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# CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Major Sewer Upgrade on River Rd and Seven Locks Road to Commence this Winter

Later this winter the WSSC will commence a large new sewer pipe installation project on Seven Locks Road, north of the Tri-State quarry, and continue left on to River Road on the north side (the fire station side) just past the new parking lot and before the bridge at Carderock Springs Drive. This estimated two-year, \$10 million project will provide enhanced sewer capacity (up to 38 million gallons daily) for development being built now and in the future on the west side of Rockville Pike (the pipes on the east side of the Pike channel into the Rock Creek basin enroute to the Blue Plains treatment facility in DC). This is a separate project from the one currently underway in the woods on the south side of River Road, which is largely addressing streambed erosion and making repairs to the existing pipe. Work will be done during the non-rush hours of 9 am and 3 pm and in the evening (and will cease during golf tournaments at Congressional Country Club). At times, likely at night, River Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction between the Cabin John fire station and Seven Locks Road. Installing the 24" pipe will require digging trenches up to 12 feet wide and 24 feet deep along the north side of River Road and along Seven Locks Road. The Seven Locks work will sometimes require traffic to be reduced to a single lane for all vehicles, with flaggers holding Slow and Stop signs to direct traffic.

The cost of the sewer project is being covered by Federal Realty, the developer of the Pike and Rose development (formerly the Mid-Pike Plaza, aka the former site of Toys R Us). FR will recoup its costs from developers of other future projects in Rockville.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*

### Carderock Springs Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

**Day/Date**

**Event**

Saturday Feb 25, 2017 9am - 4pm **Seven Cooking Classes** - one class per hour, \$10/class.  
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## New Streetlights Coming to Carderock?

Those residents who live or travel on Park Overlook Drive may have noticed that the County has installed a new streetlight between Hamilton Spring Rd and Park Overlook Court which has a colonial design to it. The County installed this light due to the inadvertent destruction of the existing light pole during the Washington Gas main replacement project last year.

While this type of light fixture is in use in other parts of the neighborhood, including along the lower part of Lilly Stone Drive, Comanche Court and Tomlinson and Endicott Drive in South Carderock, it appears to be stylistically out of place with the situated modern design of the homes located in the Bennett developed areas of Carderock Springs.

When representatives of the Board initially contacted the County, we were told that the Carderock style streetlight is no longer being manufactured and that for uniformity and ease of purchase and installation, the County is using the colonial style as its standard street light fixture.

The Board pressed the County about whether some other more modern form of streetlight might be available for use in Carderock and we were shown the fixture depicted lower right below which is an LED light that the County has begun to use in certain commercial areas. This particular fixture is located in Wheaton Veterans Park.

The particular fixtures used in this location are very bright however, and we asked the County if a less glaring light might be possible. The County has informed us that the fixtures which it will use in residential areas will have a softer color temperature with less lumens per fixture.

The County eventually intends to convert all of its street lights to LED, when funding becomes available, and until then will consider using the Wheaton Veterans Park model if and when any of the existing Carderock streetlights need replacing.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*

*Fun fact – When Carderock Springs was first developed in the mid-1960's there were no County streetlights. The round globes that still exist in front of some houses were the only lights to illuminate the roadways.*



New Colonial Streetlight



Standard Carderock Streetlight



Wheaton Veterans Park LED Streetlight

# CSCA Traffic Safety Committee Update

For your convenience, we've linked new information, photos, and concept sketches to our CSCA website, [www.carderockcitizens.org](http://www.carderockcitizens.org).

