

# 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.

## Two Spring Dinners to Build Community



### March 26: International Potluck Dinner

Albania, Germany, Iran, and Italy are only some of the countries that will be showcased at the upcoming CSCA **International Potluck Dinner** being held **at the Club on March 26th at 5:30 p.m.** Guests bring one item (appetizer, entree, or dessert) representing their national heritage, or any heritage they want to "borrow" for the evening. We all enjoy a global feast! While signing up ahead of time isn't required, it will help prepare food labels for the dishes, identify any food allergens and estimate the amount of drinks needed for the event. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/csintpotluck>  
RSVPs or Questions? Contact Kimberly Young, [cscaevent@gmail.com](mailto:cscaevent@gmail.com).

### May 13: Progressive Dinner Party

The **Progressive Dinner** -- aka "Rotating Dinner Party" will be held the evening of **Saturday, May 13th**. Not familiar with what a progressive dinner party is? A progressive dinner is a social gathering in which a meal is served at different homes, with each course of the meal being served at a different location. The idea behind a progressive dinner is to allow participants to enjoy different settings and cuisines while also fostering a sense of community and social interaction.



Appetizer



Entrée



Dessert

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### Saturday March 11, 11am – 12:30

*Cuppa Carderock* at the Club

### Saturday March 11, all day til 7pm

*Cudas Care Food Drive* at the Club

### Monday March 20, 7:30 pm

*Monthly CSCA Board Meeting*

<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

### Sunday March 26, 5:30 pm

*International Potluck* at the Club

### Wednesday April 5, 7:30 pm

*Architectural Review Committee (ARC)*

*monthly meeting via zoom or in*

person. Contact [cscaARC@gmail.com](mailto:cscaARC@gmail.com)

### Sunday May 7, 7 pm

*CSCA Annual Election Meeting* at the Club

### Saturday May 13

*Progressive Dinner*

### Sunday May 21

*House Tour*

### Saturday May 27, 10 am

*Conservation Montgomery Tree Care*

*101 With Arborist, CS location TBD*

### Saturday May 27, 10:30 am

*Pool opens for the season!*

*Progressive Dinner, cont.*

The evening typically begins with appetizers at one location, followed by the main course at another location, and then dessert at yet another location. Participants may travel between locations by foot or car, depending on the distance between each location. Our hope is to have guests travel by foot, but that will depend on the amount of participation we have.

A progressive dinner can be a fun and memorable way to socialize with friends and meet new people, while also enjoying a variety of different foods and settings. If you are interested in hosting or attending as a guest, please email Kimberly Young [cscaevent@gmail.com](mailto:cscaevent@gmail.com) by April 13.

*Kimberly Young*

## 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>

## Spring Home Tour

The CSCA Home Tour returns on Sunday, May 21! If you're interested in opening your home for the tour, volunteering (high school students are eligible and ssl hours are available), or even attending the house tour, please express your interest by completing this quick questionnaire <https://bit.ly/cshometour>

We welcome all homes for this tour, including newly renovated, original, previously renovated, ADA accessible, and more. If you open your home up for a tour, we will have volunteers to assist you, so that you don't have to be present the entire time. We'll also be taking measures to ensure guests leave your home clean and safe including asking participants to wear masks.

The time of the tour is TBD, but most likely in the early afternoon. We will donate profits from the home tour to the Cabin John Fire Department!

If you have any additional questions about the tour or would like to register by email, please contact Kimberly at [cscaevent@gmail.com](mailto:cscaevent@gmail.com). We're excited to be bringing the home tours back!  
*Danielle Roessle, Karen Ringo and Kimberly Young*

## ISO Editor and Shaman



CSCA is ISO a Newsletter Editor to produce this newsletter about 8 times/year.

CSCA is ISO a Shaman to maintain the



Contractor and Services

Recommendations list for neighbors.

Contact Margie

[cscaNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cscaNewsletter@gmail.com) if you are interested in either of these opportunities for you to make a difference and contribute to your community.

# Revised CSCA Tree Preservation Guidelines Adopted

The CSCA has adopted revised Tree Preservation Guidelines to set forth the process for the removal of sound hardwood trees from residential properties that are subject to the original Bennett covenants. These guidelines were originally proposed in August 2022. The community was surveyed in October, following which time, the guidelines were revised to address certain neighborhood concerns.

Many thanks to the CSCA Tree Preservation Committee members for their dedication in revising the guidelines: Sue Eastman, Nancy Everett and Gary Ratner.

The Guidelines require that for any hardwood tree located on a Carderock residential property with a trunk diameter of **9 inches or more** at shoulder height that is not dead or in an emergency situation, *i.e.*, immediate danger of falling on a house or other property or endangering personal safety, the homeowner must contact the Tree Committee ([cscatree@gmail.com](mailto:cscatree@gmail.com)) for approval to remove the tree. The Tree Committee will seek information from the homeowner as to the reasons for removal, the species of the tree, whether or not an arborist has been contacted and other pertinent information. Following submission of this information, the Tree Committee will arrange a site visit to evaluate the situation. The Tree Committee will then make a determination as to whether or not the tree can be removed, or if alternatives to removal exist, based on various factors including safety, tree canopy preservation, screening or privacy, tree health, effect on neighbors and cost. In the case of tree removal occasioned by an improvement to property, the ARC will likewise be charged with

making this determination based on these factors. Note that current ARC guidelines on the CSCA website reference sound hardwood trees several times as they relate to renovations.



Properties where the Tree Committee has approved tree removal receive an Authorization sign in their yard to communicate to neighbors that the tree removal has been approved.

