for which one may not have all the time or funds. Contact me with your ideas. Spring will soon be here!

Get rewarded for recycling: In addition to Patagonia, check out a few companies as well as one on-line activity program that encourage recycling with rebates and rewards. http://www.triplepundit.com/2016/06/retailers-reward-for-recycling/ http://www.recyclebank.com

Diane Karlik (dianekarlik@verizon.net) CSCA Environmental Chair

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#### Classified

<u>Cabin John Dog Walking</u>: 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.

**Looking To Rent:** A Cabin John renter for many years, responsible, mature, is seeking to rent basement apartment/ in-law cottage/ or similar space. Excellent Cabin John and Carderock references, please call Carolyn (240) 204-2953.

# **Architectural Review Committee Meetings**

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm

# **CSCA Monthly Board Meetings**

3rd Monday of the month, 7:30 pm

# A DAY OF COOKING CLASSES

taught by some of Carderock's best chefs

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

AT THE CLUB

### 8 CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM

(CHOOSE AS MANY AS YOU WANT) \$10 EACH

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (50 MINS. EACH)

Each class will be a demonstration with a chance to sample the finished product

PLEASE: sign up/rsvp to pmrbthmd@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday. Feb. 22nd

# **CLASSES AND SCHEDULE**

9:00 AM - Cooking for a crowd without any worries

10:00 AM - Filipino Beef breakfast tapas

11:00 AM - How to make homemade pasta

12:00 PM - Homemade marshmallows and delicious chocolate fudge

1:00 PM - How to make your own pickles, sauerkraut and kimchi

2:00 PM - Mom's delicious and soul-comforting beef vegetable soup

3:00 PM - Spanish tapas (Spanish tortilla, salt cod fritters, mussels in butter/wine)

4:00 PM - Hungarian goulash and homemade noodles (taught by a native Hungarian)

5:00 PM - Techniques and stories of five easy cocktails

## **Carderock Springs Board Members**

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Doug Soe-Lin, Scott Wilets, 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, 2017. 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.