





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.

Checking In: Status of Your New Year's Resolutions?

How are your New Year's resolutions coming along?
Is one of them to get more involved in your community, to build and strengthen relationships?
Are you in search of the *Feel Good* factor?
Be part of the glue that holds our Carderock community together! Opportunities include:

-  President of the CSCA
-  Treasurer of the CSCA
-  Editor of the CSCA Newsletter
-  Neighborhood Shaman to update the Contractors and Services Recommendations List



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"I just want to encourage everyone to realize how special Carderock Springs is in this day of impersonalization. To live in a community of people who really care for each other is a blessing. Hope you take advantage of these events."
-Phil Rider, former CSCA President



Community Calendar

Monday Feb 20, 7:30 pm
Monthly CSCA Board Meeting via Zoom
<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

Wednesday March 1, 7:30 pm
Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting, zoom or in person, Contact cscARC@gmail.com

Saturday March 11, 11 am- 12:30 pm
Cuppa Carderock at the Club

Sunday March 26, 5:30 pm
International Potluck at the Club

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday May 7, 7 pm
CSCA Annual Election Meeting at the Club

Saturday May 13
Progressive Dinner

Nominating Committee Appointed for Annual CSCA Board Election

A nominating committee consisting of Sue Eastman, Ashkan Malayeri and Jack Orrick has been appointed to solicit interest from Carderock residents to serve on the CSCA Board of Directors. Interested residents who wish to serve should notify any member of this committee so that their names may be included in the proposed slate at our annual meeting which will be held on May 7. This year we are particularly seeking someone interested in taking on the job of President, which Jack has been serving as for the past 8 years, and also the job of Treasurer, which Ashish has been serving for the past 5 years.

We have a number of experienced board members who are staying on for another year and are willing to help train new members. Please consider volunteering your time and talents!

ISO CSCA President



The President leads the CSCA in external communications, collaboratively helps set CSCA priorities and policies, and leads monthly board meetings. Jack is willing to assist with on-the-job training and assistance

ISO CSCA Treasurer



The Treasurer maintains the CSCA budget, collects dues and pays various bills. It's not rocket science but it does require a detail-oriented person who is comfortable with online systems. Contact AshishGoel@gmail.com to find out more information.

ISO Newsletter Editor



Who do YOU know who should be the next newsletter Editor for this CSCA newsletter? There are Benefits!

- Learn about stuff before others do
- Keep finger on the pulse of Carderock
- Give back to the community
- Receive *unlimited* tech help from Margie, patiently delivered

Tasks:

- Remind board members and others of next deadline for newsletter. There are about 8 newsletter issues/year.
- Look at materials which have been emailed to CSCAnewsletter@gmail.com; clarify content as needed, nudge others to submit info and pics
- Edit content and lay out in 6 to 12 pages. Could be a Word doc converted to pdf or could be other publishing software.
- Email draft newsletter to CSCA board and others who submitted info for their review
- Revise draft to be final, email final to printer
- Post final newsletter on <https://www.carderocksprings.net/about/newsletters-and-documents>, email CSCA president that it's online
- (Someone else picks up physical copies from the printer and delivers to the Carderock newsletter Distributor – thanks Arienne Mahieu! - who gets copies to delivery kids and pays delivery kids c. 10 cents/mailbox.)

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The newsletter Editor is not a CSCA Board position but the Editor communicates with board members and others. I've cheerfully been the CSCA newsletter Editor for over 8 fabulous years (plus previously 14 years as the Club newsletter Editor) and it's time to give someone else an opportunity as the CSCA Editor. Contact Margie Orrick CSCAnewsletter@gmail.com for more information. *Margie Orrick*

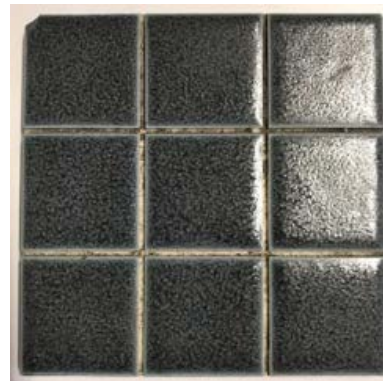
ISO Neighborhood Shaman to Update the Contractor and Services List of Recommendations

Many thanks to Krista Sassaman who for many years has quietly been the Neighborhood Shaman, maintaining a now 15 page list of Contractors and Services recommended by your neighbors, including over 75 categories of Accountants and Appliance Repair to Veterinarians and Window Washers. Since Krista has moved out of Carderock, it's time for someone else to raise their hand high to volunteer to maintain this useful resource. Training and *unlimited* tech help provided by Margie. Most content for the list comes from the CS-Chat list-serve. These recommendations are on the CSCA website but are not endorsed or guaranteed by the CSCA – they are just recommendations by neighbors and for neighbors. See the link for this list at the bottom of <https://www.carderocksprings.net/improving-your-home>.

