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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

International Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Saturday, November 21 @ the Club,

5:30 pm for drinks and nibbles, 6:15 pm for dinner

This is NOT a celebration of American Thanksgiving Day. Instead it will be a celebration and thanks (appreciation) of the wonderful diversity we have in Carderock Springs. This will be a family event. Please bring a dish that comes from your national heritage. More information will be published in the November newsletter. Any questions, contact Phil Rider - pmbthmd@yahoo.com

Carderock Springs Community Calendar

All events are at the Club unless otherwise noted

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday October 25	2 – 5 pm	UNICEF Fall Festival (page 6)
Monday October 26	7 - 8:30 pm	Roger Berliner, Town Hall Meeting, CS Elementary School (page 2)
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

Councilmember Berliner Town Hall Meeting

Monday October 26 @ Carderock Springs Elementary School

Councilmember Roger Berliner will be holding a town hall meeting for all interested residents in District 1 (including Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Potomac, and other neighborhoods in Montgomery County) on Monday, October 26, from 7 – 8:30 pm at the Carderock Springs Elementary School media center. Residents are encouraged to bring their questions and concerns for the Councilmember. No RSVP is required. Contact his office at 240-777-7828 if you have any questions.

Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President

Update on Artis Senior Living Facility and Traffic Safety

On September 8, the Montgomery County Zoning Examiner conditionally approved development of the Artis Senior Living Facility on the north side of River Road, across from the intersection with Carderock Springs Drive. One of the conditions for approval was that Artis must submit accident data to the Zoning Examiner each year, and that the accident data will be assessed by the County Planning Department's technical staff to determine if the intersection poses a danger to guests, staff, and nearby residents. Based on this assessment, the Planning Department may recommend remedies to the Zoning Examiner for improving the safety of the roadway.

In mid-September, at least two Carderock Springs residents filed appeals to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals on the grounds of both traffic safety concerns and concerns that the development is contrary to the County Master Plan that calls for a "semi-bucolic" River Road corridor.

Shortly thereafter, the Montgomery County Planning Department sent a letter to the Zoning Examiner saying it cannot assess the safety of River Road. This statement then prompted a letter in return from the County Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings expressing surprise about the Planning staff's new inability to determine road safety and urging that obtaining that expertise be a priority.

Regardless of the outcome of the appeals, the CSCA is committed to working with the State Highway Administration, the County, and the Artis developers to improve traffic safety on this stretch of River Road. The CSCA Traffic Committee will investigate different safety risk mitigation measures, including speed cameras, improved signage, warning signals, and turn lanes, and determine the costs and benefits of these respective options, and work with the community to determine a course of action. The CSCA welcomes the continued input and feedback from the community on potential safety measures.

The Carder-Eco Column

Food:

It seems that some people are confused between GMO and organic. A GMO product is genetically modified when DNA from different species of living organisms is added to its genes. Though scientific committees have continuously said that GMOs are safe (they have been in wide use for over 10 years), there are many people who are not convinced they are safe for people, animals or the environment. Thus some think they should be avoided or prohibited. By USDA regulation, anything certified organic is non-GMO because USDA certified organic food is not permitted to be changed by ingredients or production practices. Organic also means that no antibiotics, no synthetic pesticides, and no artificial hormones are used in production.

Organic Beef and Poultry

If you are interested in USDA certified organic beef or poultry, Nick's organic farm is currently taking orders, with delivery dates off Brickyard Road in Potomac Nov. 14-16 or Nov. 25-26. He raises heirloom, specialty, organic turkeys. If your family is interested in seeing how Nick produces his various foods and seed products, he will be hosting a farm tour in Buckeystown October 17-18. For further information for either of the above, check nicksorganicfarm.com

Recycling center/Transfer station:

Because of a change to a differently configured and newer vehicle, I will no longer be able to offer to take neighbors' items for recycling at the Transfer Station. It is actually quite an easy task, and to facilitate encouraging this recycling practice, I would be happy to help any neighbors to do this for themselves and/or for others, by making a map and showing where the different drop-off points are located within the facility. You can also check the MoCo Solid Waste website to find out what to do with various items and hours of operation. Please contact me via e-mail (dianekarlik@verizon.net)

Garden:

There are many tasks to be completed in Autumn. We all know about planting early Spring bulbs at this time, but you may not know that it is also a good time to plant certain seeds of annuals. Best sown in Fall on bare soil, seeds of California poppy, corn poppy, gloriosa daisy, calendula, annual baby's breath and cleome will germinate in the Spring. Cleomes are big spreaders of seed, so one just has to pull of some extra seedlings in the springtime. Some are currently (as of October 2) blooming in the corner of my front garden if you are interested in seeing what these tall beauties look like. Mine have been flowering all summer long.

Fall is also the time to divide and transplant perennials such as peonies and iris and ornamental grasses and to work compost into your plant beds. Consider a winter cover crop as well.

