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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

Sunday, January 17, 2016

4-6 PM (cocktail hours)

at the Clubhouse

So....this is what it's about:

If you have a favorite wine (or more than one), please let me know what it is. Suggestions need to be under \$15 and available within 10 miles (which includes DC and Virginia). (Nancy Everett has already sent me a great selection of wines from Calvert Woodley. Thanks, Nancy). I'm also asking you to send me one of your must have cheeses. I'll buy some of these wines and cheeses, then we'll just gather around the tasting table and find our own next favorites. Please send your suggestions to my email pmrbthmd@yahoo.com.

This is an adult only event and there will be a \$10 charge per person (which is the going rate for local wine tastings) to cover costs. If you need a baby sitter, let me know. As we did with the new-comers pot luck, we will have some local kids available to sit. AND...**PLEASE RSVP**, also to my email pmrbthmd@yahoo.com. No need to offer suggestions for your favorite wine/cheese in order to attend.

And...for you beer lovers. We'll be having another event in the future that will feature your favorite beers and micro breweries.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

PEPCO Settlement

September 28, 2015

(the settlement agreement is posted on the CSCA website)

In recent years, numerous homes in our neighborhood have experienced electrical fires that were preceded by flickering lights or power surges, and single-home brownouts or power surges that have destroyed furnaces and other appliances. For several years, the CSCA has

Carderock Springs Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday, January 17	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Wine and Cheese Tasting (see above)
Sunday, March 6	7:00 pm	"Oh Dear!"--Strategies for Gardening with Deer in Carderock, Nancy Everett

been engaged in efforts to identify the cause and seek resolution from both Pepco and the Maryland Public Service Commission. We're happy to report that following a lengthy process which culminated in a months-long formal proceeding at the PSC in which Pepco was required to respond to data requests submitted by us and PSC staff, Pepco and CSCA have settled the case. For correspondence related to the case as well as a copy of the settlement, please see <http://www.carderocksprings.net/article/9/newsletters-documents>

A main reason why CSCA suspected an electrical cause for the problems experienced in the community is that one of the three feeders that serve the neighborhood, #15111, distributes power to every house damaged by electrical incidents as well as the four houses destroyed by fires. The following streets in Carderock Springs are fully or partially served by this feeder: **Park Overlook Drive, Park Overlook Court, Glenmore Spring Road, Glenmore Spring Way, Hamilton Spring Road, Hamilton Spring Court, part of Stone Trail, Mackenzie Court, Lilly Stone Drive between Seven Locks and the four-way stop sign.** There are 209 houses serviced by feeder 15111. We urge all those who live on these streets to report any future electrical disturbances or damage to PEPCO at 1-877-PEPCO-62 (1-877-737-2662) and the CS-chat.

The settlement Pepco agreed to, in brief:

- Requires Pepco to replace the transformer that serves several homes, including one that experienced a fire in August 2012 (Pepco had already replaced 9 other transformers as part of its engagement with the community)
- Requires annual reporting to the community about complaints and outages along the feeder for the next 5 years
- Requires testing of distribution systems if there is another fire or power surge that destroys a major home appliance
- Requires testing of cables if there are cable failures along the feeder
- Requires any cable replacements they do in the neighborhood to be the better jacketed variety
- Requires a response to the community's questions/concerns about their testing or reporting efforts within 60 days.

Michal Freedhoff & Sue Eastman

Carderock Springs 2016 Directories

You should have received delivery of the 2016 Carderock Springs Directories in early December. Many thanks to Melissa Wilets for the cover design and production assistance, Rob Gorman, Barbara Ames and Mary Lou Shannon for managing the lists of contacts, and Diane Karlik and her band of volunteers who delivered the directories personally to your mailboxes.

As is always the case with contact information, we have noticed some inadvertent errors in the information contained in the directories, and we will be updating our databases to correct these errors. If you notice any errors in your information, and/or if you have grown children who perhaps are no longer available for babysitting, lawn care or pet care, please e-mail these corrections to Rob Gorman at CSCATreas@gmail.com. We also update our databases when we get back the dues statements, which will be sent out later this winter. Thanks for helping us keep our information current.

Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President

Board of Appeals Remands Artis Alzheimer Case to Zoning Examiner, Who Asks for State Highway Review of Intersection, SHA Refuses

On November 18, several residents of Carderock Springs spoke before the Montgomery County Board of Appeals in opposition to a Montgomery County Zoning Examiner's approval of the Artis Senior Living (Alzheimer) facility, proposed for River Road opposite the entrance to Carderock Springs Drive. The Carderock advocates (and a representative from the West Bradley Citizens Association) expressed strong concern about the Artis project degrading the safety of the intersection and compromising the residential zoning of the area. After several hours of discussion, the Board of Appeals unanimously voted to remand (return) the case to the Zoning Examiner for further fact-finding on the impact of the Artis project on River Road. More specifically, the Board seeks information:

"regarding existing traffic safety along River Road near and approaching the subject property and at the intersection of River Road and Carderock Springs Drive, and the impact of the proposed use on traffic safety in those areas, including at off-peak hours, and for specific recommendations on possible measures to calm traffic and improve safety in that location, including, but not limited to turn lanes, speed limits, speed cameras, or other speed recording devices, and crosswalks."