Contact Margie Orrick CSCAnewsletter@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming the Shaman.

CS Detective: The Case of the Missing Bathroom Tile

My search for the original bathroom tile in my Bennett home formally started on June 30, 2021 with an email to cs-chat with the subject “Looking for Original Black Bathroom Tile”. I wanted to replace a freestanding, outdated (though not original) vanity with a modern floating one as part of a bathroom refresh, however, the tile underneath the existing vanity had been regrettably removed by the previous owner. That first email went unanswered, so I tried again a year later - also unanswered.



A single original 4.25” x 4.25” scored bathroom field tile commonly found in Bennett bathrooms in Charcoal color.

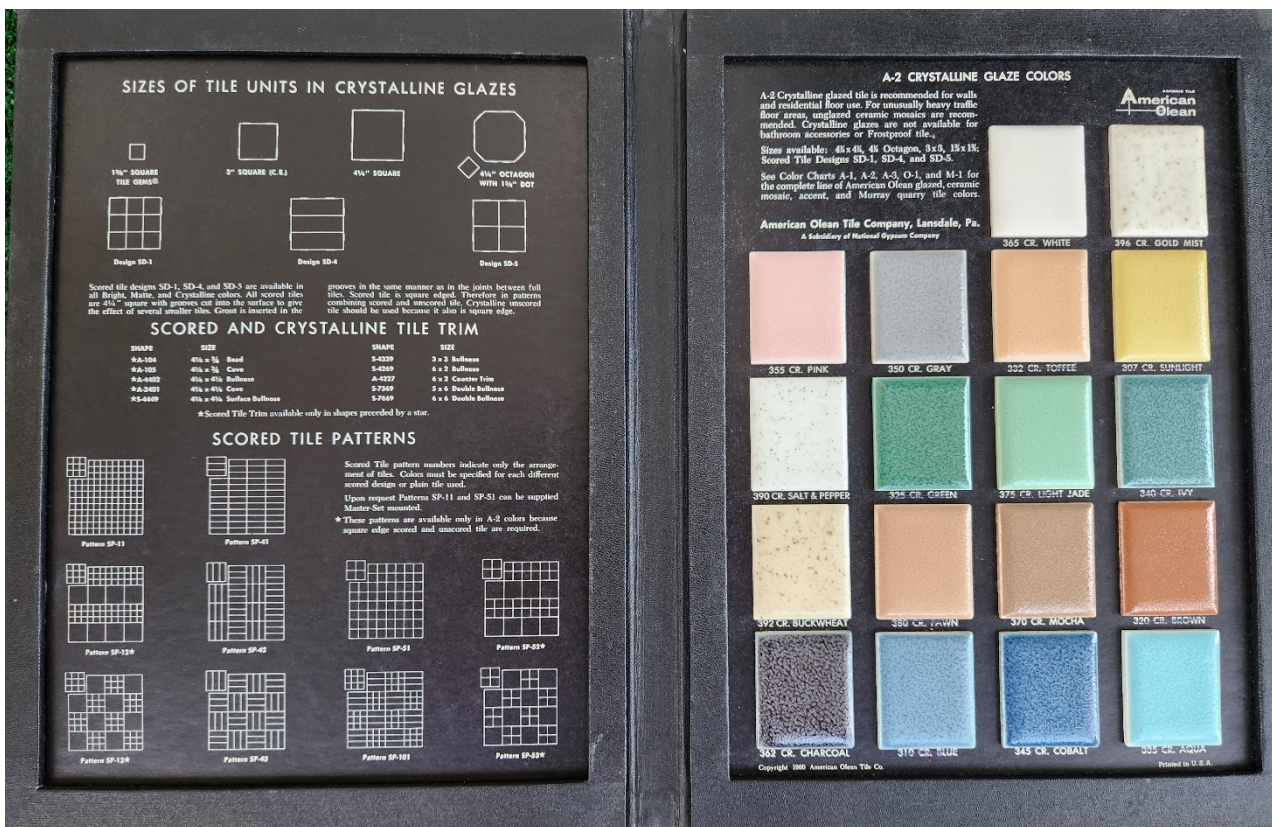
I wasn't surprised by the lack of responses, because of the 30+ Carderock originally-tiled bathrooms I had either personally been in or seen on Zillow/Redfin listings, I had never seen one with black tile. Since I wasn't interested in replacing the entire bathroom's historic tile because of the missing tile under the vanity, I decided to broaden my search beyond the neighborhood.

