

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.

Home Tree Care 101 Class

Saturday June 4, 10 am to noon

Join other neighbors for a Home Tree Care 101 class! This is an outdoor class presented by Conservation Montgomery.

An arborist will visit our community to walk around, do tree assessments and conduct hands-on demonstrations of tree pruning. We'll talk about a variety of ways to keep trees healthy on home lots. The class is tailored to address the questions that homeowners have about trees on their property. Come out to listen, walk around with neighbors and learn.

There is a small fee of \$25 per person. On June 4 bring a check payable to Conservation Montgomery. Their vision is a connection between the health of our natural landscape and our collective quality of life. Conservation Montgomery envisions an environmentally literate citizenry and elected officials who act to protect natural resources.

Please RSVP to Lisa Deyo
lisawilcoxdeyo@gmail.com or 202-297-1114



Community Calendar

Friday May 20, 7:30 pm

CSCA Event: *Wine and Cheese pairing, California vs Virginia.* Zoom & IN PERSON, Contact cscae@gmail.com

Saturday May 28, 10:30 am

Pool opens for the season!
<https://CarderockClub.org>

Wednesday June 1, 7:30 pm

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

Saturday June 4, 10am - noon

Tree Class with Conservation Montgomery. cscaTREE@gmail.com

Re-scheduled due to weather; now is

Sunday June 12, 5:00 pm – 9:30

pm Park Overlook Dr Block Party/Movie Night. All Carderock Residents invited.

Monday June 20, 7:30 pm

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



Home Tree Care 101



Conservation Montgomery

SHA's April Presentation on Beltway Widening

CSCA hosted a Zoom call April 28 with representatives of the State Highway Administration and Accelerate Maryland Partners, the private concessionaire hired to conduct pre-development planning for the public-private project.

The slides that the SHA presented at the meeting can be found at <https://www.carderocksprings.net/about/newsletters-and-documents>. At the same location you can read comment letters that the CSCA has sent to the SHA on the project.

The slides are largely a sales pitch for the project, but if you go to Slide Nos. 37-44 you will see more about the impacts on our community.

Perhaps the most important and fortunate development is that Accelerate Maryland Partners has **moved the flyover ramps** that were previously indicated to be adjacent to parts of Carderock Springs and Carderock South to now connecting directly to the River Road interchange. It now appears that there will be direct ramps leading **from and to the bridge over the Beltway at River Road** to provide access and egress from the two inner lanes which will be the express toll lanes. We expect that this development should greatly reduce the adverse visual and noise impacts on our community, which had been a concern we had expressed in our comment letters to the SHA on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft Programmatic Agreement.

Other SHA responses to questions that were of interest were

- impacts on traffic on River Road – SHA believes that there will be very little impact (see slide 44);
- location, design and height of the noise barriers – SHA indicated that the predesign of these barriers has them starting at the Persimmon Road interchange by Carderock Springs Elementary School and running almost all the way to River Road at 23 feet high, but the exact design will not be available until the final design phase which will not occur until the Board of Public Works approves the project;
- plans for removal of trees and reforestation along the right of way following the construction of the noise barriers – SHA would only say that they are legally required to provide reforestation, but no details on where or what quantity of replacement trees; and the plans for handling drainage and
- stormwater runoff from the Beltway – SHA would only say that this was also required by law, but no details were now available.

The timetable for the project is to adopt the final Environmental Impact Statement by May or June, adopt the Record of Decision by July and the Board of Public Works approval by fall 2022 (slides 18/45). The construction timeline for the entire Phase 1 South, including rebuilding the American Legion Bridge and widening the Beltway from the bridge to the I-270 spur and Route I-270 to the Intercounty Connector by two lanes, will take about 5 -6 years once designs have been finalized.

If you have any questions regarding the project, you can send your questions to Cathy Smith, Ops Lane Community Liaison, Cathy.GinterSmith@wsp.com

Jack Orrick
CSCA Board President

TREE TIPS

BLOOMING IN MAY



Native Black Cherry tree

The native dogwoods and redbuds have put on an incredible show in Carderock for the last month. The cool weather extended the lovely white and purple blooms in yards and in our wooded areas. For May, look for the long, wavy, and scented white flowers of the native black cherry, and the white blooms of the less common Washington Hawthorn.