On December 4, the Zoning Examiner requested a representative of the State Highway Administration (SHA) to testify at a public hearing on traffic safety and accident data in the vicinity of Carderock Springs Drive and River Road in connection with the proposed Artis project.

On December 16, the SHA responded with a refusal to appear at the hearing because it believes the intersection needs no mitigation. The Zoning Examiner responded by accepting that position, but then requested information on how the SHA calculates the severity index of intersections, including River Road and Carderock Springs Drive and nearby intersections. The Examiner also noted that the Board of Appeals and the County Planning Board have requested the investigation of traffic calming measures along River Road, and asks SHA to confirm that it is not recommending any such measures. The SHA had not responded as this newsletter went to print.

The hearing will be held January 28 and residents of Carderock Springs will again testify about the danger the Artis facility will add to the River Road - Carderock Springs Drive intersection.

Anne Carlson

The Carder-Eco Column

From Diane Karlik:

Thank you to our neighbors who contributed to the collection for A Wider Circle. Many of us have had this special connection with one of their top officers because she used to live here in Carderock Springs. At any rate, in addition to the used professional clothing, housewares and linens donated, there were bags of new toys, some new gift items for adults, plus a bunch

of gift cards. The gift cards were especially welcomed with a big thank you, since families do like to choose their own foods for the holiday meals, and teens, of course, prefer a bit of spending power as well. My special appreciation to the three of you (you know who you are) who were so generous with the toys and the gift cards!

Many thanks as well for our volunteer directory deliverers, who, once again this year, were out in full force helping the CSCA with the task itself while saving us some money for postage. This year's volunteers were Jaime Manzano, Maureen Robinson, Kristin Aelunxen-Schafer, Carol Van Oudenaren, Elaine Honig, Joy Dritschilo, Bobbi Kraham, Maxine Cohoes, Ann Beuchart Massey, John Surr, MaryLou Shannon, Lee Talisman, Emily Glicksman, Barbara Holtz, Jeannine Mjoseh, and Ray Van Raalte, plus various children or spouses of the above.

If you feel that you should have received a directory, but did not, or if you have any corrections, deletions of adult children names, or additions, please notify CSCAmembership@gmail.com or CSCAtreasurer@gmail.com.

You can find the names of the CSCA members putting this year's directory together, which is so attractive thanks to Melissa Wilets, on the inside back cover.

A website that may be of interest to you

I highly recommend Rodale's Organic Life (<http://www.rodaleorganiclife.com>) for articles on

- Food expiration
- Industrial/Agricultural
- Food/fish
- Pet health
- Household chemicals
- Chemicals in our food
- Vermicomposting (great for kids)

I hope that you find some of this information helpful as we start a new year. My best for a safe, healthy and happy 2016 for you, family and our climate.!

Diane Karlik (dianekarlik@verizon.net) CSCA environmental chair

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.

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.

2015 UNICEF Fall Drive Huge Success

With the Help of our children, parents, friends and neighbors, Carderock did it again....

\$ 2,537.38

Thanks to everyone, but especially our little and big micro entrepreneurs. Without all of your support and help, we could not have done it. Pull out your calculators and see how many Measles Vaccines UNICEF can buy with our donation; 10 vaccines for \$3.63....= ???

2016 is just around the corner, get ready and plan your very own UNICEF Micro Project...



Carderock Volunteers for UNICEF

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.

Snow Removal: Jose Luis Rosales is available for snow removal from driveways, patios and sidewalks. Call or preferably *text* name and address to 301-919-0198.

New to Our Neighborhood

Please welcome the Dillon Family. They have just moved into 7608 Hamilton Spring Road along with their children Sam (5) and Will (2). You can reach Michael with mfdillonjr@gmail.com (202-369-9821) and Alyce on with alyce.dillon@gmail.com (202-494-4149.)

Stephanie and Rob Benedetti, new owners of 8301 Carderock Drive, can be reached on stephaniejhood@gmail.com. Stephanie and Rob are expecting their first child in June.

Mary Lou Shannon, CSCAwelcome@gmail.com Welcome to all!!!

"Oh Dear!"--Strategies for Gardening with Deer in Carderock -- Nancy Everett Sunday, March 6 at the Clubhouse, 7pm

Don't miss the Carderock Conservation Coalition presentation on Deer Management. Join Nancy Everett to discuss techniques for discouraging deer, resistant plants, and how deer are affecting our storm water issues.

Did you know:

- That some experts are predicting yet another "deer explosion" next spring and summer due to the large crop of acorns and other nuts?
- There are no longer any true "deer-proof" plants in our area?
- Deer over-population is adding to our serious storm-water run-off issue?

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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.