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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

BBBBQ (BEER, BOURBON, AND BBQ)

A COMMUNITY PARTY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7th at the Club

SO....HERE'S THE SCOOP:

3PM - 5 PM - Tastings of local beers and high end bourbons

Tastings of our Carderock BBQ chefs (with some recipes so you can make them at home.)

Plan to come anytime during the 3-5PM time.

5PM- 7 PM - Community pot luck. We are arranging for a BBQ truck to be at the club.

Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Beer, wine, soft drinks, water will be available.

SOME ADDITIONAL INFO:

Tastings open only to adults. Kids might spend time at the pool - one parent will need to supervise. Parents can take turns doing tastings. Tastings will happen in upstairs at the club. Cost for tastings is \$10.00 per person. No cost for just community pot luck (except for what you will pay for food truck).

AND HERE'S THE MOST *IMPORTANT THING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

I REALLY NEED AN RSVP FROM YOU ASAP BECAUSE OF NEEDING TO KNOW NUMBERS TO CONTRACT WITH A BBQ TRUCK, BUY THE BEER AND BOURBON, AND PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY POT LUCK BEER, WINE AND SOFT DRINKS.

SO....PLEASE.....RSVP TO ME (pmrpthmd@yahoo.com) THE FOLLOWING INFO:

- That you are coming to the BBBBQ. (no need to say "no")
- Whether or not you are planning to attend the community pot luck.
- Whether or not you want to buy BBQ from our truck.
- And if you would be willing to make your own BBQ for our tastings.

THANKS, Phil

Carderock Springs Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

Day/Date

Sunday, August 7

Sunday, September 25

Sat-Mon, October 8,9,10

Event

Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Specialty Tasting, 3:00

New-comers Potluck, 5:30 (see page 2) Family Event

Marsden Tract (nearby in the Potomac River) Carderock Fall

Campout scheduled/arranged for Columbus Day weekend

SAVE THE DATE

ALL COMMUNITY NEW-COMERS POT LUCK

Come welcome new members of our community on Sunday, September 25th, starting at 5:30 PM at the clubhouse. This is a family event.

Traffic Safety Committee Update - Upcoming "Fenway Road Safety Survey"

Due to the expressed concerns of neighbors regarding speeding cars on Fenway Road, the CSCA Board formed a new Traffic Safety Committee this spring. The purpose of this Committee is to determine whether traffic calming measures are in fact needed for Fenway Road, and if so, which measures would be most effective and appropriate for improving safety. We are currently working with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to explore different options for any potential traffic calming measures on Fenway Road.

During the spring of 2016, the MCDOT conducted a traffic study on Fenway Road. We've

linked a key to the study and the study itself to our website homepage, www.carderockcitizens.org. The MCDOT measured the speed and volume of all vehicles that drove on Fenway Road between Magruder Mill Court and Still Spring Court for one week. After this weeklong study, the Montgomery County Acting Chief of the Traffic Engineering Studies Section, Mark Terry, wrote to our CSCA President, Jack Orrick, "[I]t does appear that speeds along the roadway are of concern." More specifically, Mr. Terry wrote: "Typically, when assessing speeds, we refer to what is called as the 85th percentile speed. The 85th percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of vehicles are traveling when unaffected by poor weather or other vehicles. The average 85th percentile speed for the weeklong period in the northbound direction was 30 miles per hour, and 32 miles per hour in the southbound direction." The northbound direction is



downhill and approaches a curve, the southbound direction is uphill and approaches the crest of the hill.

Also during the spring of 2016, the Carderock Springs Elementary School PTA Board unanimously approved a statement of support for safety measures on Fenway Road. This statement is also linked to our website homepage, www.carderockcitizens.org.

Next Steps: 1. Our Traffic Safety Committee is currently working with the MCDOT to explore all possible traffic calming options and their efficacy. We are also gathering more information on existing traffic calming measures on similar roads in Montgomery County. Once these options and examples are finalized, we will share them with the community.