Native Washington Hawthorn tree

ENGLISH IVY



Thanks to the residents who took the time to cut the English ivy that has been strangling our neighborhood trees. If you're walking in Carderock, you can already see ivy up in the trees that is beginning to wither, and it will turn brown and fall down eventually. For those who haven't checked yet, please do take a look at your trees, especially those in wooded areas, and carefully cut any English ivy at the base, removing a small chunk of stem to prevent re-growth.

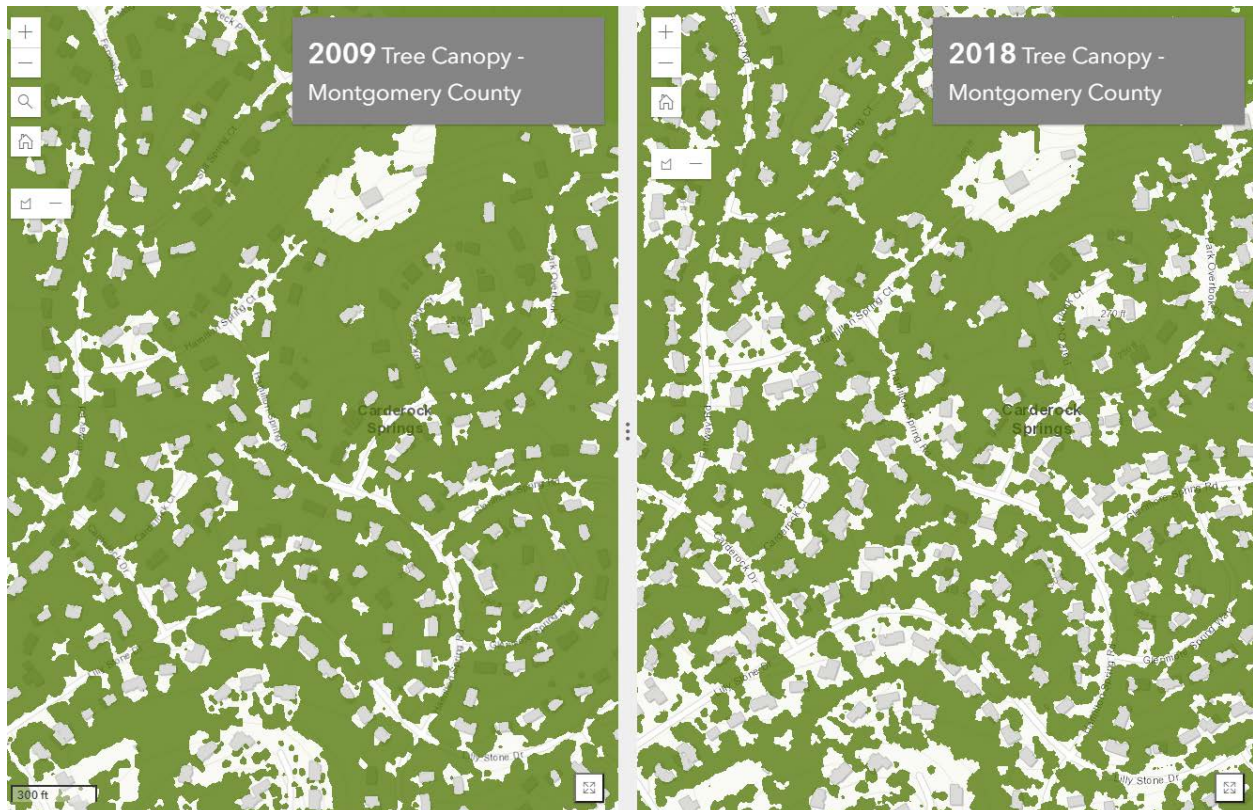
Cut the base of English ivy before it strangles your trees

(Tree Tips, continued)

SAVE OUR TREE CANOPY

Montgomery County including Cardeock Springs has lost tree canopy in the past few decades, as shown in aerial views comparing 2009 and 2018. The area in this image below includes Lily Stone Drive, Fenway Rd, Still Spring, Hamilton Spring and the Glenmores. CS lost about 9% of its tree canopy between 2009 and 2018. In October 2021, the CSCA Newsletter published an aerial map showing the stormwater runoff flooding zones in Carderock. As Carderock Springs learned from its Rainscape Neighborhood Program, healthy or sound tree root systems do decrease stormwater runoff and erosion, especially from uphill terrain to downhill areas.

