

# CARDEROCK SPRINGS Community News

We are a community recognized by the **National Register of Historic Places** as a prime example of Situated Modernism, where houses complement and blend in with the natural landscape.

## Annual Carderock NEWCOMERS Reception by Zoom – Sunday, Oct 4 @ 7:00 pm

If you think the Carderock Citizens Association is going to let a mere global pandemic prevent us from welcoming Carderock's Newcomers Class of 2019 - 2020, then you don't know our neighborhood very well.

It's true that we usually host a big dinner at the Clubhouse, do family introductions, hold the legendary Carderock Neighborhood Trivia Contest, create a map to show where all the new folks live, learn about recycling and environmental opportunities, and give out goodie bags that for some reason often include LED bulbs and bottles of Riesling past their prime.

Circumstances being what they are, a lot of that can't happen this year. **But we'll hold a big ol' Newcomers Welcome Zoom call for both old-timers and newcomers, on Sunday, October 4 at 7 pm.** It'll include intros, information, special guests, and yet more Carderock Trivia.

All are invited to attend, whether you moved into the neighborhood three months ago or thirty years ago. It is a great way to introduce yourself to and learn more about your fellow Carderockians!

To join, please use the below Zoom link: <http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

If you've got audio issues in Zoom, then call in by phone, using one of the below numbers:

+13017158592,,3013656253# (Germantown)

+19292056099,,3013656253# (New York).

The meeting ID is 301 365 6253.

*Craig Stoltz  
Welcoming Chair*



### Community Calendar

**Sunday Oct 4, 7:00 pm**

**Welcome Newcomers Zoom**

<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

**Wednesday Oct 7, 7:30 pm**

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting at the club, socially-distanced

**Monday Oct 19, 7:30 pm**

CSCA Board Meeting via Zoom.

<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

# Carderock Weighs in on Beltway Expansion Plan

At least seven residents of the Carderock Springs community provided oral testimony to SHA on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) during one of the four virtual public hearings on the proposed Beltway expansion project held in August.

Comments were focused on several issues of concern to the community:

- Given the impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic and changed workplace requirements, there has been a marked reduction in traffic on the Beltway which in turn calls into question the initial assumptions that have driven the recommendations for the addition of two additional lanes in each direction. The financial projections underlying the P3 Project may also be fatally flawed as a result of reduced traffic demand and lower toll revenues.
- While the DEIS does indicate that the construction of noise barriers along both sides of the Beltway between Persimmon Tree Lane and Seven Locks Road are “reasonable and feasible” we have concerns about the size, location and design of the barriers and their impacts on the community. Tree loss is a particular concern given the

visual and noise reduction benefits they provide.

- The noise analysis in the DEIS does not indicate the need for noise barriers on the proposed “flyover ramp” exiting River Road which could dramatically increase noise to residences along Seven Locks Road.
- The maps accompanying the DEIS indicate that the Limits of Disturbance (LOD) for the planned construction will abut the property lines of many of the homes on Hamilton Spring Road and Stone Trail Drive, and given the need to construct noise barriers along those properties, the indicated LOD may be overly optimistic.
- The DEIS does not adequately take into account the adverse impacts on the Carderock Springs Historic District resulting from increased noise and loss of natural habitat.
- Further, the proximity of Carderock Springs Elementary School to the Beltway and potential adverse impacts of increased noise and air pollution on the school children has not been adequately addressed.
- The DEIS does not adequately address the potential adverse impacts during construction and on a long term basis affecting traffic on local roadways including River Road, Seven Locks Road and Persimmon Tree Road.

The Carderock Springs Citizens’ Association has been working with an environmental consulting firm, VHB, to prepare a written comment letter that will be submitted as part of the public record addressing these points. We will post this letter on our website when finalized.

For those who are interested, it is not too late to submit written testimony to the SHA on the proposed Beltway widening project. All comments must be received by November 9, 2020.

The DEIS (all 18,000 pages) can be accessed here: <https://495-270-p3.com/deis/> This website has a link to a form to provide comments. In addition, comments can be e-mailed to [MLS-NEPA-P3@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:MLS-NEPA-P3@mdot.maryland.gov) or sent by mail to the attention of Lisa Chopin, Director, I-495 & I-270 P3 Office, Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, I-495 & I-270 P3 Office, 707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop P-601, Baltimore, MD 21201.

