

CARDEROCK SPRINGS Community News

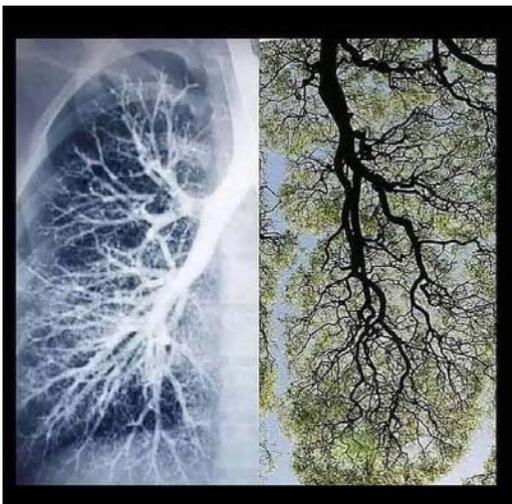
We are a community recognized by the **National Register of Historic Places** as a prime example of Situated Modernism, where houses complement and blend in with the natural landscape.

Tree Committee ISO New Members

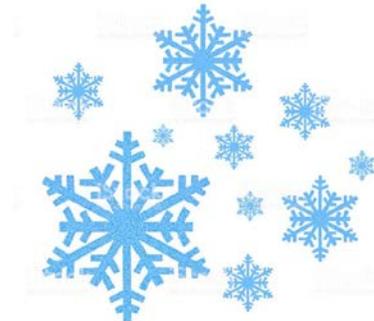
The CSCA Tree Committee is looking for 2 new volunteers to assist neighbors in covenant compliance and to share knowledge about Carderock's valuable and beautiful tree canopy. In past years the Tree Committee has made presentations at CSCA meetings, provided resources for planting new trees, and fielded general questions. Detailed knowledge of trees is not required – just a keen interest and willingness to learn. Time commitment is generally light depending on neighbor requests and other projects; having a 3-person team helps to share responsibility and time. This is a great chance to meet your neighbors and to learn more about our amazing trees! If you're interested please contact Nancy Everett (neeverett@comcast.net).

Thanks to Linda Stocker for serving for several years – we will miss her but know she'll be checking out the trees in her new neighborhood in Williamsburg. Thanks also to Lisa Deyo, a Tree Committee emeritus member, who helped out for several months when we were short-handed.

We love our trees in Carderock! How ironic that an x-ray of our lungs and a tree canopy photo are so similar?



Community Calendar



Wednesday Dec 2, 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday Jan 6, 7:30 pm

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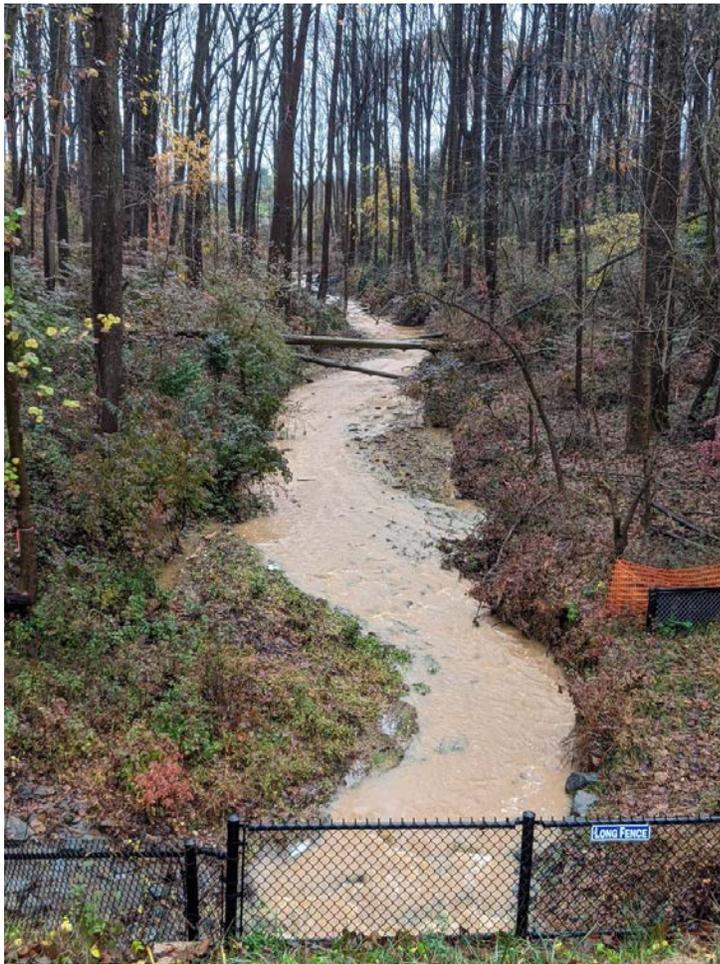
Monday Jan 18, 7:30 pm