Help save our tree canopy. See links below to request a free tree.



2009 Carderock Springs Tree Canopy

2018 Carderock Springs Tree Canopy

MoCo Tree Canopy Calculator: on MCPlanning's <https://bit.ly/csTreeCanopy>, tap or swipe to insert your address to see tree canopy loss.

For replacing trees in your right of way, you can get free street trees from the county:
<https://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/SolutionView.aspx?SolutionId=1-EBMIV>

For your private property, you can request a free tree:
<https://treemontgomery.org/request-a-tree/>

*Nancy E. Everett, Sue Eastman and Gary Ratner
CSCA Tree Committee*

INTER-GENERATIONAL VILLAGE UPDATE



- **Carderock Springs Village Exploratory Group meets with Wyngate and Bannockburn Village via Zoom;**
- **Share your “Village Vision” May 14 at the Park Overlook Block Party!**

The Carderock Springs Village Exploration Group (VEG) has been actively reaching out to established Villages in Montgomery County to learn more about the process of becoming a formal “Village.”

Curious to learn more about what we’re doing? Drop by the VEG table at the Park Overlook Block Party on Saturday, May 14, to share your own ideas about services and activities that you’d like to see in a Carderock Village!

Wyngate Neighbors Helping Neighbors

On Wednesday April 27, the Village Exploratory Group (VEG) invited Wyngate Neighbors Helping Neighbors Village representative, George Smith to a zoom meeting to discuss the formation of the Wyngate Village. For more info on the Wyngate village:

<https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/731244/>

As a grassroots organization in 2013, it took Wyngate two years to sort out needs and wants of their catchment area of 2300 homes, including Maplewood. Basically, they are all unpaid

volunteers, intergenerational, with 15% older than 65. The Wyngate Village incorporated to become a 501c3 organization with a board (federal and state regulations), and is independent of its Citizen Association for liability reasons. Funds were procured from their local Citizens Association and a grant from Suburban Hospital to pay for incorporation fees and insurance.

Bannockburn Neighbors Assisting Neighbors

On May 4, VEG met with JoAnne Krecke of Bannockburn’s Neighbors Assisting Neighbors (NAN) (<https://bannockburncommunity.org/bannockburn-neighbors-assisting-neighbors-nan/>).

Bannockburn Village was founded on the principle of cooperation at all levels and ages. Like Wyngate, Bannockburn is also all-volunteer and a 501c3 organization. However, Bannockburn’s Village is recruiting younger members for its leadership as several elder members have died or moved away in the last 5 years.

Services and Structure

Each Village primarily offers two levels of services to its members: 1) assistance with tasks that do not require a license and 2) one-time events and recurring events. No membership dues are required for such benefits. Assistance in both Villages includes rides to medical appointments, food deliveries, and weather emergencies, handled by a tree phone line created by using the free Google voice. Both Villages offer recurring events, such as book groups, gardening club, and discussion groups.

Wyngate’s events are communicated and organized on a free platform called Lots of Helping Hands. Additionally, 2300 brochures

(Village Exploratory Group, continued)

and printed media reach Wyngate members not online.

JoAnne Krecke of Bannockburn mentioned that one of the most popular services was household visits from MCFR to inspect smoke alarms. Free rides for medical appointments and local visits (excluding airport excursions) were provided by the Jewish Council and Montgomery County funds. Bannockburn created Block Captains for each street to become familiar with the neighbors, learning who was without transportation or who was alone during the holidays. Bannockburn also has a club house, surrounded by beautiful grounds, and its two meeting rooms are on the entrance floor, therefore no stairs and very accessible to those with physical challenges.

After becoming a Village, Wyngate formed a Steering Committee of 15 members, which involved fewer meetings over time. Bannockburn also meets less frequently but mostly due to the impact of Covid.

Unlike Bannockburn, Wyngate Neighbors Helping Neighbors Village does not have a local meeting place; they rent space from a local school or the nearby YMCA, and collect donations at the door for the event. Fortunately, Carderock has our beautiful club house to host such events, along with the CS-Chat listserv and an active CS Citizens' Association.

