

# 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.

## Annual CSCA Election Meeting

Sunday, May 7, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Club  
with MoCo Energy Conservation Speaker

Please join us for beer, wine and nibbles for social time followed by

- Presentation by Larissa Johnson, Residential Energy Program Manager of the Department of Environmental Protection, Montgomery County, which provides a “link to energy savings”. Larissa will provide suggestions on energy conservation, lowering utility costs and switching to clean energy in a cost-efficient manner.
- Vote on amendment to CSCA By-laws
- Election of Officers and Directors for the upcoming year

Slate for CSCA Board 2023 to 2024:

Co-Presidents	Jack Orrick, Rick Wilson
Vice President	Maja Husar
Secretary	Ashkan Malayeri
Co-Treasurers	Ashish Goel
Membership	Bill Draper
At-Large:	Meaghan Curry, Sue Eastman, Brian Glenn, Katalin Roth, Steven Seitz

There will be a change in the officer positions for 2023-2024. Rick Wilson and Jack Orrick will share the President position for the coming year, while Maja Husar will become Vice President. Brian Glenn and Steven Seitz have agreed to be At-Large members. Other continuing members are Ashish Goel, Bill Draper, Ashkan Malayeri, Sue Eastman, Meaghan Curry and Katalin Roth.

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**Wednesday April 12, 8:00 pm**  
*Architectural Review Committee (ARC)*  
monthly meeting at the Club  
Contact [cscarc@gmail.com](mailto:cscarc@gmail.com)

**Monday April 17, 7:30 pm**  
*Monthly CSCA Board Meeting*  
<http://carderocksprings.net/zoom>

**Saturday April 22, 11am – 12:30**  
*Cuppa Carderock. Celebrate Earth*  
Month with plant exchange at Club!

**Wednesday May 3, 7:30 pm**  
*Architectural Review Committee (ARC)*  
monthly meeting at the Club

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

**Saturday May 13**  
*Progressive Dinner*

**Sunday May 21, 1-4 pm**  
*Carderock House Tour*

**Saturday May 27, 10 am- noon**  
*Conservation Montgomery*  
*Tree Care 101 Class With Arborist,*  
meet at 8316 Lilly Stone

**Saturday May 27, 10:30 am**  
*Pool opens for the season!*

*Annual Meeting, cont.*

Here are bios for the three new candidates coming onto the CSCA board. Thanks Rick, Steven and Brian for raising your hand!

## **RICK WILSON**

Since 1998 Rick and his wife Ann have lived at 8028 Park Overlook Drive. Their son Brian lived here during middle and high school before heading off to college. Rick loves Carderock, and intends to live out his days in this home. Before his retirement in 2015, he was a tenured law professor at American University's Washington College of Law, where he taught human rights law for more than 25 years. Rick has been a practicing lawyer since 1972, first as a public defender in Illinois and then as a clinical law professor. He continues to teach, usually a single remotely-taught course each academic year, and enjoys working with students immensely. He loved his work as a teacher and practitioner, and traveled a great deal as part of his focus on international human rights. That work kept Rick very occupied until retirement and even after it. Now, he'd like to give back to this community that he values so much. Rick and Ann have been members at the pool each year since their arrival, and have attended many community events, including potlucks, home tours, special occasion dinners, and Cuppas. Their son Brian did pet-sitting for many neighbors when he lived here. Rick presented at the first Carderock Chautauqua, and has sat in on several Board meetings on Zoom over the past year. He would be honored to serve.

## **STEVEN SEITZ**

Steven and his family moved to the neighborhood last summer right before the start of kindergarten. Steven looks forward to joining the board at Carderock Springs and giving back to a community that has been so welcoming to him and his family. Steven and his wife, Parisa, have 2

young children: Noor (6) and Kian (3). Carderock Springs and its sense of community and togetherness have made him and his wife excited about raising their kids here. Our scenic area and neighborhood reminds him of growing up in York, Pennsylvania. Steven has lived in the D.C. area for more than a decade, and works at the Department of Treasury. In his free time, Steven enjoys playing tennis and chasing after his small children.

