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# CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Traffic Safety Committee Update

The Montgomery County DOT (Deputy Director Emil Wolanin and Engineer Kyle Liang) and the Montgomery County Police (Field Operations Supervisor Dan McNickle) presented information regarding Fenway Road on October 17th during our CSCA meeting at the Club. After this meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee posted presentations and new information on our CSCA website, [www.carderockcitizens.org](http://www.carderockcitizens.org). Please refer to the documents linked to our website for information.

In addition, here are a few updates:

- 1. Speed Hump Executive Regulation 32-08** (which went into effect in 2009): There are six criteria for speed hump eligibility. The DOT concluded that Fenway Road meets five out of the six criteria, including the "speeding" criteria. But, Fenway Road does not meet the "volume" criteria. Fenway Road needs to have at least 100 cars in a one-hour period. According to the data from the April DOT speed study (linked to our website), Fenway Road's highest volume is in the 40's and low 50's. Fenway Road is not eligible for speed humps according to the law.
- 2. Speed cameras:** As Mr. McNickle presented on the 17th, the law states that citations are given if cars are recorded as going 12 mph or more over the speed limit. Because Fenway Road's speed limit is 25mph, the threshold for citations would be 37mph. Two speed studies have been completed, but two more speed studies still need to be evaluated. The police are continuing their investigation into possible speed cameras on Fenway Road.
- 3. "Walk-able" and "bike-able" bump-outs or islands:** The DOT is in the process of designing possible "walk-able" and "bike-able" bump-outs or islands. Fenway Road is a mixed-use road with many pedestrians and bikers, as well as cars. The goal of their traffic calming measures is to increase safety for everyone. Regarding parking, street parking would not be allowed only along the bump-out or island stretches. Street parking would be allowed on Fenway Road where there aren't bump-outs or islands. Lastly, the DOT will work with the community to identify appropriate locations.

### Carderock Springs Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

Day/Date	Event
Saturday Jan 14, 2017 9am - 4pm	<b>Seven Cooking Classes</b> - one class per hour, \$10/class. (Snow date Saturday, Jan 21)

**4. Pavement markings:** The DOT continues to investigate the pavement markings options for Fenway Road. Street parking would not be allowed where the road has pavement markings. Please see the concept sketches linked to our CSCA website from the DOT presentation.

**5. Data regarding traffic calming impacts:** Please refer to the FHA report called "Traffic Calming: State of the Practice" which is linked to our CSCA website. Chapter 5 is titled "Traffic Calming Impacts." This report is the largest, most extensive report ever written in the U.S. It's a study which summarizes hundreds of studies and includes information on impacts such as street life, noise levels, property values, and collision data.

**6. Neighborhood Survey:** The CSCA Board, the DOT, and the MC Police will determine if they will install traffic calming measures on Fenway Road. Also, these three groups together will determine what type of traffic calming measure is most appropriate, if they decide to install them. The CSCA Board is seeking your input in an upcoming neighborhood survey. These survey results will help to inform the joint decisions made by the CSCA Board, the DOT, and the MC Police.

*Thank you! The Traffic Safety Committee (Bill Draper, Bill Moore, Karen Roman, & Julie Weber)*

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# Neighborhood Safety Suggestions

By Liz Sobrino

I walk the neighborhood streets almost daily. Here are the tips I try to live by:

## **For pedestrians:**

1. Walk into oncoming traffic. Pedestrians should always walk with the grass on their left. If walking with children they should be on your left or in a stroller.
2. If you are jogging, walking, etc. you should not have ear buds or head phones on. You need to be able to hear cars or trucks approaching.
3. If it's early morning or dusk or dark, you need to wear a reflective vest, carrying a flashlight, have glow in the dark shoelaces, wear a miner's lamp, something that makes you visible to cars. Your dog should have a reflective vest or leash so they can be seen as well.
4. Parents should model safe behavior to teach their children to be safe walkers and bicyclists.

## **For bicyclists:** (also applies to skateboarders and scooters)

1. Bicycle in the same direction as traffic, with the grass on your right. Parents riding with children should be on the outside, which is on the left.
2. Parents should wear helmets straight on their heads (not tipped back) for their protection. To do otherwise is to signal children, "When I grow up, I don't need a helmet."
3. Like pedestrians, follow guidelines above for visibility, attention and vigilance .

## **For playing :**

I run a preschool with 180 two to four year olds.