Since Carderock already shares many of the same features as these two neighboring Villages, it will make the goal of becoming a Village similar to Wyngate and Bannockburn an easier transition, but with services and events even more closely tailored to the specific needs of our community should we ultimately decide to move from being a village to a Village.

For more statistical data on Villages in Montgomery County, use this link:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Resources/Files/A%26D%20Docs/Villages/2018%20%20annual%20report.pdf>

*Susan Eastman and Carolyn Finney
Village Exploratory Group of Carderock Springs*

BLOCK PARTIES IN CARDEROCK

The Stone Trail Drivers (STD's) had a fun block party in April and now Park Overlook Drive is hosting a block party/movie night on May 14.



Between 8002 and 8032

Park Overlook Dr

**Saturday May 14, 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm
(movie starts 7:50 pm)**

Wow: Food trucks, DJ, bouncy house, face painting, table games (cards, dominoes), other games (Connect Four, Jenga, Cornhole)!

All Carderock residents are invited, young and old. Golf Cart transportation service provided! Many thanks to event coordinators Kellie Bengtson kelliebengtson@gmail.com and Karen Ringo karen.ringo@compass.com

Congrats to Incoming CSCA Board Members

At the CSCA Annual Election meeting on May 1, the following were elected as new members of the CSCA board:

Meaghan Curry

Maja Husar

Ashkan Malayeri

Many thanks to Meaghan, Maja and Ashkan for raising your hand and continuing to be involved in your community!

Also profuse thanks to departing board members **Tom Deyo, Petra Jacobs and Gary Ratner**. Tom was instrumental in the CSCA branding process, compiling a history of Carderock's Mid-Century Modern home design and making CSCA media and communication look cohesive and consistent. Petra devoted herself to making Carderock voices heard not only in the beltway widening process but also with the MoCo Quiet Skies initiative. Gary kept us on track as Secretary including documenting meeting minutes. Thank you Tom, Petra and Gary!

Welcome to New Neighbors

Welcome to Justina Yee & Ian Adams and their children Vivi (11) and Celeste (2) who recently moved into 8020 Lilly Stone Drive from the Takoma Park neighborhood of D.C.

Spring Egg Hunt

The annual Spring Egg Hunt was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to Lipika Dash and others for organizing it. Also thanks to middle schoolers for filling over 700 eggs!



The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

WHAT YOU EAT

See where your favorite produce ranks – dirty dozen (strawberries!) or clean fifteen (avocados!)

<https://www.treehugger.com/dirty-dozen-clean-fifteen-produce-ranks-5224998>

PLASTIC BAGS

Are plastic bag bans helpful or not?

<https://www.treehugger.com/plastic-bag-ban-study-5225144>

PESTICIDES and MOSQUITOS

Regarding insects in your yard and lawn, it would be preferable to not worry about insects because treating them with pesticides also kills pollinators. Pesticides don't discriminate... they kill everything.

That means no butterflies, no beneficial bees, fewer flowers, no natural bird food so fewer birds, no bats feeding on insects, no frogs or toads, no fireflies... that also affects small mammals and thus less food for the foxes many of us love to see. It's the web of life you are interfering with and destroying. Not only environmental, this is a huge ethical issue. It is easy to notice that our covenants cover many aspects of what we can do that affect our neighbors, and thus what founders of our community value the most, yet nowhere would you see mentioned a pristine lawn ... or any type of lawn.

The Washington Post magazine section on 4/4/2022 had an article about dedicating less space to lawn and more to plants, especially natives.

As for mosquitos, I have found that on decks and patios, using one or more standing FANS do the trick. Also check below for some suggestions for PLANTS and OILS that aid in keeping mosquitos at bay.

<https://www.healthline.com/health/kinds-of-natural-mosquito-repellant>

Look for STANDING WATER in plant saucers or outdoor containers and use "dunks" to kill the mosquito larvae where water accumulates and in your birdbaths.

I ask everyone to reconsider the use of chemicals...thank you.

Diane Karlik
CSCA Environmental Chair

SHADY GROVE TRANSFER STATION

Complete your spring clean-up with a trip to the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

So, you've done a masterful job of going through the house, cleaning up, and identifying all the things you no longer need or want. The first thing you should do next is segregate items for Donation, Freecycling, Recycling, and Trash. Depending on the item, the last two categories may require a trip to the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station, which is conveniently located at 16101 Frederick Road/Route 355, near the Shady Grove Metro Station.