## **BRIAN GLENN**

Brian and his family moved to the neighborhood in 2018. He and his wife Dana were drawn to Carderock's welcoming and vibrant community; incredible elementary school; and nature-immersed, mid-century architecture. Brian and Dana have two boys Connor (7) and Noah (4). After only a few short years, they already see our family's future here. Brian grew up in Nebraska, went to school at Georgetown, and spent many years doing Middle East policy work for the government before taking on a public policy job focused on crisis management and geo-political risk management for a technology company. In his spare time, Brian enjoys landscaping and cooking for family and friends. He very much looks forward to being part of the board and contributing to the neighborhood community.

## **Amendment to CSCA By-Laws – Tree Committee**

The CSCA Board had adopted new Tree Preservation Guidelines in January that provide more certainty on the process of homeowners to request the removal of sound hardwood trees on their property – See <https://www.carderocksprings.net/improving-your-home/getting-approval-to-remove-a-tree> . In connection with the adoption of these Guidelines, the Board had voted to recommend

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for approval the addition of a new Section 3 to Article II of the CSCA By-Laws that provides express authority for the appointment of a Tree Committee to review and approve or disapprove requests for removal of trees and provides a right of appeal to homeowners of decisions made by the Tree Committee to the full Board, and ultimately, the Association. This right of appeal currently exists in the By-Laws for decisions made by the Architecture Review Committee (referred to in the By-Laws as the Architectural Committee) on home improvement decisions. The language of the proposed amendment is set forth below:

Section 3 - Tree Committee. *At such time and to such extent as the Association is empowered to enforce the recorded covenants in the Carderock Springs subdivision as set forth in the Declarations on file in the land records of Montgomery County, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Tree Committee composed of one or more members of the Association, who shall review, approve, or disapprove requests by residents to remove sound hardwood trees from their properties within the terms of the covenants (except in connection with the construction of external improvements in which case the approval of sound hardwood trees shall be made by the Architectural Committee). Decisions of the Tree Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors by any member of the Association, and the Board of Directors shall establish reasonable provisions for notice and hearing with respect to such appeals. Any party to such appeals before the Board of Directors, may within thirty (30) days from notification of the Board of Director's decision, appeal such decision to a special meeting of the Association called in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 2, hereof. Final decisions of the Board of Directors, or the Association, as the case may be, with respect to the aforesaid removal of sound*

*hardwood trees within the terms of the covenants, shall for all purposes be considered the official decision of the "Tree Committee".*

Renumber Sections 4 – 6 of Article II accordingly.

For those not available to attend the meeting in person, use the Zoom link <http://carderocksprings.net/zoom> which is also clickable on the home page of our website <https://www.carderocksprings.net>

## 2023 Dues Statements

We encourage you to promptly pay your dues (online if possible). 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>



# Carderock Culture: Community Dinners!

## HOST THE MAY 13, 2023 PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Are you ready for a culinary adventure that will excite your taste buds? We're seeking individuals to host a course and share their favorite recipes with a small group of neighbors. At this event, the first location will offer appetizers, the second will provide the main course, and the final stop will serve dessert. Previously participants were divided into groups of about 8 people with each group going to their assigned 3 houses. It's a delightful way to connect with neighbors, indulge in a variety of dishes, and experience different settings. Who's up for this exciting challenge? Please RSVP to [cscaEvent@gmail.com](mailto:cscaEvent@gmail.com) by April 13 if you are interested.

## NEWCOMERS WELCOME DINNER September 2023

We will be hosting our annual Newcomers Welcome Dinner in September, and we're seeking volunteers to help make it a memorable event! This is an excellent opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new community members and ensure they feel included. We're seeking passionate volunteers to assist with catering decisions, band selection, event design elements, planning logistics, and more. Whether you're an experienced event planner or simply want to contribute to creating an unforgettable experience, we'd be delighted to have you join us. Our first meeting will take place in May, so if you're interested in volunteering, please send an email to [cscaevent@gmail.com](mailto:cscaevent@gmail.com). Let's collaborate and make this a truly special event for our community!

*Kimberly Young*  
CSCA Event Chair

## INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the International Potluck Dinner in March. The diversity of dishes and cultures was truly impressive. Countries/culinary areas of the world included Argentina, Asia, China, El Salvador, France, Germany, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Spain, Turkey, UK and USA. It was wonderful to see almost 100 residents come together and share their favorite foods and traditions. Your contributions made the event a success and showcased the richness of our community. Once again, thank you for your participation and for making this event so special.



