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# CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Tax Credit from MD Historical Trust for Maintaining Carderock Houses

Residents can obtain a 20 per cent credit against state income tax through the Maryland Historical Trust for expenditures to maintain their houses, including roof, skylight and window replacement, wood siding, new furnace and AC systems, and necessary plumbing or electrical upgrades. An application must be approved before work commences.

Mary Lou Shannon was instrumental in getting Carderock listed both in Maryland and nationally as an historic community, and she was the first to benefit from the tax credit. She has moved away. In February I submitted an application for a new roof and 11 skylights; it was approved in a month. Completing the application is time consuming; description of the work contemplated and photos of all interior rooms and the complete outside are necessary. Required language about our historic significance Mary Lou supplied from her application.

Those contemplating applying to the Trust should access its website to review the instructions and forms, as well as the frequently asked questions and answers. Trust staff are friendly and responsive to phone inquiries about specific issues not covered in

the Q&A. [http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits\\_homeowner.shtml](http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits_homeowner.shtml)

Following my offer at the annual meeting, two families requested copies of my application as a guide. I am happy to assist others who request similar help.

A link has been added to the Carderock Springs Citizens Association website to information on this tax credit.

*John Karlik, [johnkarlik@verizon.net](mailto:johnkarlik@verizon.net)*

SAVE THE DATE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH  
AT THE CLUB  
BEER, BOURBON AND BBQ  
SPECIALTY TASTINGS  
STARTING AT 3 PM

### Carderock Springs Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

#### Day/Date

Sat./Sun. June 18-19

Sunday, August 7

Sat-Mon, October 8,9,10

#### Event

Carderock Campout, Lake Fairfax Park (See page 2)

Beer, Bourbon and BBQ Specialty Tasting, 3:00

Marsden Tract (nearby in the Potomac River) Carderock Fall

Campout scheduled/arranged for Columbus Day weekend



## Carderock Campout - Sat./Sun. June 18-19, 2016

You are invited to attend the fifth *Semi-annual Carderock Campout!* Families in Carderock will be joining together on Saturday, June 18th for an overnight campout on a beautiful wooded campsite within Lake Fairfax Park about a 20 minute drive from Carderock. Campfire, tenting, and a hike awaits you. Roast hot dogs and marshmallows with old and new friends.

We will have a campfire, s'mores, tenting, scavenger hunt, guitars/music, and a nature hike. There is a creek next to the campsite, so bathing suits and towels could be helpful. We will also enjoy the "Water Mine Family Swimmin Hole" (Water Park) on Sunday. The water park includes slides, flumes, and a lazy river.

New to the neighborhood? Come and get to know your neighbors! Would you like to learn something about camping? Experienced and new campers are welcome. Soccer games that day? Late afternoon arrival is fine. This event has a shared cost of \$6 per camper for the campsite (our group campsite G4 - is on loop C comprised of sites C17-C23). Please contact: Eric Nothman for details and to sign up. 202-438-5915 (cell); ericnothman@gmail.com

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## Recent Exterior Modifications Considered by ARC

With the improving economy and residential real estate market, the Carderock Springs Citizens Association Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been quite busy of late.

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 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>

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

8002 Park Overlook: Rear Family Room Addition Approved, but Site and Drainage Plan is Pending.

8004 Park Overlook: Master Bedroom and Home Office Addition. Schematic Approved, Pending Final Review of Permit Drawings.