(Transfer Station, continued)

At the transfer station you can recycle:

- All types of electronics, from small music players to computers and TVs.
- Hard plastics, such as lawn chairs, etc.
- Bicycles in working order
- Books
- Water based or latex paint. If it is still in usable condition and has not been frozen, the Transfer Facility will take it between April 1 and October 31 for reuse.



You can also dispose of:

- Hazardous materials, such as batteries, fluorescent, LED, and LCD bulbs and tubes, paint, yard chemicals, etc.
- Oil-based paints and stain products (up to 5 gallons per month).
- Scrap metal, such as screws, nails, and other hardware, pots and pans, household metal items, etc.
- Trash, such as mirrors, broken furniture

The Processing Facility is an industrial site, but it is simple to navigate and safe. Just follow the signs. It is open 7 days a week:

- 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon - Sat
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday

NOTE: The Processing and Transfer Facility is for County residents only, and occasionally you may be required to present proof of residency with a current driver's license. For additional information, check: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/dropoff/>

Francisco Gonzalez

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.



During Covid, the ARC has been meeting 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, approval and to get the zoom link. Applications can be dropped off at 8009 Hamilton Spring Rd.

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.

HIKE CABIN JOHN CREEK CHALLENGE



The Challenge is an end-to-end 10 mile hike of the Cabin John Creek Trail

from Goya Drive in Rockville to the mouth of Cabin John Creek at the Potomac River. It can be completed either in its entirety during the inaugural hike on May 14th or in segments anytime during 2022.

Finishers receive a prize, even if it takes all of 2022 to hike the multiple segments! Challenge map and more info:

<https://www.cabinjohncreek.org/challenge>

CLASSIFIED

Bakery



Rhonda's Bakery, a new Carderock business started in January 2022, is sharing Rhonda's love of baking by delivering fresh natural/organic treats directly into the hands of Carderock neighbors. The bakery also provides special orders for birthday parties and brunches.

Follow Rhonda's Bakery on Instagram; or from the website <https://rhondasbakery.com> order a Box of the Month, place a Special Order, or subscribe to email updates; or email questions to Rhonda at Rhonda@RhondasBakery.com

CLASSIFIED Fiber Art Classes/Camp



Carderock's Anja Caldwell offers after-school classes, private instruction, parties and summer camps to kids age 6 to 16. Also adult instruction by appointment and a bi-weekly craft group. We teach knitting, crocheting, weaving, sewing, felting, embroidery and other traditional handwork.

There are a few openings left for this year's weekly summer camp which run from mid-July through mid-August. Kids age 6 to 16, 9 am to 3 pm, Mon – Fri. Our camps are small and space is limited to eight campers, so we highly recommend to reserve your camper's spot early.

Great for the creative introvert and fiber enthusiast!

The camp director, Anja Caldwell, is an architect and experienced fiber art designer who has instructed students of all ages for more than a decade. Her focus is on traditional handiwork, on STEM and mindfulness. Campers will try out different fibers and their processing, as well as study the tools and resources available to create one of a kind artwork and gifts. No phones, glue or glitter in our camps!



We are all fully vaccinated and frequently tested, so in person classes, camps and birthday parties can safely be scheduled individually by email or phone.

And if you are still very careful, we also have a full repertoire of ONLINE class options that come with a class kit and instructional video. Email us for a full catalog to order one, or your vacation busy box to take with you?

Project kits are also available to purchase in my Etsy Shop.

Carderock references available. More info and to register: www.FiberArt.studio or email Anja Caldwell, Director at anja@fiberart.studio or call 240 600 0170.



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.

Wine and Cheese Pairing Event May 20, 7:30 pm



Pivoting from Zoom Only
to IN PERSON and Zoom

In typical covid style, we are pivoting from Zoom Only to be In Person AND virtual! Richard Carson of Arrowine [<https://www.arrowine.com/>] will present “Virginia vs. California”, providing a history of the regions, notable grapes and lead us into the epic battle of California Wines vs. Virginia Wines!!!

The \$75 fee for this event includes two bottles of wine, paired cheese, and a \$25 donation to the Carderock Springs Elementary School Educational Fund [<https://www.csefef.org/>]. The last day to register is Thursday, May 12. Contact Kimberly Carlins Young CSCAevent@gmail.com for questions.



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 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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