CSCA Board Meeting via Zoom

<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

Congressional Country Club Sediment Run-Off

After a couple of recent rain storms this fall, neighbors had reported that the stream running from the Congressional Country Club (CCC) property under Fenway Road towards Cabin John Creek appeared to have a considerable amount of sediment run-off in it. The CSCA reported this to the County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) which is in charge of monitoring sediment control during the grading project on the CCC golf course. On November 6, I along with a couple of other neighbors, Lisa Deyo and Jennifer Hughes, met with Tom Weadon and Johnny Campos of the Montgomery County DPS to discuss this situation.



Messrs. Weadon and Campos indicated that the problem may have resulted from the volume of water flowing into the sediment traps exceeding the allowable limits of these traps. However, we were not able to access the property to visually inspect the traps nor to get any information on the status of the tree and native grass planting that the County had indicated would be planted along the buffer area of the stream bed. Further, Mr. Weadon indicated that the last remaining sediment control traps would be removed in December since the grading on the back nine holes of the CCC had been completed and sod had been laid down on the bare earth. At that time, DPS would no longer have any jurisdiction over the site.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are trying to get more information from the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission which is responsible for monitoring the forest

conservation plan, including the plantings in the stream buffer. That agency is also responsible for deploying a cash payment received from CCC to restore the stream bed above where it flows into Cabin John Creek and which has been severely eroded over the years.

Jack Orrick
CSCA President

Plan Ahead: Homeowner Tax Credit

During these Covid times as we all stay home and telecommute, we may all be noticing the maintenance demands of our 58 year old mid-century houses. Since we live in a National Register of Historic Places designated community, residents can take advantage of a homeowner 20% state income tax credit. Please note that all eligible maintenance projects must be pre-approved by the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) with photo documentation, costs estimates, and a COMPLETE application *before* a subcontractor begins actual repair.

Many residents have submitted applications for roof replacements, chimney flues replacement, improved insulated windows, exterior painting and more eligible expenses.

The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify. An example of the savings: spend \$10,000 on qualified expenses and receive a \$2,000 tax credit.

MHT staff continue to review all submissions for the Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program as they are received. With the challenges of telework and staff vacancies, the Tax Credit review periods are currently running between 60 and 85 days and are likely to increase. Staff are best reached by email: megan.klem@maryland.gov

More information is at https://mht.maryland.gov/documents/PDF/taxcredits/Homeowner_FactSheet.pdf

Sue Eastman

Deer Hunting

Hunting via archery is in fact continuing in Cabin John Stream Valley Park this season. The time frame is the same as last year (early Sept through January) and hunters have removed 9 deer so far. You can always find a listing of parks and management information at www.parksdeermanagement.org or www.montgomeryparks.org

With many residents working from home, be especially aware at dawn and dusk that hunting may be occurring in our local woods and paths in back of the swim and tennis club. Again, these are bow hunters—archers.

Sue Eastman

Carder-Eco, part 1

Neighborhood enviro events such as shredding have been sharply curtailed. During Covid-19, options include:

Paper shredding:
Cleancutshredding.com in Rockville has free shredding if you bring your paper documents there. Monday through Friday, 7-2.

Batteries: Please remember that ALL batteries are now considered toxic waste. Therefore, do **not** put the alkalines into your trash.

In the meantime, Mom's Organic Market in Rockville always provides the following recycling in their store: cell phones and tablets, batteries, food waste for compost, eye glasses, shoes, oyster shells.

Diane Karlik

Carder-Eco, part 2

News from the Environmental Committee

Fall is one of the best times to improve your lawn, trees, shrubs, and garden. The information below is from <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/>

Mulch Your Trees

Now is the time to add a layer of mulch around your trees. In the winter, mulch insulates the roots and provides nutrients. It helps the soil retain moisture, too.

Mulch should not touch your tree. Apply mulch to a ring around the tree trunk.

Remember the **Rule of 3**:

- The mulch ring should extend **3 feet** out from the trunk
- The mulch should start **3 inches** from the trunk so that no mulch touches the tree; and
- The mulch should be **3 inches deep** (but not more).

Pro-tip! Have lots of leaves? Use them as a great mulch around your trees and across your garden beds.

Start Organic Lawn Care

A beautiful lawn next spring starts with simple actions you can take this fall.

Replace your “weed and feed” chemicals with grass seed. Fall is the perfect time to restore bare patches of lawn with seed—do this every year to fill in your lawn, because a strong carpet of grass will keep weed seeds from germinating

Three ways to prep your lawn for winter.