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I took to the World Wide Web with only the physical description of the tile and the word “American” that appeared on the back of some of the same tile in blue that I had salvaged previously from a neighbor's renovation (a dumpster diving story for another time). Some casual internet sleuthing over the course of a couple of days finally led me to my first big breakthrough in the case; I learned I was looking for American Olean (AO) Crystalline tiles in ‘362 Charcoal’ color. Armed with this information, I was able to locate several sellers of “deadstock” AO Crystalline tiles through eBay and Facebook Marketplace.

“Deadstock” refers to tile that has been discontinued and is generally only available in very small quantities. Luckily, I only needed around 6 sq. ft. to fill in my missing tile. To my surprise, one of these tile sellers on eBay, *vintagethings2000*, lives nearby, in Hyattsville, MD. Even though I could have had my tile order delivered, I wanted to find out more about the person behind this eBay store and more generally the business/hobby of selling deadstock vintage tiles so I arranged to pick up my purchase in person.

I met *vintagethings2000*, real name Milton Zeroth, in early November. Milton was a



Original American Olean Crystalline tile sample book courtesy of Milton Zeroth - see online newsletter version for color version.

home contractor who started collecting extra and salvaged tile from home improvement jobs throughout his career. He found there was a niche market on eBay for selling these hard-to-find tiles where a single 4” x 4”

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vintage tile can fetch over \$10 each plus shipping. Charging a staggering \$100 per sq. ft. is Milton's reward for a lifetime's effort of accumulating tile, the meticulous categorization and online posting of each type, the long-term storage of the vast collection, and the process of shipping to customers. He expands his collection by visiting second-hand building supply stores and defunct tile shops to scoop up any potentially desirable vintage tiles. Milton currently has over 1,800 different tiles listed on his eBay shop and has made over 46,000 lifetime sales. In speaking with Milton, it was clear that while the monetary aspect of his endeavor was important, his primary motivator was his role in the preservation of history - "They don't make tiles like this anymore" Milton shared with me.

Even after buying all of Milton's stock of AO Crystalline Charcoal tile, I was still short both standard tile (also known as 'field tile') and trim pieces needed for the baseboard. Subsequent purchases from other online vintage tile sellers yielded enough for me to move forward with my bathroom renovation. If you're in need of vintage tile for your bathroom or other areas in your home, the below list of sellers might be able to help:

- Milton Zeroth - eBay: vintagethings2000
email: mdzeroth@gmail.com (Hyattsville, MD)
- Tile and Truck Parts - eBay: gagag88 (Line Lexington, PA)
- Andy Rosten
- <https://vintagetile.weebly.com/> email: vihtagetile916@gmail.com (Sacramento, CA)

- Marcia Fox - Facebook Marketplace -
Search 'Marcia Fox tile' (Gregory, MI)

The journey of my bathroom refresh was certainly complicated by my desire to maintain the original historic tile found in Carderock Springs Bennett homes; but the simple and true-to-period resulting final product made the extra effort worth it for me. I encourage anyone who is planning to renovate their original bathrooms to consider keeping the original tile to preserve your very own piece of MCM history. If you do end up going with a renovation design where you must remove the original tile, please consider emailing the cs-chat to offer up the removed tile to others. I am also volunteering to store any unwanted original tile for long-term keeping in case a homeowner finds a need down the line; I still have some dumpster-retrieved AO Crystalline Blue and some neighbor-donated Sky Blue tile available for anyone who needs it!

Ashish Goel

The CS Detective

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ashishgoel@gmail.com

Welcome

Caitlin Payne, Lauren Zoltick and son Walter to 7609 Edenwood Ct.

Andrew Beehler and Mercy Beehler to 8105 Fenway Rd.

Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition Update

Great news! Delegate Sara Love's most recent newsletter would appear to indicate potentially less overhead airplane traffic in the future due to flights into DCA making their turn closer to Virginia/CIA than they have previously done in Maryland.

For more information and to keep up to date on this topic, see <http://www.mocoquietskies.org/home>

CSCA is not CSSC

As a reminder, the neighborhood community group Carderock Springs Citizens' Association (CSCA) is not the club entity Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club (CSSC). These are 2 different groups with different missions, different dues and overlapping membership.



