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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

Washington Gas Upcoming Replacement Work Starting in Late June/Early July

Representatives of Washington Gas who appeared at the CSCA June board meeting indicated that Washington Gas will begin construction in the Carderock Springs neighborhood to replace gas main and service lines in late June/early July. .

Residents will soon see Miss Utility markings that represent underground facilities (e.g. water, electric, natural gas, etc.) Each **impacted home owner will receive a letter** about the project shortly. The impacted addresses are:

- 8000 – 8105 Glenmore Spring Rd.
- 7700 – 7715 Glenmore Spring Way
- 8200 – 8224 Hamilton Spring Ct.
- 7904 – 8129 Hamilton Spring Rd.
- 8121 Lilly Stone Dr.
- 2 – 12 Park Overlook Ct.
- 7902 – 8047 Park Overlook Dr.

This is the first phase of project that will ultimately impact other residents in the Carderock Springs neighborhood. The project team will communicate with the CSCA regarding Phase 2 of this gas line replacement work.

At some point during the replacement work, the gas service to each impacted residence will need to be turned off for several hours while the crew replaces the gas line to the home. Washington Gas's contractor, Infrasource, will answer any questions that residents may have and will make contact to set up a date to replace the service line. It may be necessary for you to be home to perform this work, particularly if your meter is inside your home. **If Washington Gas needs access to your home, the on-site representative will contact you in advance to coordinate this work.** If your gas meter is outside of your home, the replacement of your gas service line does not require you to be at home. However, Washington Gas will need access at some point to turn your gas back on and to relight your appliance(s). If you are not at home when the work is completed, an informational card will be left outlining how to have your service restored and appliances relit.

No street will be closed completely – residents will be able to access their properties and traffic will flow.

Washington Gas plans to complete the work in November, contingent upon weather and other circumstances. Please note that the time needed to complete the construction taking place in front of individual properties will vary but, in general, will not be longer than a few days, depending on conditions.

Washington Gas indicates that it will make temporary repairs to any excavations in the roadway and sidewalk as well as necessary repairs to lawns and landscaping. Permanent paving repairs will follow as quickly as possible after all work has been completed.

If you have questions or need additional information, or if you plan to be away for an extended period during the next four months, please contact the project team below.

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Jack Orrick, CSCA Board President

Directory Update in Progress

Work has started on the bi-annual publication of the CSCA Neighborhood Directory. Your contact information has been updated when you sent in your 2015 annual dues statement. If you have other changes to your contact information, phone numbers or email, please let Rob Gorman know as soon as possible, and no later than July 20th. robgorman9@gmail.com

Advertise Your Business in the CSCA Directory

The Carderock Springs Citizens Association publishes a community telephone directory which is used by approximately 450 households. Delivery of a new directory is scheduled for this fall and will not be reissued until fall 2017.

We also deliver the directory to new families when they move in and to realtors who service our neighborhood. In addition to our neighbors' addresses, we include contact information, babysitters, and pet walkers; we publish neighborhood tree removal guidelines, covenants, local school and government listings and websites. Our goal is to publish a resource that our residents value, retain, and refer to.

Once again, a special advertising section will be an important part of this directory. Many local merchants and professionals who have placed ads in the past have found this form

of advertising beneficial. Full page ads are only \$275, half page ads are \$150 and business card ads are \$75.

Please place your order before July 15, 2015. We need a pdf file with your advertisement, or a camera-ready ad, completed order form and payment. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Ames at 202-439-5667 or send an email to barbara@barkanciandames.com.

Services Update for CSCA Directory

In an effort to update CSCA recommended contractors listing, we would very much appreciate your recommendations for contractors and service providers that you have personally used. Please send names and contact information to barbara@barkanciandames.com. Or call Barbara Ames at 202-439-5667. Thank you!

Update on Proposed Artis Alzheimer's Facility and New Carderock Springs Traffic Safety Committee

The proposed development of a senior living center for Alzheimer's patients on River Road across from Carderock Springs Drive has prompted an increased interest in traffic safety issues among Carderock residents. To address neighborhood concerns about traffic safety pertaining to this stretch of River Road, as well as in other areas of Carderock Springs, the CSCA Board has established a new Traffic Safety Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to:

- a) Identify and research potential traffic safety issues as they emerge;
- b) Develop associated solutions and courses of action to mitigate risks to Carderock residents;
- c) Solicit feedback and recommendations from the community on traffic safety concerns; and
- d) Coordinate community-wide engagement with relevant legislative and regulatory bodies as needed.