**Below is a summary of the NEW information on the CSCA website:**

1. The Traffic Safety Measures Comparison for Fenway Road as of December 9, 2016. It is a working summary to date of our collaborative efforts with the DOT and the MC Police. It includes the viable and non-viable options for traffic safety measures and the reasons why or why not they are in their respective categories. Also, it includes an analysis of the safety effectiveness, parking impacts, and driveway/landscaping/trees impacts of the various viable options.
2. The October 2016 DOT speed studies on Fenway Road, southbound and northbound. The location of these studies was on the hill between Fenway Drive and Carderock Springs Drive. The average downhill 85th percentile speed was 32 mph. The average uphill 85th percentile speed was 27mph. These recorded speeds are consistent with the recorded speeds from the April DOT speed study.
3. Photo of MC Police speed camera (one big box instead of three tall poles)
4. Photo of two-foot wide island in Bethesda which DOT recommends for Fenway Road
5. Concept sketches of pavement markings which DOT recommends for Fenway Road
6. The FHWA report on traffic calming's objectives and issues

Per the DOT website: *Resident concurrence and citizen association endorsement will be required prior to implementation of a plan.* Therefore, this committee will conduct a neighborhood survey to gather opinions of Carderock residents in early 2017. Once the survey results are captured, the CSCA will share them with the community, the DOT, and the police. Please email us with questions, suggestions, etc. Thank you for your support!

*The Traffic Safety Committee (Julie Weber, Karen Roman, Bill Moore, and Bill Draper)*

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## The Carder-Eco Column

As we get ready for the new year, here are the instructions for discarding of your live Christmas tree:

Christmas trees are accepted year-round in the curbside yard trim collection. Set your Christmas tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.

Christmas trees are given a new life after being composted or chipped for mulch, so keep the tree in a natural state and carefully remove all traces of hard to find metal and tinsel, especially.

1. Remove the stand and all decorations, including lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garland. Be sure there is no metal attached to the tree.
2. Remove any plastic bags from your tree.

"Live" Christmas trees with root balls and artificial trees cannot be collected as yard trim.

**How to dispose of artificial trees:** If you have Montgomery County-provided trash collection service request a bulk trash pickup for your artificial Christmas tree.

If your artificial Christmas tree is still in usable condition, consider offering it for reuse on your neighborhood email list, Craigslist, your local Freecycle group, or similar places.

### **How to dispose of your wreaths and roping:**

Wreaths and roping are typically bound together with wire. Wire could damage our shredding equipment. And, pieces of wire would become "contaminants" in mulch. If you can separate the greens from their wire, bag or bundle them as yard trim, and set them out for collection on your recycling day. Otherwise, dispose of your wreaths and roping as trash.

### **Use "recycled" Christmas trees as mulch**

Montgomery County shreds the Christmas trees collected for recycling, resulting in a very good quality mulch. Therefore, January and February are excellent months in which to stock up — at no additional charge! — at Neighborhood Mulch Preserves.

You can also recycle branches and needles at home by placing them under trees and shrubs as a temporary winter mulch -- or chop them up and add them to your compost pile!

**For the new year, consider at least one new habitual activity for you and for your family and embrace a greener lifestyle.** Here are a few ideas:

Make space in your yard for growing food. One of the easiest items to grow is the spring mix type mixture of seeds available at local shops. If no room or sun in the garden, consider re-using a plastic salad container and grow them indoors in a sunny spot.

Purchase more second-hand items rather than new, and/or reuse items in a new way instead of discarding. There are lots of up-purposing ideas on-line, especially with a search on Pinterest. Thrift shops and Habitat Re-Store provide lots of useful items.

Start a compost pile for your leaves, yard clippings and household vegetable waste (when you have a covered pile) . Easy and free of charge composting kits are available locally, including at the nearby River Road Whole Foods. Check the Montgomery County solid waste website for other locations.

Replace gas operated yard machines with electric ones. They are a bit more difficult to hook up and use due to the electric cords, but they are quieter and do not pollute the air with fumes. Lawnmowers, leaf blowers/choppers, hedge clippers and more are available.

For those who have lived in CS for a number of years, you may recall our efforts, along with Cabin John, to recycle small metals. Some of us still do that. For others, just find a collection spot for small miscellaneous metal items that don't generally go into the recycling bin (can lids and jar tops can go into the mixed recycling bin). Items include broken paper clips, miscellaneous nails and screws, pieces of broken scissors or implements/tools , metal pens and such, and any other small items of at least 50% metal. If your family will do this, I would be happy to collect what you have to take to the Transfer Station at various times during the year. Just let me know via e-mail that you will be doing this, and I will contact you at those times.