*Citizens' Association CSCA
CarderockSprings.net*

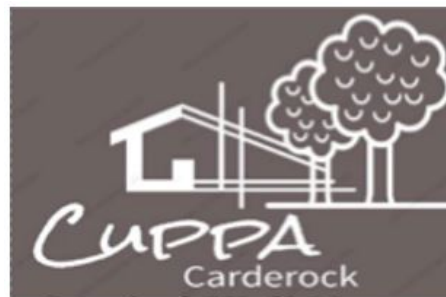


*Swim and Tennis Club CSSC
CarderockClub.org*

2023 Dues Statements

The CSCA 2023 Dues Statements have been emailed to residents. We encourage you to promptly pay your dues (online if possible) to save the CSCA the cost of additional reminder mailings. Dues for 2023 remain at \$50 per household and support the work of the Association in conducting neighborhood advocacy, printing the newsletters and maintaining the online directory and website, hosting neighborhood events and enforcement of our architectural covenants. For more information on dues payments, see <https://www.carderocksprings.net/about/members>

CUPPA CARDEROCK VILLAGE



The next informal get-together of our village is Saturday March 11 from 11 am to 12:30 pm. All ages are welcome to drop by to meet/talk with neighbors.

County Completed First Phase of Cabin John Creek Tributary Restoration

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation, in coordination with the County Parks Department, has been working on the streambed next to Fenway Road and the Carderock Springs entrance road off of River Road, to stabilize the stream bed for the tributary that runs from Congressional Country Club under Fenway Road to Cabin John Creek. This project involved creating a plunge pool where run-off from Fenway Road is collected and adding rocks and rip-wrap along the banks of the tributary.

The first phase of the stream restoration project has been recently completed. The County Parks Department will be undertaking a second phase to continue the work downstream to where the tributary joins

into Cabin John Creek, including planting trees and vegetation to help stabilize the banks of the tributary. The timing for the second phase is not yet determined.

Residents will recall that this tributary overflowed following an intense rainstorm in July 2019 and significantly washed out Fenway Road which was closed there for months. The County later replaced the culvert running under Fenway Road and rebuilt the road. Last fall the County took down a number of trees that were leaning over Fenway Road as well as others near the location where work has been ongoing in the streambed.



Plunge pool construction at the Fenway Road culvert

New Native Tree Selection and Planting



“To plant trees is to give body and life to one’s dreams of a better world.” -Architect Russell Page

\$75 Coupons

Some of our old growth trees in Carderock appear to date back even to the time of President Andrew Jackson (1767-1845). In anticipation of losing trees due to disease or climactic or extreme weather, here below are sources for \$75 worth of



county and state coupons for new native trees. Your tree purchase must be more than \$75 in order to use these two discount coupons.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/environment/forest-conservation-and-trees/reforest-montgomery/native-trees-discount/>

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Print-Your-Coupon.aspx>

Participating Maryland nurseries and garden centers accepting these coupons include:

[Country Nursery](#), 3330 Spencerville Road, Burtonsville 20866, 301-421-9593

[Grey Goose Farm](#), 23000 Davis Mill Road, Germantown 20876, 301-977-7555
[Johnson’s Florist and Garden Centers](#), 5011 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney 20830, 301-987-1940
[Potomac Garden Center](#), 12024 Darnestown Road, North Potomac 20878, 301-948-8890
[Seasons Nursery](#), 8135 Snouffer School Road, Gaithersburg 20879, 301-990-6689
[Stadler Nurseries](#), 6815 Route 108, Laytonsville 20882, 301-944-1190
[Tree Talk Natives](#), 11900 Hawkes Road, Clarksburg 20871, 703-401-1949

Great ideas to help you locate ideal locations on your homescape and to plant native trees:

<https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/g6900>

https://extension.umd.edu/sites/extension.umd.edu/files/publications/TreePlanting_UME_FS1029%20Updated.pdf

Sue Eastman

Tree Removal



Under the recently revised Tree Preservation Guidelines, **if you want to remove a tree**, and it is a **hardwood tree 9 inches or more in diameter** at shoulder height, it must be approved by the CSCA Tree Committee

(cscatree@gmail.com) pursuant to the Carderock Springs Land Covenants and upon approval you will receive an Authorization sign. The revised CSCA’s Tree Preservation Guidelines will soon be posted on the CSCA website.