The Committee is presently focusing its efforts on the safety issues surrounding the proposed Artis Alzheimer's Senior Living development on River Road. Committee members have testified to the Montgomery County Planning Board and the Montgomery County Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings to express concerns about increased safety risks resulting from this planned project. Furthermore, the new CSCA committee is researching related accident data and engaging the Montgomery County Council in an effort to draw attention to this already-dangerous portion of River Road and determine ways to reduce risk to motorists and pedestrians.

As a result of testimony given by a CSCA Board member at the County Zoning hearing, the Zoning Examiner has written a letter to the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) asking for a review of the project's impact on the safety of River Road. The letter also requests:

- a) Vehicle crash data from the intersection;
- b) Hourly vehicle traffic counts;
- c) Consideration of the construction process, which will include significant demolition and excavation of the property.

The full Hearing Examiner letter to the SHA was attached to a recent posting on CS-Chat about the Artis project. The Planning Board also pledged to write the SHA about new traffic calming strategies on River Road to reduce speeding, including the possibility of new speed cameras on River Road.

The CSCA Traffic Safety Committee is chaired by Bill Moore, Vice President of the CSCA Board, and includes several other Carderock residents. If you would like to learn more about the Committee or support its efforts, please reach out to Bill directly at willshah@yahoo.com

New to Our Neighborhood

Dhivakar Janartanan and Sandhya Panch have moved into 8213 Hamilton Spring Court, along with their parents (Janarthanan, Jeyanthi and Usha Ramanathan.) You can reach them 202-629-4249 or at sandypanch@gmail.com.

Kathryn Alisbah and her daughter Lindsay (8) are moving down from New York City and renting the Flemings house at 7617 Edenwood Court. They can be reached on 917-864-1213 or by email to kalisbah@me.com.

Still getting settled into 8320 Fenway Road are Amanda Walker, Ashkan Malayeri and their daughter Soroja (7 months) and Gus the puppy (7 months). Here are their email addresses: a.june.walker@gmail.com and ashkan.malayeri@gmail.com

Nicole and Paul Tysvaer, with twins Bekett and Dahlia (6) and daughter Maya (11) have moved into 8047 Park Overlook Drive.

Cecile and David Holden are returning to Carderock after many years in Cleveland, and they will be renting Augusto and Norma's house at 8120 Hamilton Spring Road. Russ and Will have grown up and are thru school, except Will who in college in Philadelphia. Cecile can be reached on 216-401-9785 and cholden512@aol.com.

Welcome to all!!!

Mary Lou Shannon, Welcome 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.

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CSCA Monthly Board Meetings

No July Meeting

3rd Monday of the Month, 7:30 pm

The Citizens' Association Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at the Clubhouse beginning in August. The meetings are open to all community member to attend.

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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.

Wonderful housekeeper: My housekeeper, Jessika, is seeking additional work. She has a lovely personality, is dependable, honest and efficient. Has her own car and speaks English. Please call Cecile Myers 301-469-9174.

The Carder-Eco Column

Attract birds to your yard and garden: 10 Recommendations

(based on article appearing in Nature Conservancy magazine March 2015)

Lawn: reduce, mow less often, skip fertilizers and pesticides. Provide shrubs and trees, especially natives, and increase food resources. Thickets, brush piles, rocks and dead trees and logs provide cover and nesting sites

Cats: Keep cats indoors since free-ranging cats kill one in ten wild birds.

Windows: Collision with windows is a preventable threat to urban birds. Use etching, frosting, striping or decals that can reflect ultraviolet light.

Lights: Use light only when necessary, face outdoor lights downward rather than skyward, and avoid horizontal illumination

Provide nesting: Set up nesting boxes, leave dead trees or limbs, and supply food (urban birds prefer black oil sunflower and white proso millet seed) and clean water. Purchase a water heater for use in winter months, especially during freeze spells

Predators: Hawks and owls keep suburbia balanced, so use restraint with pesticides. Toxins to control insects and rodents can be deadly to small birds and mammals

Diversity: Promote natural variability in your landscape and use natives rather than a standard mix of nursery stock

Safety: Enable grasses and shrubs to fill medians and spaces along roads, and limit mowing during nesting season to provide a buffer and/or crossings for wildlife.

Planning: Encourage our planning authorities to include buffers, vegetated corridors, or series of small areas strung together to ensure functional connections

Conserve: nature in urban settings where we live, work and play since biodiversity is essential

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



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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.