Solar Power for your home:

Some homes in Carderock have enough sun and are geographically situated so solar panels might work should you be interested. Solar power was the subject of the most recent Bethesda Green communities meeting. One can also redesign additions or renovations with panels in mind, for installation at the same time or for the future. One can purchase outright, lease, or use a Power Purchasing Agreement as these options determine your cost, benefits

and maintenance. Opinions of experienced homeowners at this meeting differed, from recommending a huge company that works nationwide (solarcity.com which actually is connected to Tesla) to positive feedback from a smaller local business (marylandsolarsolutions.com). You can get in touch with these companies for additional information, recommendations, or home visits/evaluations. Another local company, Savenia Labs (a Bethesda Green incubator business) can assist by calculating the value of a solar system for you.

If you are interested in purchasing solar as part of a Bethesda group and thus taking advantage of a discount, contact MDSUN or Groundswell.

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

New-comers' Pot Luck a Huge Success

The New-comers' pot luck was a huge success. It was great to meet so many new members of our community and have them share some interesting things about themselves. It also offered our new residents an opportunity to share their experiences of moving from their previous homes and into a new community. Rob Gorman, our MC, once again did an excellent job of organizing the introductions, adding some interesting and questionable "mainly unknown" facts about Carderock history. Many thanks to all who helped organize the event and for all the great foods people shared.



Phil Rider, Social Chair

Carderock Springs: Official Montgomery County RainScapes Neighborhood

Heavy rains on Tuesday evening Sept 29 that continued for days reminded us that storm water continues to be a significant problem to residents in Carderock. The **C3** (Carderock Conservation Coalition) committee held our third large community meeting on September 20. Pam Rowe of the Montgomery County RainScapes program and her technical consultants presented before and after photographs of water runoff problems and different RainScapes solutions. These solutions were not only effective but very attractive additions to homeowners' landscapes. The \$2,500 rebate with the pre-approval process by the county was also discussed.

As an official RainScapes neighborhood, Carderock now has priority for free site assessments for homeowners dealing with storm water from heavy rains. Carderock residents have been eager to have these free assessments, and 28 homeowners received written

evaluations over the summer with detailed notes, photos and recommendations. At our September 29 meeting, staff from the county who did the site visits met individually with 12 homeowners to discuss the assessments and discuss remedies.

An essential part of our \$12K grant includes promoting cooperation between uphill and downhill neighbors. Stormwater runoff has been a serious national problem from LA to NYC. Let's make Carderock Springs a model of community collaboration

Carderock residents can sign up for free site visits by contacting jfratner@gmail.com, liaison with Pam Rowe. **C3** also has other resource information that might be helpful.

C3 (*Carderock Conservation Coalition*), Sue Eastman, Jean Ratner, Sandy Dembski

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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: Basement apartment or similar. Long-time Cabin John renter is looking to rent private space, quiet and responsible with Cabin John and Carderock references, call Carolyn (240) 204-2953

New to Our Neighborhood

New to 7614 Hamilton Spring Road are Amber and Seth Hertlein and their German Shepard Zoe. You can reach Amber on amberwootton@gmail.com.

The Walters, Julie, Matthew, son Nolan (11) and their dog Herbert, just moved into 8100 Fenway Road. Julie can be reached on earnestmalarky@yahoo.com and Matt on mwalter25@yahoo.com

Tyler and Laura Warren, with their three children Valentia 8, Camila 6, and Romi 5, are new to 8203 Lilly Stone Drive. You can reach them on tylerwarren@gmail.com

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

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.

UNICEF 2015: Annual Fall Fest

Starting October 25th, 2 - 5 pm at the Club

Carderock Volunteers for UNICEF have been busy:

The Children's very own Micro Fundraising Projects are almost ready

Over 200 Raffle Prizes have been donated - Each ticket will win

Vie de France will donate their left over baked goods for UNICEF

Following Carderock's Tradition, our Volunteers will once again give out the little orange UNICEF collection boxes on October 31st, 5:30pm at the Club (just before the children's Parade)

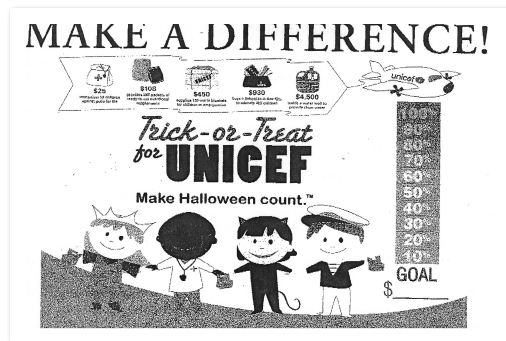
Each Trick or Treater can pick up and sign out a box and in return will receive a super Glow in the Dark necklace

After Halloween, the UNICEF boxes will be returned to our Banker: Cheryl Glaessner at 8328 Fenway Rd.

Did you know that Carderock has been named: Ambassador for UNICEF?

See you at the Fall Fest

*Carderock
Volunteers for
UNICEF*



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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, 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.