2. We will conduct a neutral, fact-based survey to gather opinions of Carderock residents in August or September.

The survey will include questions on safety perceptions (among other things) because we recognize that our neighbors all have differing viewpoints. It will also include the full set of traffic data collected to date, as well as the sample photos and renderings of potential traffic calming measures. The committee is working with fellow neighbors who have professional experience with surveys: Nancy Everett, Don Goldberg, Catherine Remijan, and Greg Pinelo. Once the survey results are captured, we will share them with the community.

3. Later on in the fall, all neighbors will be invited to meet with the MCDOT officials to share comments on their possible recommendations.

4. Ultimately, the decision on the implementation, or not, of any traffic calming measures will be made by the CSCA Board.

We look forward to working with all of our neighbors on this important project in the coming months. Thank you all for your support!

Sincerely yours,

The Traffic Safety Committee

(Bill Draper, Bill Moore, Karen Roman, and Julie Weber)

Preschool Program at Adat Shalom

Kids Adventure Academy, which has operated the after school care program at Carderock Elementary school since 2010, and has been offering preschool programs in MoCo schools since 1997, will be adding a pre-school and daycare program in Carderock this Fall. The program will be located at Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation which is located down the street from Carderock Elementary (7727 Persimmon Tree Lane). The preschool is accepting children starting at 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The school will open its doors on August 29, and will be open Monday through Friday 7 am to 6 pm. For children under the age of 2, the school day ends at 4 pm. Kids Academy will also be offering a toddler playgroup at Adat Shalom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kids Academy is eager to work with Carderock on any traffic concerns, and will be discouraging out-of-neighborhood families from using Lilly Stone and Fenway Roads.

The school is offering significant discounts for the first ten families that sign up early and additional discounts for Adat Shalom members. If you're interested, or need additional information, please contact Sarah Roebuck at 301-438-8550. Additional information can also be found at www.kidsadventures.com.

Reminder – Please pay your 2016 dues

The work of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association is done entirely by volunteers living in our community. We need the support of all of the members of our community to insure that we can continue to serve the community well, including offering community social events, printing and updating the directory, distributing monthly newsletters, maintaining the entrance areas, and enforcing the architectural covenants for the Bennett homes.

Dues are \$50 per household for 2016, the same as the past several years. If you have not already done so, please pay your dues now. Payments can be made by PayPal from CSCA website or by check mailed to P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20817-0237.

Second Printing of Carderock Springs Directories

As mentioned in a prior newsletter, the CSCA has expanded its database to include families in non-Bennett homes living in South Carderock as well as on other streets located in close proximity to Bennett homes in Carderock Springs that were not previously included. Other updates were made to include homes that may have inadvertently opted out of being listed in the directory and families who have moved into the neighborhood within the past six months. We have also made the corrections included on the errata sheet sent out with your dues mailings in February. We have undertaken a second printing of the directory distributed last December to include these changes. Copies were delivered to those residents who were not previously listed.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the new directory, perhaps as an extra copy to keep in your car or office, the CSCA is selling copies, while supplies last, at the bargain purchase price of \$6.00 per copy. To order same, please send a check payable to Carderock Springs Citizens Association, either directly to CSCA Treasurer Rob Gorman, or to P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237.

The Carder-Eco Column

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

Donations:

Although you may think that passing on goods that can be reused may not be essentially environmental in nature, it is. You may be familiar with the mantra "reduce, reuse, recycle". This phrase means that an eco-friendly household first reduces the amount of items they purchase/accumulate, with the second best action to re-use in some way, and the third, to purchase items and their containers that are recyclable. This is the reason for offering stations at the Shady Grove Transfer Station ("the dump") where one can deposit metals, E cycling technological items, large rigid plastics, items toxic to the environment, used oil, and other items that are not collected in our weekly bins. To get ideas on how to recycle, or better yet, re-use items you would like to discard, check the website of the Solid Waste Department, (<http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/how/>). If you cannot find your item in the available list, you can type it in and someone will definitely get back to you with an answer, provided you also enter your e-mail address.

You will often see me posting periodical collections that I will be doing on the cs-chat message board.

I just finished collecting items for a Wider Circle, a non-profit that gets referrals from various social service and faith-based organizations so that they may furnish places to live for those in need. (<http://awidercircle.org/>). They also provide professional and personal training for their clients. Receipts are available if you request them to me.