CSCA Tree Committee: *Sue Eastman, Nancy Everett, Gary Ratner, Katalin Roth*

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 may meet in person or via Zoom. If you are PLANNING A RENOVATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARC by email cscarc@gmail.com for the zoom link and further instructions regarding your plans for review and approval. Applications can 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, tiles, etc.

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee

Trash and Recycling Holidays

We all know by now that sometimes what we consider holidays may not be “trash holidays”. I send messages via cs-chat to remind neighbors when these days do not coincide with holidays & also when they do. The next day that trash and recycling moves to a Wednesday is Presidents Day, and our pick up will be on Wednesday Feb 22 instead of Tuesday.

Collection of Batteries

Neighbor Francisco Gonzalez has been collecting most types of batteries at his mailbox on certain days each month, usually during the last week of the month. Please check the cs-chat for announcements and please do not drop off anything at other times nor leave the types of batteries he cannot handle. He collects alkaline, rechargeable and lithium only, including button batteries but not car batteries, etc. Place them in the appropriate container he leaves and please take home any of your plastic bags. February’s drop off date is TBD; March is scheduled for March 24-31.

Recycle plastic bags, films, and wraps

Recycle plastic bags and other types of plastic film at local grocery and retail stores in collection bins near store entrances.

[Find bag and film recycling drop-offs near you](#) using the locator on bagandfilmrecycling.org.

What plastic bags, films and wraps are accepted in store recycling programs?

Grocery and retail store plastic bag recycling drop-offs generally accept all clean, dry plastic bags, shrink wrap, and plastic film.

This includes plastic newspaper sleeves, bread bags, dry-cleaning bags, clean and dry Ziploc® bags, and most plastic wrapping covering paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, and cases of water.

Remove receipts and other papers from bags and separately [recycle the paper](#). Refer to this [list of generally accepted plastic](#) from plasticfilmrecycling.org for more details.

Are bubble wrap and air pillows included?

Bubble wrap and air pillows are also accepted for recycling at plastic bag and film drop-offs.



Bubble wrap reuse is even better than recycling! You could take it to a local packaging or mailbox store or offer it on cs-chat,

Craigslist or Freecycle.

Can plastic bags, film, and wrap go in my curbside recycling bin?

No, plastic bags are not acceptable in your weekly County-provided curbside recycling bin.

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Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Drop-offs for Reuse

Durable medical equipment (DME) in good working condition is accepted for **drop-off** in the upper lot of the County's Shady Grove Transfer Station. Items accepted



include wheelchairs, walkers, medical specialty beds, etc. You may **request free** durable medical equipment for any age through the Maryland Durable Medical Equipment Re-Use program.

*Diane Karlik
CSCA Environmental Chair*

Fiber Art Classes/Camp



Carderock's Anja Caldwell offers After School classes, crafting bees, private instruction, parties, workshops and summer camps for 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.

See www.FiberArt.studio for a list of classes and to register.

Carderock references available. For more info email Anja Caldwell, anja@fiberart.studio or call 240 600 0170

Computer Work and Pet Sitting



Carderock resident Morgan Tosini, Hamilton Spring Rd, is looking for computer related work and pet sitting. She's open to short or long term, part time or full time work. Contact her at MorganTosini@gmail.com or text her at 240-938-4723.

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.

Bakery



Rhonda's Bakery is sharing Carderock 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

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.

Two Dinners this Spring: International Potluck in March and Progressive Dinner in May

March 26: The **International Potluck Dinner** is back! Please join us **Sunday, March 26, 5:30 p.m.** at the Clubhouse. Neighbors bring a dish representing their national heritage -- or any heritage they want to "borrow" for the evening -- and we all enjoy a global feast. How much of the globe can we cover this year? Bring a dish and find out. Questions or RSVPs? Contact Events Chair Kimberly Young at cscaEvent@gmail.com.



May 13: The **Progressive Dinner** -- aka "**Rotating Dinner Party**" will happen the evening of **Sunday, May 13**. Watch the listserv cs-chat@groups.io and upcoming newsletters for updates!



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, 2023.

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.

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association Board Members

Jack Orrick, *President*

Open *Vice-President*

Ashkan Malayeri, Maja Husar, *Co-Secretary*

Ashish Goel, *Treasurer*

Bill Draper, *Membership Secretary*

Sue Eastman, *Member-At-Large/ARC Liaison*

Katalin Roth, *At-Large*

Meaghan Curry, *At-Large*

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Sandy Silverman, *ARC*

Katherine Stifel, *ARC*

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Sue Eastman, Nancy Everett,

Gary Ratner, Katalin Roth

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