The newly approved Tree Guidelines also contain plans for educating home purchasers and realtors concerning the Carderock covenants on tree removal and the logistics for tree removal. In addition, the Guidelines provide for mitigation remedies where trees have been removed without prior approval by the Tree Committee.

A copy of the Tree Guidelines can be found on the CSCA website [CarderockSprings.net](http://CarderockSprings.net) under the tab “Improving Your Home and Yard – Removing a Tree”.

*Jack Orrick*  
CSCA Board President

# The Carder-Eco Column

## News from the Environmental Committee

### Battery Collection

Thanks to neighbor Francisco Gonzalez battery collections are at 7705 Hamilton Spring Road on these dates:

- March 24-31 (Friday to Friday)
- April 22-29 (Saturday to Saturday)

Please make sure that your batteries fit in the containers, are properly sorted as to type, and take your plastic bags back home with you. Alkaline, rechargeable, lithium and button batteries are accepted but please no car batteries.

### Native Plants

Washington area native plant design....free download

<https://nativegardendesigns.wildones.org/designs/washington-dc/>

### Eggs

Now that the price of eggs has soared due to avian flu, here's an article explaining the differences between cage-free and free-range, and animal welfare as well as environmental impacts of these 2 types of eggs:

<https://www.treehugger.com/cage-free-vs-free-range-eggs-5703605>

### Replace fluorescent bulbs

Joanna Mauer noted, "LED bulbs are now widely available as drop-in replacements for fluorescent bulbs. In addition to not containing mercury, LEDs last about two times longer than fluorescents and cut energy use in half. Any increase in initial price more than pays off through the reduced electricity costs."

<https://www.treehugger.com/time-to-phase-out-fluorescent-lightbulbs-5220881>

### Organic fertilizers

Although one would think it is wiser to use organic fertilizer, do read the introduction if you have a pet.

<https://www.treehugger.com/best-organic-fertilizers-5078293>

### Composting

New technology and services are making it easier to compost, whether you live out in the country or in a 400-square-foot apartment.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2023/02/21/home-composting-new-technology/>

### Alternatives to paper towels



You may love your "Bounty", but it ends up in the trash. Go greener this Spring! You can find reusable alternatives and with most, you can just replace daily and then throw them in with your laundry. You should, of course, be using recognizable and

different ones for different uses, such as counters vs. floors, for example, so opt for a bunch of different types/patterns.

<https://www.treehugger.com/best-alternatives-to-paper-towels-5120551>

### Free Programs for all ages at Patuxent Research Refuge

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research/visit-us>

Examples of some upcoming March programs  
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- Welcoming Butterflies & Birds to Your Yard
- Becoming a Citizen Scientist: Documenting Bird & Monarch Migrations on a Computer
- Meet an American Kestrel
- Family Fun: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



*Diane Karlik*  
CSCA Environmental Chair

# What is CUPPA Carderock Springs About?



Residents of all ages have been dropping in to the 6 monthly CUPPAs held at the clubhouse.

This has been a voluntary effort of 8 individuals who want CARDEROCK to be an intergenerational village.

Please join us for our 7th Cuppa CARDEROCK SPRINGS on Saturday, March 11 at the clubhouse from 11am to 12:30 pm.

Here's what neighbors are saying about Cuppa:

*"Cuppa gives me a chance not only to meet and catch up with old friends but also to put faces to those who are newer to the neighborhood and whose names I only recognize from their posts on cs-chat."*

*"The Pandemic 'stopped' the social clock and now having a chance to meet with our neighbors is even extra special! I am very grateful to the small group of neighbors who thought the idea up."*

*"A lovely time that even comes with food tasties and coffee."*

*"It is drop in ... Come for a bit or whatever works for you."*



*"Each time I go I notice more. Last time it was our 'semi-unique' gift of Carderock Kids living here with their own families. Love that! The expansion of Cuppa to all ages reminds all of us of any age who might need something from the community that we are well-covered."*



*"They have been tremendously enjoyable. I've gotten to chat with Carderock friends and meet neighbors I hadn't encountered before. The atmosphere is friendly and fun. It's a great asset for our community!"*

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## 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](http://dmvdrainguys.com). We provide free estimates and consultations.

## Chimney



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. All our employees are vaccinated and wear masks. Call 301-965-1341 or visit [blackburnchimney.com](http://blackburnchimney.com).

## 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](http://www.FiberArt.studio) for a list of classes and to register.

Carderock references available. For more info email Anja Caldwell, [anja@fiberart.studio](mailto: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](mailto: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.

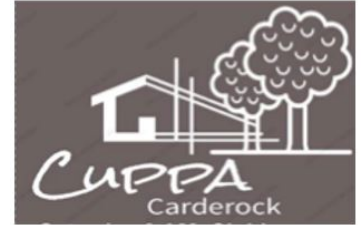
Follow Rhonda's Bakery on Instagram; or from the website <https://rhondasbakery.com> order a Box of the Month, place a Special Order, or subscribe to email updates; or email questions to Rhonda at [Rhonda@RhondasBakery.com](mailto:Rhonda@RhondasBakery.com)

### 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.**

# CUPPA CARDEROCK VILLAGE

Periodic informal Cuppa get-togethers at the Clubhouse are becoming an integral part of our village and appreciated by all. If you missed the Saturday March 11 Cuppa from 11 am to 12:30 pm, then keep an eye out for announcement signs and emails about the next Cuppa in April. All ages are welcome to drop by to meet/talk with neighbors as we find connection and build community.



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](http://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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