

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.

"Carderock Village" Zoom Meeting: A Great Beginning!

About 25 neighbors of all ages met on March 3 to talk about their ideas on what a "Carderock Village" of intergenerational support might look like. We heard about some local villages and people had ideas on what they want to create in Carderock.

There was a lot of energy and wonderful ideas. Our community already has so many advantages such as a community clubhouse, a listserv like the CS-Chat, and an ethic of residents helping one another. With this background, our village can build upon these strengths. There was unanimity about how we want our village to be intergenerational and represent families with young children through older adults.

The intention is to be an open group that anyone can join anytime. The leadership is developing and intends to be representational. We welcome all your ideas.

One future project will be to create a needs assessment for all. We will be scheduling another zoom meeting. Bring your energy to the next meeting! Stay tuned and read the chat or this newsletter.

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Community Calendar

Each Sunday, 12:30 pm

Pickleball demonstration at the Club. Bring your PB racket if you have one. Weather permitting. Questions? Contact Darrell Tanno.

Saturday Mar 19, 9 am

CSCA Event: Cooking Class with Rhonda's Bakery via Zoom, get link from cscaEvent@gmail.com

Monday Mar 21, 7:30 pm

Monthly CSCA Board Meeting via Zoom <http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

Wednesday April 6, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting via zoom. Contact cscaARC@gmail.com

Sunday (tentative) May 1, 7 pm

CSCA Annual Election meeting via Zoom <http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>



Seniors: Independent Living Tax Credit

The state of Maryland strongly promotes the concept of aging in place and even provides an independent living tax credit up to \$5,000 for those renovating a home to be more accessible.

Some of the eligible items include:

- chairlifts and elevators
- lever handles for doors
- no step entrance
- grab bars
- handrails
- roll-in shower/tub
- railings
- slip resistant floors
- maneuvering spaces in bathrooms and kitchens.



The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development administers a tax credit for Maryland residents who have renovated a home to be more accessible. The resource <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/ILTC/default.aspx> further states, “The tax credit may be up to 50% of the cost of the renovation up to \$5,000, whether it’s your own home, the home of a family member, or a rental property. To claim this credit, the renovations must have taken place during the prior tax year, and you must demonstrate the costs incurred with receipts, invoices, before and after pictures, etc. Any approved accessibility features will be considered in the calculation for the tax credit amount.”

For more helpful information about intergenerational villages, join our local movement and attend our future zoom meetings.

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Update on Beltway Widening

On February 3, 2022, CSCA submitted comments on the Second Draft of the Programmatic Agreement regarding the I-495/I-270 Managed Lanes Study to Cultural Resources, MDOT. The CSCA letter

<https://www.carderocksprings.net/about/newsletters-and-documents> disagrees with SHA’s

determination that the currently planned Beltway expansion will not adversely affect the Carderock Springs Historic District, especially due to an expected loss of mature trees and landscape buffer. Trees and natural landscape are one of the character-defining features of the Carderock Springs Historic District. Consequently, CSCA requested that SHA conducts a tree survey.

CSCA also requested that the design of the planned sound barrier would be context sensitive to a situated modernism community. Since the Section 106 materials prepared by SHA didn’t clearly show a new location of the flyover ramps, CSCA requested that the suggested location be provided to CSCA to make a determination of the potential impact on our community. CSCA further requested to be a part of the Beltway design review process and suggested an increased frequency of related meetings to be able to provide a timely input to a Beltway expansion design.

On February 16, 2022, MoCo Circuit Court Judge Maloney ruled against MDOT in a toll lanes lawsuit filed by the Spanish firm Cintra. The judge ordered the state to reconsider its decision to award the contract to Transurban. This ruling may potentially impact a timeline of the project. Originally, the Board of Public Works was scheduled to decide on moving forward with the I-495/I-270 expansion at the end of 2022.