*Photos from the March International Dinner*



## We Have a New Shaman!



Big applause for the new Shaman in town to keep you and your home healthy: Cory Ringo raised his hand high to keep the Carderock Contractor and Services Recommendations list updated. These are

summarized recommendations from your Carderock neighbors and are not endorsed/vetted/etc by the CSCA or anyone else – they are just the opinions of your neighbors expressed on the [cs-chat@groups.io](mailto:cs-chat@groups.io) list serve or from other sources. The list includes over 100 categories on over a dozen pages including accountants to window washers, home electricians and plumbers, plus medical specialists and transportation services to the airport and much more. If you're pleased with a contractor or service and think a neighbor may also find it useful, recommend them on [cs-chat@groups.io](mailto:cs-chat@groups.io) and Cory will pick up your recommendation for the list. The list is available at: <https://www.carderocksprings.net/improving-your-home>

Thanks also to Krista Sassaman for her diligent work as the previous Shaman, updating the Contractor Services and Recommendations list even for a year AFTER she moved out of the neighborhood!



## Spring Home Tour

May 2, 1 to 4 pm

The CSCA Home Tour returns on Sunday, May 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. with the profits of the \$10 per family fee being donated to the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department! If you're interested in opening part of your home for the tour, volunteering (high school students are eligible and ssl hours are available), or even attending the house tour, please communicate your interest no later than April 16th 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.

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

## ISO Editor



The CSCA is in search of a Newsletter Editor to produce this newsletter about 8 times/year. Contact Margie [cscanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cscanewsletter@gmail.com) if you are interested in this opportunity to contribute to your community.



# Carderock Village: The Truth is Out There

But can you handle the truth?

Test your knowledge about the Carderock Village movement and CUPPA.

True or False?

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1.   Carderock Village is only for people who live in Carderock Springs
2.   Carderock Village is only for families and couples
3.   Carderock Village is only for people who need help
4.   Carderock Village is a part of a national syndicate requiring \$\$\$\$ dues
5.   If I attend a Carderock Village event, I'll be hit up with requests to volunteer all the free time I don't have
6.   CUPPA of Carderock Village is a religious organization
7.   CUPPA is coffee with an agenda
8.   CUPPA is for extroverts
9.   CUPPA is for old people
10.   Starbucks provides the coffee for CUPPA at no charge
11.   Carderock Village people are conducting a secret campaign to convert the Swim Club into a YMCA
12.   Carderock Village: You Already Belong



The truth is out there and Yes you can handle it! Quiz answers are below. Learn more uplifting facts about what it means to belong to a Village - come to our next CUPPA event.

*Sue Eastman, Carolyn Finney*

## QUIZ ANSWERS

All but the last statement are FALSE. If you answered True to "12 - Carderock Village: You already belong" then you've been to a CUPPA event or are following our Chat and CSCA updates.

- 1 Carderock Village is open to adjacent communities of South Carderock, Cabin John, Congressional Manor and Emery Corner
- 2 Carderock Village is for ALL AGES
- 3 Carderock Village is for all connections and socialization and yes, helping neighbors on your block
- 4 Carderock Village began as an idea generated by 3 residents meeting coincidentally at a street corner
- 5 Carderock Village has no fees and appreciates all the CUPPA volunteers who line up at the club house door with food and flowers
- 6 CUPPA Carderock has no religious affiliation
- 7 CUPPA Carderock's only agenda is to bring all ages together for conversations and connections
- 8 CUPPA Carderock is for all personality types
- 9 CUPPA Carderock is multigenerational
- 10 CUPPA Carderock thanks resident Howard Harris for buying the boxes of Starbucks coffee
- 11 LOL
- 12 The only True Statement: You already belong to CARDEROCK VILLAGE

## Want to remove a tree?

The removal of sound hardwood trees from residential properties are subject to the original Bennett covenants.

CSCA Tree Preservation 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.



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.

