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# CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

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## CSCA Fall Meeting November 15, 6:30 pm

The CSCA will be having our semi-annual community meeting at the Club on Sunday, November 15, 2015, starting at 6:30 pm. Come for social time with beer, wine, soft drinks and nibbles and stay to hear Clare Kelly, from the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Department, speak on a book she has recently written titled "Montgomery Modern: Modern Architecture in Montgomery County, Maryland 1939 – 1970." The book features pictures and text concerning buildings and communities in the County, including Carderock Springs, that are exemplars of mid-century modern architectural style. Claire will have books on hand to sell.

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## International Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Saturday, November 21 at the Club,  
5:30 pm for drinks and nibbles  
6:15 pm for dinner

**THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT**

This is not an American Thanksgiving but a celebration and appreciation for the diversity of our Carderock community. Please bring an appetizer, main course, side dish or dessert that comes from your own national heritage.

RSVP WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO [pmrtbthmd@yahoo.com](mailto:pmrtbthmd@yahoo.com)

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### ***Carderock Springs Community Calendar***

*All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted*

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday, November 15	6:30 – 8 pm	CSCA Fall Meeting w/speaker, Clare Kelly on Montgomery County Modernism
Saturday, November 21	5:30 – 7:30 pm	International Family Thanksgiving Potluck
Saturday, December 12	Afternoon	Carderock Creates – Crafts Fair

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## **New Tree Removal Contact – Mark Zimsky**

The CSCA Board has appointed Mark Zimsky to be the designated tree removal contact for the neighborhood. Mark has lived in the neighborhood for a number of years and has expertise in forestry.

Under the covenants for Carderock Springs, residents must request approval from the designated tree removal contact person from the Carderock Springs Citizens Association prior to the removal of any mature hardwood tree that is not dead or diseased and that is over 12” in diameter (measured at chest level). A hardwood tree is a broadleaved tree that loses its leaves in autumn, such as the oak, beech, or maple. No permission is required for removal of softwood trees, such as pines or cedars.

Please note that it is not Mark’s role or responsibility to conduct assessments on prospective tree removal or provide consultation or advice on which trees on individual properties should be kept or removed. Under Maryland law, residents must work with a licensed arborist to assess and conduct any tree removal. You should consult with a licensed arborist prior to contacting Mark. Please contact Mark at least two weeks in advance of removing any healthy trees, to accommodate his travel schedule. Contact CSCATree@gmail.com.

Again, please consult with a licensed arborist before you contact Mark. No prior approval is required in the event that a tree is damaged by a storm or is dead or diseased to the extent that it is likely to cause imminent damage to person or property. However, if the tree is well-rooted, and it is possible to remove only the damaged limbs, this is the preferred course of action.

Once Mark has met with you and gives approval, you can post a sign (available from Mark) displaying this approval in your yard. It makes a positive statement that you respect the community covenants as well as your neighbors.

Remember that cutting down trees affects neighbors and the community as a whole, not just the homeowner on whose lot the tree grows. It is important to talk to your neighbors as well before removing established trees. The courtesy you show will come back to you in the future.

*Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President*

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## **Artis Alzheimer Facility – Carderock Springs Residents to Appeal Zoning Examiner’s Decision to Approve**

The Board of Appeals for Montgomery County has agreed to hold a hearing on oral argument against the 72-bed Artis Senior Living (Alzheimer) facility proposed for River Road opposite the entrance to Carderock Springs Drive. Several residents of Carderock Springs and a representative of the West Bradley Citizens Association have been granted time to speak, as has the law firm representing Artis. The Board of Appeals hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 9:30 am in the Stella Werner Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. The public is welcome to attend.

The primary concerns of those appealing the Zoning Examiner’s decision to approve the Artis project are:

- its impact on the safety of River Road for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians because of speeding traffic, the lack of turning lanes and the topography of the site (where there is a

history of vehicle crashes).

- the zoning change that will flip the current private residence into a commercial enterprise.

More specifically, there is concern that during construction of the facility and after its completion (if it is given final approval), Carderock Springs residents and visitors will have to compete with Artis construction workers and dump trucks, employees, service providers, visitors to the residents, delivery vehicles and others, to get on and off River Road. Indeed, the Artis employee shift changes will occur during non-peak hours, the very time when virtually all of the vehicle crashes to date have occurred. In addition, many Artis employees will be commuting by bus, resulting in more pedestrians trying to cross a busy road, both day and night.

The CSCA Traffic Committee will continue to try to get changes made to River Road to improve its safety and to ensure it does not become more dangerous.

For more information on this issue, please contact Anne Carlson at [carlsongardens@gmail.com](mailto:carlsongardens@gmail.com).