8006 Park Overlook: Updating existing screen porch be enclosing with windows and glass sliding doors.

8015 Glenmore Spring Road: New Permeable Driveway.

7711 Glenmore Spring Way: Second Story Addition over Garage with Screened porch along rear.

8213 Hamilton Spring Court: Expand Driveway.

8216 Stone Trail: Attached Garage Addition.

8305 Fenway Road: Family Room/Study over Garage. Design Approved pending submittal of Application.

7510 Hamilton Spring Road: Master Bedroom Addition. Schematic Approved, Pending Final Review of Permit Drawings.

8005 Hamilton Spring Road: Master Bedroom Addition under review.



Many thanks to Mike Goldstein and Linda Engel for rebuilding walls to the entrance monument to the neighborhood at the corner of Lilly Stone and Persimmon Tree Lane and adding the new plantings. The wall had deteriorated due to the root structure of the pine trees that had been previously removed. The pictures above show a before and after look. The entrance sign is being refurbished and will be added soon.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*

## **The Carder-Eco Column**

There has been so much in the CS-chat re. mosquitos, that although this column was to highlight that topic by a "guest author" from one of our most knowledgeable and experienced neighbors, I am refraining from adding additional and redundant information. On the other hand, at this link, ([www.rodaleorganiclife.com](http://www.rodaleorganiclife.com)) you can find how you might be able to repel mosquitos by incorporating some plants in your garden that may naturally repel these pests. I hope that most of you have read my CS-chat messages about checking with any landscapers regarding the products they are using, and then researching the active .....plus the inert.... ingredients that are being used. If you do have landscapers using chemicals of any sort, make sure that they post the little yellow signs informing walkers, dog walkers and other neighbors. One recent company that I witnessed spraying an entire yard did NOT do this, and I am reporting them to the Division of Environmental Policy and Compliance. Although it is up to you on your choices that are "legal" (does not mean non-toxic) to use, Please do thorough research before applying anything to your garden. Surprising to you, possibly, is that I am not a purist, and I admit to occasionally using, when totally exasperated, a few products that are still considered possibly chemicals of concern. However, I do research to find out how it might affect the soil, other plants, animals, pets and humans....and I certainly do not use them near my vegetable gardens. The companies that spray entire yards use chemicals that do not distinguish among insects. Therefore, they kill not only insects that you do not want, but they also kill beneficial insects such as lady bugs, praying mantis and our (declining) bee population, the latter essential to plant pollination. Killing insects also deprives our amphibians and reptiles from food sources, affecting our entire ecosystem. George Leventhal of the County Council is concerned about "mosquito squad" actions and would prefer to see a law stipulating that such spraying must occur in a specific, targeted area for good reason. More information is available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP)

After dumping, the number one complaint by homeowners to our EPA is noise. Although sometimes this may occur due to loud AMPS, loud music and the like, it is also due to the equipment that some landscapers use and that is not in compliance, and they risk fines as well as machines. The EPA has even gone out to several big home retailers and required them to take certain uncertified machines off of their shelves. By the way, should you want to check, it is the



MoCo Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B. There are certain "quiet" hours (weekdays from 9pm to 7am, weekends and holidays 9pm to 9am) , during which time noises louder than 55 decibels are unlawful. At that level, two people should be able to conduct a normal conversation with a distance of ten feet between them. You should be looking for a sticker that says ANSI, giving the decibel level, and if there is no sticker, the company is NOT in compliance.

In the meantime, Washington, D.C. is considering phasing in a prohibition for sale and use of blowers, while some other jurisdictions across the country limit the use according to certain locations during certain days, so that a neighborhood area may be bothered by noise on one day a week, rather than 7 days. If you are concerned, you might get in touch with the County Council with your concern, download an app that acts as a noise meter, attend the county court in Rockville on Tuesdays to witness how non-compliance to code and enforcements are handled.

*Diane Karlik, chair*

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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.

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## **Classified**

**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.

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## **New to the Neighborhood**

Cristin McKnight Sethi and Sanjit Sethi, almost 5 yr old Haroun and 2.5 yr old Kusum, moving into 7905 Hamilton Spring Road. Cristin's cell is (510) 334-0124.

*Stephanie Land*

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## **Carderock Springs Board Members**

*Jack Orrick*

*Bill Moore*

*Stefan LoBuglio*

*Rob Gorman*

*Sindy Udell*

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*Club Liaison*

*Newsletter Editor*

*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, 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.