Young children do not understand boundaries and street safety. No young child should ever be playing in a front yard. Young/small children should be playing in a fenced yard behind the house with adult supervision. Until a child can demonstrate that he/she knows how to be safe in a front yard, If your children are playing in your driveway, riding a scooter or a bike or just running up and down, you need to barricade the end of the driveway to prevent going into the street. If they are riding anything, they should have a helmet and shoes on.

## **When driving:**

Put down the phone. If you must talk, pull over without obstructing any part of a traffic lane.

Drive under the speed limit as if a child could be running out into the street at any moment.

Keep Headlights on if your auto does not have running lights, especially at dusk and early morning.

Give pedestrians and bicyclists plenty of room when passing.

Pull into a neighbor's driveway to chat instead of blocking part of the roadway

Stop fully for stop signs and give pedestrians and bicyclists the right of way

Be courteous and respectful and share the road

All of us are responsible for the safety of our streets. We need to model and teach children how to be responsible for staying safe too. Always make smart decisions and follow safe practices!



**Anne Carlson leads a group of 25 or so Carderock residents in daffodil planting throughout the neighborhood. Over 800 bulbs were planted in seven locations. Next spring when they all bloom think of Mary Lou Shannon in whose honor they were planted.**



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# The Carder-Eco Column

November 15, 2016 America Recycles Day

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Buy Recycled

The current Montgomery diversion rate (reduction of waste plus increase in recycling) is almost 61%, with a goal of 70% for the year 2020. Help reach that goal by pledging to reduce waste, to reuse materials, to recycle as much as possible, and to purchase products (such as office supplies, clothing, building materials) with recycled content. Doing so creates a demand for and thus a market for the recycled materials you place in your bin. Look for a symbol or wording "made with recycled content".

The county also encourages backyard composting by offering free bins. Call 311 or 240-777-0311 or check website [montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim) to locate these or ask for one locally at Whole Foods on River Road or Rockville, at Bethesda Green in downtown Bethesda, at Good Earth Nursery at 11650 Falls Road in Potomac, or at Dawsons Market in Rockville. They are adjustable, easy to assemble, lightweight and have ventilation holes for aeration to speed up decomposition. Use the rich amendment for gardens, lawns and potting soil.

**Educational Recycling and Composting Displays** at the Habitat for Humanity Restores  
Saturday, November 12 from 11-3 at Rockville store on East Gude Drive

### **Trash and Recycling Holiday Schedule**

Normal trash and recycling pick up for us (Tuesdays) for both Veterans Day week and Thanksgiving week

### **Instructions for disposal of medications according to MC Solid Waste**

The ideal would be to wait for a coordinated collection. I will do this whenever they schedule one, usually in April and/or October. Another option is to contact the Village Green Apothecary at 301 530 0800 or at 5415 Cedar Lane (across from the NIH).

They generally accept prescription drugs, with person's name removed, but in original container with all other drug information such as name and strength still on the container. They do not accept injectables, inhalers, liquids over 4 oz or blood thinners.

If you must discard:

1. Place unwanted or expired medication into a sealable plastic bag or other empty container to prevent liquid medications from leaking out.

2. Mix with kitty litter, coffee grounds or sawdust. (Liquid medications can be solidified using kitty litter or sawdust.)
3. Seal the bag and/or container.
4. Put the bag and/or container containing the medication into your regular household trash.
5. Remove the label with the patient's name from the original medicine vial or bottle.
6. Place the empty plastic vial or bottle into your blue recycling bin. Empty aerosol inhalers can be recycled in your recycling bin, too.

Environmental Projects

Contact me and the committee funds will help you finance your individual or group projects that promote good stewardship of our environment.

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

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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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7:30 pm**

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

**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the CSCA Board meeting will be held on November 14, the second Monday, rather than the third Monday.**

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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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## Carderock Springs Board Members

<i>Jack Orrick</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Bill Moore</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Stefan LoBuglio</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Rob Gorman</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Sindy Udell</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Bill Draper</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Seth Hertlein</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Yvette Quintela</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Julie Weber</i>	<i>Member-at-Large</i>
<i>Larry Ondrejko</i>	<i>Club Liaison</i>
<i>Noëlle F. Lewis</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
<i>Doug Soe-Lin, Scott Wilets, Katherine Stifel</i>	
<i>Architectural Review Committee</i>	

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.