I am also in favor of donating sporting equipment of all kinds to Leveling the Playing Field, likewise a non-profit that distributes donations of sports equipment to teams, coaches and recreational centers so that those who otherwise could not afford the equipment necessary to play or join a team, can do so. (<http://www.levelingtheplayingfield.org/>)

Vehiclesforchange.org provides their clients with reliable used cars and low-cost loans to purchase them. They provide training in detailing so that others can learn a trade, and will also happily accept more valuable vehicles that trained mechanics evaluate and repair if necessary and then offer to the general public so that the organization may continue its mission. We donated an old model but good condition car to them, and we received a lovely thank you note from the client herself stating that this enabled her to get to her job location so that she could provide for her family. Pick up is available .

And closer to us, on nearby Greentree Road , is the National Center Children and Families and the Greentree Shelter for Women. See a list of their needs at www.nccf-cares.org

You may or may not realize that many of the organizations, including many that come to your home, and many that have bins or trucks in parking lots,(there is one that is very close in name to the National Center on Greentree, or Planet Aid, and others), sell the goods that are donated and use that for their funding. Although there is nothing dishonest or deceitful about since they eventually get sold in developing countries, they do not go directly to those who live in our area, our county and nearby counties and D.C. who are in need.

Many of our neighbors have donated their usable merchandise to these organizations , and I do a periodic collection for both a Wider Circle and Leveling the Playing Field. You can check their websites to find lists for donations. You can also contact me via my personal e-mail to tell me that you have something to donate. Once I hear from enough people/have a sufficient number of items, I make a trip to those two that happen to be across the road from each other.

Natural and Homemade Insecticides

Instead of calling a company that indiscriminately sprays your yard and garden, thus killing many beneficial insects (lady bugs, praying mantis) and robbing our wildlife of their food, you may want to try one or more of the following. Unlike the companies that spray toxins on your property, which can then kill ALL insects and can also negatively affect your neighbors and what gets tracked into your own home, the goal with these is NOT to kill all insects. A healthy ecosystem requires beneficial insects, microbes and fungi in the soil that may get destroyed by the use of specific products, whether considered hazardous, controlled, or open for anyone to use.

You can purchase the following and much safer products: Neem oil, diatomaceous earth, Bt, Milky spore, Nicotine, Pyrethrum, and Iron Phosphate, but you might first want to try any of the following "home brews".

To suffocate mites, aphids, and thrips...mix 1 cup vegetable oil to 1 T mild soap, cover and shake. When ready to apply, add 2 tsp of this mixture to 1 quart water

To kill the above plus whiteflies and some beetles, just mix 1 ½ tsp mild liquid soap to 1 qt water and spray. Do not spray during the hottest part of the day.

Not an insecticide but more a repellent so bothersome bugs do not even want to be in your garden, are mixtures using garlic or chile pepper. For the garlic mixture, puree with a bit of water 2 bulbs of garlic (not cloves but entire bulbs) and let sit overnight. Strain into a quart jar and add ½ cup vegetable oil, 1 tsp mild soap, and fill the rest with water. Use 1 cup mix with 1 quart water to spray.

With chile power, use 1 T powder, 1 quart water, and several drops of soap. With fresh chiles, puree ½ cup with 1 cup water, add 1 quart of water, boil, cool, strain, and add several drops of soap to make a spray.

Yet another "recipe"...1 bulb garlic, 1 small onion, 1 tsp cayenne mixed to steep for an hour, strain, add 1 T soap and use full strength.

Good luck. Hope these work for you and don't repel YOU from your garden!

CSCA Monthly Board Meetings

3rd Monday of the Month, 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.

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 & every community member to attend, whether you are renovating or not.

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Handyman/Gardener: Jose Louis Rosales will help with any and all chores in and around the house and garden, including painting, drywall, flooring, carpeting and indoor repairs, as well as yard clean-up, planting, mowing, mulching, aerating, deck power washing and staining, fence installation/repair, pathway or platform construction, etc., on a reasonable hourly basis. Call 301-919-0198 or leave text message with name and address.

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 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.