Add a recycling basket next to your garbage can in the kitchen to make recycling more convenient for family members.

Add a separate basket for paper to your kitchen and/or different rooms of your home. Cut off paper that comes attached to items you purchase. Use envelopes and junk mail for cut-up note/scrap paper. Ask the kids to check the trash can for pieces of cardboard or paper that could be detached and placed separately in the paper recycling program.

Remember that our recycling efforts in the county help the solid waste department reach their goals as well as sell the recyclables, such as paper and metals , and so provide a profit-making aspect to fund various environmental projects in the county.

For a few hints on how to deal with winter ice/snow, with fewer dangers for you, for your pets and for the environment, check the following link

<http://www.rodalorganiclif.com/home/5-eco-friendly-ways-to-de-ice-your-driveway>

*Diane Karlik ([dianekarlik@verizon.net](mailto:dianekarlik@verizon.net)) CSCA Environmental Chair*

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# Recent 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 (ARC). 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.

If you are considering an addition or exterior modification of your home, 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.

More details on the ARC submission process and a copy of the application can be found on the CSCA Website at: <http://www.carderocksprings.net/article/3/architectural-review>. A twenty page set of architectural guidelines that reflect the architectural standards that the ARC looks for in exterior modifications, outdoor landscaping features and sheds can also be accessed on the website.

Below is a list of the pending or approved applications submitted to the ARC during the past six months:

- ¥ 8105 Glenmore Spring Road: Gut rehabilitation with new window configurations.
- ¥ 8605 Fenway Road: Sunroom and Garage Addition.
- ¥ 8206 Fenway Road: Rear bump-out Addition and Deck.
- ¥ 7912 Park Overlook Drive: Master Bedroom Suite over Garage and front bump-out.
- ¥ 8103 Glenmore Spring Road: Deer Fence.
- ¥ 7602 Hamilton Spring Road: New raised roof and side carport. Concept Approved, pending final review.

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## Architectural Review Committee Meetings

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm**

The Citizens' Association has an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Design and review procedures plus other documents are available at [CarderockCitizens.org](http://CarderockCitizens.org). The ARC was created by the covenants which govern your property in Carderock. ARC meetings are open for any & every community member to attend, whether you are renovating or not.

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## CSCA Monthly Board Meetings

The Citizens' Association Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Clubhouse. The meetings are open to all community members.

**PLEASE NOTE: The JANUARY Board Meeting will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.**

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## Classified

**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.

**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.

**Dry Cleaning/Laundry Home Pickup & Delivery in Carderock by Super Cleaners**

Want extra time in your week? Consider skipping your weekly visit to the dry cleaners! **Super Cleaners**, located in downtown Bethesda, now offers **free** twice a week pick up and delivery directly to your Carderock home. All dry cleaning, shirts, wash 'n fold laundry and household items are cleaned in our downtown Bethesda plant - we are not middlemen!

Sherry Gratz, a Carderock resident, already values our high quality work and customer service. Why not see if you agree?

Call for more information or to sign up at 301.986.9000. Or visit our website at [supercleanersusa.com](http://supercleanersusa.com). Mention this ad and receive 25% off your first order.

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# CALLING ALL COOKS

for Saturday, February 25th  
at the club from 9AM-4PM

(note change of date from previous announcement)

We will have 7 one-hour courses offered. Learn how to cook some international meal, plan and prepare for a large crowd, pickle your favorite summertime vegetables, eating chemical free. You can take any one or all of the courses.

*Cost is \$10.00 per course.*

Course listings and time to rsvp will happen in early February.

**What we need now are people to volunteer  
to teach a course.**

**Please let Phil Rider know asap if you are interested in  
offering a course. Email: [pmrbthmd@yahoo.com](mailto:pmrbthmd@yahoo.com)**

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## Carderock Springs Board Members

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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, 2016. 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.