- Aerate the soil (add small holes) to allow water and nutrients to penetrate.
- Add compost.
- Add fresh grass seed. Keep watered until establishment.

Recycle Excess Yard Trim

What to do with leaves and other yard trim?

Mulch it in the yard. Pile excess leaves as mulch across garden beds, or in a back corner of your yard. Lots of pollinators will overwinter on the leaves, too, so you are doing nature a favor. If there are still more leaves than can be mulched, run your lawn mower across extra leaves to chop them into small bits, and let them feed your lawn.

Compost It. Recycle leaves, grass clippings, and garden prunings into a nutrient-rich soil amendment: it’s “black gold” or compost.

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection provides compost bins at no additional charge to residents of the County. Simply add leaves, grass clippings, and garden prunings into the compost bin and let nature do its thing.

Recycle Yard Trim Properly. Place your yard trim out for weekly curbside recycling collection year-round in **paper** yard trim **bags**, in reusable containers labeled with a yard trim sticker, or bundle with twine. Please note, yard trim *cannot* be placed in *plastic* bags. Call 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311 or see montgomerycountymd.gov/yardtrim

Diane Karlik

Welcome

In October we welcomed to the Carderock neighborhood 14 families who had moved in during the past year. We met newcomers virtually via Zoom and played a trivia game. Thanks to Craig Stoltz for organizing it! Next year we hope to return to welcoming new families in person at a Welcome celebration at the club.

Farewell

Carderock sends sincere condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently passed.

Asuman Ozer passed away in late September at age 93. She was a perpetual supporter of the CSCA and the Carderock community. Her husband Dr. Ozer preceeded her in passing and they had no children.

Tom Kellermann gently left this Earth in late October after a long battle with cancer. A local Bethesda resident from age 5, Tom attended Bethesda Elementary and BCC. After the army he joined the Foreign Service with assignments in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Guatemala and Peru, among other countries. Tom and Theres have lived in Carderock for almost 40 years, raising their sons and daughters, cheering them at swim meets, enjoying wonderful walks and bike rides. He loved Shrimp and Cheese Fondue and was an obsessed Marathon Runner and Golfer. Tom was devoted to his family, his faith and a life of public service with an unforgettable smile and sense of fun. His legacy will continue through his children and beloved grandson Ed who is pursuing International Law. A Celebration of Life will be held once Covid is over. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum where Tom spent hours researching his Jewish family history.

More Daffodils

Thanks to Anne Carlson who has planted more daffodils in the neighborhood along the portion of Fenway Road that was washed out a year ago, at the intersection of Lilly Stone Drive and Seven Locks Road and at the intersection of Lilly Stone Drive and Persimmon Tree Ln.



These flowers will complement the daffodils planted a couple of years ago around Carderock Springs to honor Mary Lou Shannon. Anne also plans to plant daffodils in South Carderock after the replacement of the entrance sign that was recently destroyed. Way to go Anne!

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 – either inside or outside at the Club Dec 2 and Jan 6. If you are PLANNING A RENOVATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARC by email cscARC@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 cscARC@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
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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, 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.

ADVERTISE: \$10 for 1 issue or \$50 for 1 year in all CSCA newsletters Submit payment to CSCA, PO Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237.

Car Wash

Need your car/s washed? I live in the neighborhood and can come to your house and do the job. All I would need is the use of a hose and a place to plug my vacuum cleaner. I charge \$10 for full washes (interior and exterior) for the first car and \$5 for any additional car.



If you are interested, please contact me, Manuel Schmukler (13 years old), at (202)981-8635.

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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Residential Architect

Sandy Silverman, FAIA is an award-winning architect available for architectural design consulting services for renovations and additions. Over 40 years design experience including several additions in Carderock. Careful well-crafted plans, design through 3-D massing, incorporating materials and textures that respond and respect the context. Sensitive to achieving quality design without compromising cost. Schedule an initial free design consult.

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The Pandemic



We all look forward to a time when Covid-19 is history and we don't have so much uncertainty. We just don't know when that will be, but have faith that it will happen.

Meanwhile turn the Covid lemon into lemonade and reinvent your daily life. Treasure time with family members, either in person or virtually. Get enough sleep and exercise. Give your kids an extra hug and put yourself in their shoes.

Be resilient. We can do this.

Margie Orrick, Editor

Carderock Leaves: Either Bag or Compost/Mulch

A reminder that MoCo does not pick up loose leaves piled next to Carderock streets.
(Exception: MoCo *does* vacuum leaves up in *South* Carderock).

Your choices are to either bag leaves for MoCo removal or to compost/mulch them in your yard.



Bag at Street



Compost in Yard



Pile at Street



CARDEROCK SPRINGS
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.

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