Petra Jacobs

New Board Members Sought for CS Citizens' Association, Spring 2022

Interested in helping to serve the community? Have a great idea for ways that you can help the CSCA to better achieve its mission? A number of the current board members have served for an extended period of time, are looking to cycle off and are willing to help train new board members. Our annual election will be held this spring. If you're interested and available, contact any member of the nominating committee: Tom Deyo, Sue Eastman, or Karen Ringo.

Farewell

Carderock sends condolences to the family of Nancy Pinto, a former South Carderock resident, who has passed after a long illness. With a PhD in Anthropology, Nancy was imbued with an acute sense of what truly mattered in life. Her priorities were keenly etched along the lines of love, kindness, compassion, and sharing with the less fortunate. She was a beautiful, sophisticated, and elegant woman with a lighthearted sense of humor and an artistic sense, with passions for classical music, opera, reading, and gardening.

Carderock sends condolences to the family of Celia Cantor, a long-time avid tennis player and lap swimmer at the Club. Celia was also an accomplished opera singer, among other pursuits. She was a devoted patron of the arts and a beloved grandmother to her three grandkids. Celia is remembered for her smile, her warmth, her energy, and her enviable culinary skills. We should all aspire to leave this world as Celia did, declaring that she did everything she ever wanted to do in life and had not a single regret.

Tree Committee Needs Volunteers

Do you like walking through Carderock and admiring our stately trees? Do you want to learn more about the environmental benefits which Carderock's trees provide? Do you like meeting your neighbors?

If so, the Tree Committee is looking for a few additional volunteers to respond to tree requests from the neighborhood. We guide neighbors through Carderock's Tree Guidelines, offer advice and alternatives, and deliver signs when tree removal is approved, as well as suggesting new trees to replace those removed. Prior knowledge is welcome but not required – we will train you. Please contact Nancy Everett at cscatree@gmail.com.

We are also missing several of our large green tree removal signs! These are expensive and we don't want to order more – if you've had tree work done in the last year, please check the back of your garage or yard to see if you have one and we'll gladly remove it!



Nancy Everett
CSCA Tree Committee Chair

Welcome

Welcome to Valentina Nahon and Miguel Alfredo Ramos who have moved into 7013 Endicott Ct.

Welcome again to Stephanie and Robert Benedetti who have moved all the way from Carderock Drive to 8424 Magruder Mill Ct.

CSCA Virtual Events This Spring

COOKING CLASS WITH RHONDA'S BAKERY 3/19

On Saturday, March 19th at 9 a.m. learn more about Rhonda and baking techniques as she invites you into her kitchen via zoom to create crepes with pear compote. RSVP to Kimberly Young at cscaevent@gmail.com for the zoom link and ingredient list.

Rhonda McLaughlin (email Rhonda@RhondasBakery.com, Instagram Rhondas.Bakery) is a home chef and has recently started a bakery out of her Carderock home, hand-delivering fresh all-natural and organic treats twice a month to folks within the Carderock Springs neighborhood. Her ultimate goal is to have her own storefront bakery somewhere in the area but for now she anticipates having a different offering each month while possibly mixing in special holiday-themed treats. Rhonda started with her famous lemon-drizzled cherry scones which were a comforting sweetness while our nation and world has so much conflict. Her March offering has a St. Patrick's Day spin to it.



WINE AND CHEESE PAIRING WITH ARROW WINE & CHEESE SHOP

Arrow Wine & Cheese Shop will take us through a global journey pairing hand-selected wines with artisanal cheese. Pricing will include wine, cheese and presentation. While this will be a paid event, a portion of the fee will benefit the Carderock Springs Elementary School Educational Foundation. No need for a babysitter or designated driver because you'll already be home! Date, fees and additional information TBD.

Other potential ideas for neighborhood events include classes/events for mixology, arts and crafts, gardening, or wellness.



Contact Kimberly Young if you have additional ideas and/or contacts.

Kimberly Young
Event Committee Chair
CSCAevent@gmail.com

Fairy Houses

With Spring weather soon on our doorstep, our wonderful woods have a fair number of fairy houses hidden in plain sight. Be observant as you walk around Carderock!