*Jack Orrick  
CSCA Board President*



# Carderock Entry Signs Project



As you walk the streets of our historically recognized mid-century community established in 1962, you probably have noticed that our rich brown entrance signs, and signs to our clubhouse need rejuvenation---updating, better lighting, and restoration. Carderock resident Ken Hinga presented a very comprehensive evaluation of the state of these six (6) signs to the CSCA board on Monday, September 21. Three of these existing signs are for the Carderock Swim and Tennis Club. He also recommended placement of two additional NRHP (National Register of Historic Places) signs at the edge of our historic district: 1) at the top of Fenway, near 8612 Fenway, and 2) at Comanche and Stone Trail, near the path to the school playground. Since these signs would be in the right of way, neighbors would need to be contacted and county permits obtained.

Mr. Hinga recommends that we repaint, fill in cracks, level, prune, replace plantings, and dig post holes where needed for these signs. In addition, we should standardize newly designed stand alone structures, similar to the modern CS mailbox, to post signage for historic district designation. Currently, we have only one small, barely visible 13 by 14 plaque, with the lettering National Register of Historic Places at the intersection of Hamilton Spring and Lily Stone.



Ken Hinga will be getting estimates for the 4, possibly 5, new historic district signs from Rockville Woodworking Club. These signs would match the current rich brown background, white lettering but with new standardized font, and would be cut into the wood with a computer-driven CNC machine. To support this project,

the CSCA Board is seeking neighborhood volunteers with interests in carpentry, wood working, painting, designing, gardening, lighting, wiring, and other residents handy with tools to help restore these six signs. The Carderock community has many talented residents whose hobbies would make this signage project become a reality.

For more information on the signage project, please see Hinga's photos and analysis at <https://www.carderocksprings.net/about/newsletters-and-documents>

or contact the Carderock Springs Signage Committee via [SueEastman@aol.com](mailto:SueEastman@aol.com).

*Sue Eastman*

# The Carder-Eco Column

## News from the Environmental Committee

### NEIGHBORHOOD TRASH AND RECYCLING

With so many new Carderock Springs residents, it is time to review the Trash and Recycling instructions that are in accordance with our neighborhood covenants as well as with Montgomery County. Of course, at the present time there may be some changes due to COVID procedures.

For the sake of your neighbors and in order to adhere to the covenants that cover our homes (there are a few different sets but most of the requirements are the same), trash cans and bins, boxes, yard waste and in these days recycling containers should be stored during the week so that they remain out of sight when viewed from the road. They may not be placed in front of garages, along the side of the driveway or other areas where they may be visible. Personally, I would acknowledge that at times yard waste, often a seasonal burden, and especially if picked up in the front yard, does not have to be carted and hidden in that manner. However, concern for your neighbor and his/her view is essential.

In addition, covenants state that trash is to be put out curbside only on the day before pick up, and as late in the day as possible. Likewise, empties should be taken back out of view as soon as possible the next day. If you will be away, I would think a neighbor would be happy to help you so as not to see your empties for a few days or for the rest of the week.

Please be a good neighbor. Your waste is your waste, and nobody else should be obligated to view it at times other than those above.

### COUNTY RESOURCES ONLINE

On the county level, the best link for access to the Solid Waste Department is

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws> where you can request:

- [recycling bin for your house](#)
- [bulk trash collection](#)
- [scrap metal collection](#)
- [compost bin](#)

or you can

- [Look up your collection day and services](#)
- Find out [what goes into blue bins?](#)
- Find out when there might be free [Paper shredding events](#)
- [See more Recycling and Trash service details](#)
- [See Yard trim details for leaves, grass, and brush](#) (what, how, size, containers to use)

If you want to discard some particular item in an environmental and careful manner, Look up “I want to dispose of” and enter the name of the item

<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/De/pHowDoI/search.aspx>



## SHADY GROVE TRANSFER STATION

The Shady Grove Transfer Station also has stations for rigid plastics, books, clothing and shoes, metals, cooking oil and more. It is located near Shady Grove Rd and Rte 355 at:

16101 Frederick Road  
Derwood MD 20855.

The **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** drop-off at the Shady Grove Transfer Station has a manned area where employees go through your items that you place on the tables. Please look at the very long list of items that should never go into your trash or recycling

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=household-hazardous-waste&material\\_key=27](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=household-hazardous-waste&material_key=27)

Light bulbs:

[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=lights&material\\_key=29](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/DepHowDoI/material.aspx?tag=lights&material_key=29)

Paint Giveaway program:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/hw/>

## COUNTY 311 PHONE NUMBER

Contact the Department of Solid Waste website or call the county number at 311 for:

- [recycling bin](#)
- [pickup for broken recycling bin/ replacement](#)
- [bulk trash collection](#)
- [scrap metal recycling collection](#)
- [holiday collection schedule reminder](#)
- [compost bin pickup location list](#)
- [yard trim sticker](#)
- [brochure, poster, DVD, and more](#)
- [facility tour / field trip](#)
- [presentation for your group](#) (virtual)

Please note that I will collect from neighbors every 2-3 months the smaller types of hazardous waste (various light bulbs and all batteries) and take them to the transfer station. If I have room, I can also take carefully wrapped containers of toxic materials such as pesticides and herbicides. Please make an effort to separate the lithium batteries (these are identified and are also the larger button batteries) from alkalines and smaller button batteries because otherwise, it is up to me and to the attendant to sort through the collection there on the spot.