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## **Recent Exterior Modifications Approved 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>

The below modifications have recently been approved by the ARC:

- Nicole and Paul Tysvaer, 8047 Park Overlook Drive - Large Addition
- Stephanie Morris and Adrian Rouse, 8405 Carderock Drive – Bedroom and Kitchen Addition
- Sweetnam, 8317 Fenway Road – Living Room and Deck Addition
- Amie O'Donoghue, 8 Park Overlook Court – Residing existing house
- Aja and Brett Pittman, 8216 Fenway Road – Privacy Screen

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## **The Carder-Eco Column**

### **Pesticide Bill: Good news**

The original bill has been amended and passed. In spite of intense pressure from commercial entities, there will be increased control of chemicals used on lawns. Starting July 2016 for the county, and July 2018 for private residences, the only allowable substance to be used on lawns has to be certified "safer" (see text for explanation). However, residents can continue to use "anything" on their food gardens, ornamental gardens, trees, invasives, weeds

such as poison ivy, or during a severe pest outbreak. Though not the original bill, it does seem to balance many interests. The restrictions are on lawn areas, since these are the areas that most frequently would drain into and pollute water sources.

To learn what does Bill 52-14 do, go to: <http://safegrowmontgomery.org/what-does-bill-52-14-do>

### **Polystyrene Bill: Good News**

The Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services is hosting a series of webinars to inform the public, including food service establishments and retailers about Montgomery County's ban on the use and sale of expanded polystyrene food service ware and loose fill packaging (peanuts).

#### **What materials (and When) are banned for use and sale in Montgomery County?**

Expanded polystyrene (#6-PS) products, such as foam containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, egg cartons, etc., as well as expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging (packaging peanuts)

**January 1, 2016** Prohibits food service businesses from using expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam™) and the sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging (packing peanuts). Requires all county agencies, contractors, and lessees to use compostable or recyclable food service ware.

**January 1, 2017** Requires all other food service businesses to use compostable or recyclable disposable food service ware.

#### **Who is impacted by this law?**

- All food service businesses, including full-service, limited-service, fast food restaurants, grocery stores, vending food trucks or carts
- All food service operated by or on behalf of Montgomery County departments and agencies
- All retailers in Montgomery County

#### **How can I learn more about the requirements?**

A series of educational webinars have been scheduled to provide information about the law to food service establishments, County departments and agencies, and retailers that use and/or sell expanded polystyrene food service ware and loose fill packaging

The dates and times of the webinars are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 1:00 to 2:00pm EDT
- Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 2:00 to 3:00pm EDT
- Wednesday, November 4, 2015 from 11:00am to 12:00noon EST
- Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 11:00am to 12:00noon EST
- Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 11:00am to 12:00noon EST
- Monday, November 23, 2015 from 1:00 to 2:00pm EST

To register for one of the above scheduled webinars, visit our website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/expanded-polystyrene/> and select the webinar that best fits your schedule.

### **Fall Gardening:**

Fall is the best for planting since plants will build strong root systems before the winter freeze. They may not look great, but there is a lot of work going on underneath the soil.

A few tasks at this time of year:

- Plant bulbs for Spring bloom, especially members of the amaryllis family, and particularly daffodils and snowdrops. These bulbs are noxious (contain lycorine, an alkaloid both

repellent and toxic to animals) and unpalatable to foraging wildlife. Other bulbs that are more resistant are allium, hyacinth, fritillaria and anemone.

- Start a compost pile with your fallen leaves. Find a spot in your woods and pile them up, and even with doing nothing, they will eventually break down.
- Plant perennials and divide them if needed, especially peony and iris
- Repot your amaryllis from last winter and store in a cool, dark place without water until you see some growth of leaves or buds.
- Pot your new amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs for winter bloom
- Start feeding birds as their diet changes from 99% insects to seeds

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

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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.

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## New to Our Neighborhood

Kenneth and Claire Shields, and their children Grace (8) and Rhys (11) recently moved back to where Kenneth grew up (Carderock!) and soon will be settled in 8305 Fenway Road. They have been staying with Kenneth's mother Nwanganga Shields on Hamilton Spring Court since the start of school. Claire can be reached by email to Claire\_Shields@verizon.net or by phone 973-309-3151.

Finally settled into their new home at 7717 Persimmon Tree Road after some months of renovations, Deniz and Michael Cirivello, and two children Alexander (9) and Catherine (7) are enjoying their home and community. Deniz can be reached on dcrivello@gmail.com or by phone 240-750-4167.

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

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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. 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.

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# UNICEF 2015: Annual Fall Fest Huge Success

*Carderock Volunteers for UNICEF*



Rock climbing wall



Super Soup Moms that contributed their favorite homemade soups to the Annual Fall Fest.

Julie Corbin, Jen DeMarinis, Stephanie Morris Rouse, Rebecca Shannon Spicer, Deniz Cirivello, and Heather Graham.

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## Carderock Springs Board Members

*Jack Orrick*

*Bill Moore*

*Donna Schwartz*

*Rob Gorman*

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*Member-at-Large*

*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, 2015. 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.