The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

BATTERY COLLECTION

The next collection is April 23-30. Save your old batteries and during that week place them in the labeled bins at 7705 Hamilton Spring Road.

MONTHLY QUIZ

See next page for answers.

- What is the number on plastics that indicates that it should go into the trash instead of the recycling bin?
- Can plastic bags go into the recycling bin?
- Can I leave yard waste in piles along the right of way so they will be picked up?

INTERESTING RESOURCES

As we contemplate the arrival of Spring, consider:

- Invasive Plants:

https://www.treehugger.com/invasive-what-not-plant-garden-5218582?utm_campaign=treehugger&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cn_nl&utm_content=26766768&utm_term=

- Native Plants:

<https://www.treehugger.com/native-plants-for-your-garden-5179904>

- Green Eco Decor Awards:

These annual awards give each of us ideas on how we can decorate or renovate using sustainable materials. Categories include Flooring, Bath, Tableware, Furniture, Lighting and Walls/Windows.

<https://www.treehugger.com/best-of-green-awards-2021-eco-decor-5202126>



Diane Karlik
CSCA Environmental Chair

Shop Very Local



There are business gems galore in our community owned by neighbors living right in Carderock Springs. The CSCA has a new page on our website <https://www.carderocksprings.net/carderock-community-events/shop-very-local> or here <https://Bit.ly/svlocal> which offers links to these businesses for residents who would like to Shop Very Local. The CSCA does not endorse these businesses but is merely linking to them to build community.

If you live in Carderock, own a business or provide a service, and would like your business to be listed for free and linked from the CSCA website to your website, please complete this form: <https://Bit.ly/businessInCarderock>

Criteria to be listed: These business owners/entrepreneurs have home addresses in Carderock Springs and have paid their annual \$50 CSCA membership dues.

Some other methods to promote any business, whether the owner lives in Carderock or not:

- Advertise in the Classifieds section of this monthly CSCA newsletter for a nominal fee.
- Advertise in the CSCA printed biennial neighborhood directory for a larger fee. The next directory may be printed in 2024.
- Residents, usually minors, offering **babysitting, pet care, lawn care or snow removal** are listed for free in both the online and print CSCA neighborhood directory. Online updates in the directory can be made at any time.
- Recommendations from neighbors for any contractor/service are updated periodically in a pdf file Contractor and Services Recommendations on the CSCA website: <https://www.carderocksprings.net/improving-your-home>

Planning a renovation? ARC Approval

As required by the covenants recorded against each lot in Carderock Springs, any *exterior* (but not *interior*) modification or additions to the structure 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:

- Additions
- Fencing and Sheds
- Exterior color schemes

The ARC meets monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to all residents, whether you are renovating, planning to renovate or interested in listening. When your building project is approved by the ARC, then you will receive an approval sign to post in your yard.



The ARC meets via ZOOM so 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 and to get the zoom link. Applications can also be dropped off at 8009 Hamilton Spring Road.

Further ARC information is on the website www.carderocksprings.net including a 20 page guidelines document that reflects the architectural standards the ARC looks for in exterior modifications.



ANSWERS to the previous page's CarderECO QUIZ:

- Number 6 goes into the trash. Plastics with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 go into the recycling bin.
- No. Clean plastic bags go in a container at the grocery store, not in your blue recycling bin at home.
- No. Loose piles of leaves or other yard waste placed by the street will not be picked up. Instead of piles, use paper bags, twine or labelled bins.
 - Special paper bags are available at groceries, home stores and garden centers.
 - Or bundle with twine in bundles not to exceed 45 pounds/30 inches in diameter and each branch/limb cannot exceed 4 feet in length/4 inches in diameter.
 - Or you can use a reusable container/old trash bin if it has a Yard Trim label to identify the can's contents. Free MoCo Yard Trim stickers are available: <https://bit.ly/yardSticker> or here https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/itemdetail.aspx?item_id=303&subcatalog=35



MoCo's yard waste pickup is the same day of the week as trash and recycling pickup. Not accepted are root balls, tree stumps, dirt/soil/rocks, lumber.