If you ever have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. It would be best to contact me offline, but should you do this on the chat, I will make an effort to share the response with the entire community. Changes occur frequently with market demand and while technology develops.

Diane Karlik  
CSCA Environmental Chair  
[cscaENV@gmail.com](mailto:cscaENV@gmail.com)



# Planning a renovation?

## ARC Approval and Architectural Salvage

If you're planning a renovation to your Carderock Springs home, there are two important things to know before you begin work: Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval for exterior modifications and architectural salvage for interior renovations.

### EXTERIOR: MODIFICATIONS CONSIDERED 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. 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, whether you are renovating, planning to renovate or interested in listening.

Due to the coronavirus, the ARC plans to meet in person – socially distanced – at the Club Oct 7 at 7:30 pm. If you are **PLANNING A RENOVATION**, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARC by email [cscaARC@gmail.com](mailto:cscaARC@gmail.com) for further instructions regarding your plans for review and approval. Applications can also be dropped off at 8009 Hamilton Spring Rd.

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. As the project becomes more defined, homeowners should return for another meeting to review construction drawings with specific elevations. Additionally the ARC may make recommendations and want to see amended drawings and details.

Specifics on the ARC submission process and the application form are on the CSCA website which also has a 20 page document of architectural guidelines that reflect the architectural standards the ARC looks for in exterior modifications, outdoor landscaping features and sheds. To contact the ARC, email [cscaARC@gmail.com](mailto:cscaARC@gmail.com).

### INTERIOR: ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE

If you are undertaking an **interior** renovation, consider offering **gently removed original elements** from your home **to the neighborhood** using the Carderock Springs CS-Chat@groups.io email group. Many neighbors wish to maintain the original interiors of their Carderock homes and would very much appreciate your doors, light fixtures, tile, countertops, cabinets, sinks, vanities, etc.

# Classified

## General Dentist Accepting New Patients!

Raised and currently residing in Carderock Springs! Attended Gonzaga College High School and University of Maryland. Also received DDS degree from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Fluent in Spanish and wants to serve the community where he was raised. Matias Cima, DDS. 202.686.9100, [drcima@cobbdentistry.net](mailto:drcima@cobbdentistry.net), 4400 Jennifer St NW #340, DC 20015.



## 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 240-204-2953.

## Private Soccer Lessons!



For kids ages 6-13 by Whitman senior and Carderock resident Christian Hill. He comes to your home with all equipment needed. Experienced as a junior soccer camp counselor, knows the ins and outs of the game; will improve technical skill on the ball as well as soccer IQ for your son or daughter. \$20 for ½ hour, \$35 for 1 hour. Social distancing will be observed. Text 202-802-4319.

## Carderock Men's Tennis Team Seeks More Players

Do you know that there is a Carderock men's tennis team? There is, and we are looking to add a little depth to our roster. We play in nominally a 4.0 league, so players range from a solid 3.5 and up. In general, the 4.5 and up players tend to play in the singles matches.



If you're in the range, think about joining the team. We have a non-mandatory practice on Sunday mornings, which is a good workout and a lot of fun. For the season, we play on Tuesday evenings and figure you'd play in about half of the matches (1 singles and 2 doubles).

Please reach out to me if you're interested. Thanks!

Darrell Tanno  
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### WANT TO ADVERTISE?

*Classified ads may be placed for \$10 for 1 newsletter issue or for all CSCA newsletters published each year for \$50 per year.*

*Please submit payment to CSCA, PO Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237.*

# The Pandemic



Who can believe that we are now 7 months into the journey of Covid-19. We mask, we social distance and we try to wash our hands every time we pass by a sink although we are rolling our eyes and feeling quarantine-fatigue.

Covid changes everything and we are all re-inventing how we live with home schooling, extended Work From Home, etc.

Now with the unprecedented confluence of a health crisis further compounded by the impending flu season, we have economic turmoil, structural social issues and a national election with its own massive uncertainty for both timing of results and also subsequent judicial actions. Wow.

So we all continue to appreciate the wonderful quotes on signs which line the streets of Carderock, offering calming and inspiring thoughts as we walk and bike to reduce mental stress.



Kindness is everything.  
We can do this.

Margie Orrick, Editor

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National Register of Historic Places

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, 2020.

Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs directory may be mailed to the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association at Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237. Our Association represents the Carderock Springs community and implements its land covenants.

## **Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board Members**

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