## Home Tree Care 101

Class to be held on  
Saturday, May 27th  
from 10 am to noon

Meet at 8316 Lilly Stone Drive

Learn about our old growth trees and how to maintain them for us, the climate, and our wildlife. We need a head count so please

- Reserve your place by emailing [SueEastman@aol.com](mailto:SueEastman@aol.com)
- Drop off a check to 8015 Glenmore Spring Rd payable to Conservation Montgomery for \$25
- On Saturday May 27 meet at a central location: 8316 Lilly Stone Drive

This is an outdoor class presented by Conservation Montgomery <https://conservationmontgomery.org>, a coalition addressing MoCo's environmental and quality-of-life challenges. A Conservation Montgomery arborist will walk around Carderock doing onsite tree assessments and conducting hands-on demonstrations of tree pruning and other tree care. We will talk about a variety of ways to keep trees healthy on home lots.

*Sue Eastman*





# Planning a Renovation? ARC Approval and Architectural Salvage



If you're planning a renovation to your Carderock Springs home, here are two important things to know before you begin work:

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval for exterior renovations 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 (NOTE: due to the holiday, the April meeting will be APRIL 12 at 8:00 pm in person 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.

*If you are PLANNING A RENOVATION, PLEASE*

- Contact the ARC by email [cscarc@gmail.com](mailto:cscarc@gmail.com)
- Submit your Application for Property Modification – with required plans and neighbors' signatures - by dropping materials 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](mailto: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, countertops, cabinets, sinks, vanities, tiles, etc.

# The Carder-Eco Column

## News from the Environmental Committee

### BATTERY COLLECTION

Thanks to neighbor Francisco Gonzalez for periodically collecting batteries at 7705 Hamilton Spring Road. The next collection is:

- 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.

### EARTH MONTH

See events sponsored by the MoCo Library system, My Green Montgomery and Montgomery County Green Fest in celebration of and honor of Earth Month this April. TreeHugger also has great ideas to celebrate our beautiful home planet with a small act for every day of the month to alleviate the new “eco-anxiety” that one may be feeling if reading news on a regular basis. These daily tips, actions, and thought starters are for eco-enthusiasts of all levels. How many will you be able to check off by the end of the month? Challenge your kids!

<https://www.treehugger.com/earth-month-challenge-7373096>



### SWEDISH DISHCLOTHS

Use dishcloths instead of paper towels. Clean them by tossing into laundry (or the dishwasher!) and then microwave, the same as for sponges. Dishcloths are preferable to sponges, since they are thinner and have fewer “pores” that may harbor germs. Try to purchase dishcloths in different patterns (floor, counter, dishes, etc.) for even safer use.

<https://www.treehugger.com/replace-paper-towels-with-swedish-dishcloths-7369874>

### ANT INVASION

If ants are everywhere and out of control, you might try one of these methods first before resorting to a more toxic method. DIY pest control remedies that are safe for all, including pets:

<https://www.treehugger.com/natural-remedies-for-the-ant-invasion-4868837>

### CRAFT SUPPLIES AND CLASSES

A bit far off in Alexandria, but “easily” reached via the Beltway, UpCycle is a creative reuse center with discounted merchandise, plus free items and free classes for kids.

<https://www.upcyclecrc.org/>

*Diane Karlik  
CSCA Environmental Chair*

# 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).

## Cleaning



Swept Away Cleaning provides professional house cleaning

services to Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC. Owned by a Carderock neighborhood resident, they strive to provide excellent house cleaning you can trust at an affordable price. Recurring cleans, deep cleans, and more! Call them at 240-221-6356 or visit [www.sweptawaycleaners.com](http://www.sweptawaycleaners.com)

## 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



Middy 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.

## Fiber Art Classes/Camp



Carderock's Anja Caldwell offers weekly fiber art summer camps, after school classes, crafting bees, private instruction, parties and workshops 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, beading and other traditional handwork.

See [www.FiberArt.studio](http://www.FiberArt.studio) for a list of classes and to register. Be well and make something today!

Carderock references available. For more info email Anja Caldwell, [anja@fiberart.studio](mailto:anja@fiberart.studio) or call 240 600 0170

## 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

Come to the next Cuppa on Saturday April 22, 11 am to 12:30



Photos from Cuppa on March 11, 2023



**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, 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.

## 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*

### *Architectural Review Committee (ARC)*

Douglas Soe-Lin, *ARC*

Sandy Silverman, *ARC*

Katherine Stifel, *ARC*

Scott Wilets, *ARC*

### *Tree Committee*

Sue Eastman, Nancy Everett,

Gary Ratner, Katalin Roth

Margie Orrick, *Newsletter Editor*

Larry Ondrejko, *Club Liaison*