Classified

Interior Design



Carderock's Lari Bittman offers decorating, design and project management

services through her business, Perennial Design Co. Lari's key objective on every interior design project is to make the client know their space is a unique design inspired by their lifestyle. Lari has been within the interior design industry for the last 6 years and has extensive knowledge in hard and soft finishes. She is currently working on getting her Masters of Interior Design from Marymount University and is available for various interior design work. Contact Lari for any questions you may have. Email hello@perennialdesignco.com, web <https://perennialdesignco.com/>, 202-510-1463, follow her on Instagram: perennialdesigndc

Plumbing



The Drain Guys is a plumbing company owned by Taylor

Lovett, a resident of the Carderock community. We specialize in drain cleaning, water heaters, leaks, water lines, and more. All of our employees are vaccinated and wear masks. If you have any plumbing needs, please call 240-885-9264 or visit dmvdrainguys.com. We provide free estimates and consultations.

Chimney



Did you know old chimneys are at risk of leaking poisonous gases into your house? Blackburn Chimney, owned by Taylor Lovett, a resident of the Carderock community, specializes in chimney cleaning, repairs, and inspections. Make sure your chimney is safe and in good condition. Give us a call today at 301-965-1341 or visit blackburnchimney.com. All our employees are vaccinated and wear masks.

Realtor



Looking to sell your home? Stephanie Lovett, a Carderock

resident with her husband and two dogs, is a professional Realtor available to sell your house or buy another one. With her extensive experience, Stephanie can walk you through the buying and selling process ensuring you have a smooth transaction and get the best deal possible. Call or text Stephanie today at 301 538 5524. www.coakleyrealty.com 301 340 8700.

Advertise in this NEWSLETTER:

\$10 for 1 issue or \$55 for 1 year in all CSCA newsletters. Submit payment via Venmo (friend @CarderockSpringsCA), Paypal (paypal.me/Carderock) or snail mail to CSCA, PO Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237.

Dentist



"Oral Health is the Key to Whole Body Health"

Natural Dentist Associates provides family dentistry that combines the use of traditional practices coupled with natural and holistic methods to provide our patients with a personalized treatment plan tailored to meet their whole-body health needs. We believe that teeth are an integral part of your body and overall health. Our highly skilled dental team is well-equipped to provide a wide variety of dental services in our state-of-the-art facility located in North Bethesda, MD. Services include fillings and crowns, amalgam filling removal, airway dentistry, sleep apnea, TMJ treatment, ozone therapy, dental implants, zirconia implants, orthodontics and invisalign, sedation dentistry, pediatric dentistry and dental materials testing.

Dr. Kimberly Baer, Dr. Jennifer Tipograph, Dr. Ashley Brown. <https://NaturalDentistAssociates.com> 5809 Nicholson Lane T123, North Bethesda, MD 20852 Phone: 301 900 5199

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.

Time to Pay Annual CSCA Dues

Notices for the annual \$50 dues for CSCA membership have now been sent by e-mail or mail to all Carderock residents. Please help us by paying your dues promptly. See mid-page below for three ways to pay your dues.

Your dues fund CSCA's important work supporting the quality of life in our community, including managing our critical home improvement and tree protection review programs, representing Carderock to official organizations, undertaking beautification projects, hosting a variety of social events, operating our website, and producing our newsletter and directory.

*Note that the CSCA (the CS neighborhood Citizens' Association)
is not the CSSC (the CS Swim and Tennis Club) with pools and courts.
Membership in one does not include membership in the other.*

Jack Orrick, CSCA President



CARDEROCK SPRINGS
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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 annual dues of \$50 for a membership year ending December 31, 2022.

Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs directory may be made online (preferred) or mailed:

- Paypal (www.paypal.me/carderock and in the memo write your snail mail address),
- Venmo (friend @CarderockSpringsCA and in the comment "What's it for" include your address), or
- 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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