

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 Newcomer Welcome Dinner

Saturday, Sept 30, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

One of the all-time favorite neighborhood events is Carderock's Annual Welcome Dinner where we celebrate newcomers and enjoy seeing friends. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP. Additionally, if you are planning to volunteer - and we need volunteers - please add yourself to the sign-up.

RSVP

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16-KE49m2A3Wxf9EF1Sn1LFcf8b_n5XIrFJ7Y5It4L4U/

VOLUNTEER

<https://signup.com/go/jQWbEQs>

DETAILS

WHAT: Dinner catered by Mezeh with live music

DATE: Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Club's Pool Pavilion

WHO'S INVITED: Carderock Springs Residents new & old (you do not need to be a member of the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association to attend)

PRICE STRUCTURE:

Newcomers (moved in since September 2022) are Free, Kids 0-5 are Free
Prepaid Price (now through 9/29)

Kids 6 to 18- \$5, Adults- \$15

Day of Admission

Kids 6 to 18- \$10, Adults- \$25

PAYMENT: Payment accepted through Venmo@CarderockSpringsCA, PayPal @CSCAtreas@gmail.com, or by check made out to the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association and mailed to our Treasurer, P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818. Payment subject should list *CSCA Welcome Dinner*.

Questions? Contact cscaevent@gmail.com

Kimberly Young
CSCA Event Chair



Saturday Sept 30, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

MoCo's Light Bulb Swap at the Club

Saturday Sept 30, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Annual Newcomer Welcome Dinner at the Club's Pavilion

Wednesday Oct 4, 7:30 pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting at the Club
Contact cscaARC@gmail.com

Monday October 16, 7:30 pm

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

Sunday, October 22, url TBD

Register for Halloween Home Decorating Contest (Voting 10/23 - 10/29, Results announced 10/30)

Sunday November 5, 7:00-8:30 pm

(tentative date)
CSCA Fall Community Meeting at the Club

Flash Welcome in July

Just an example of what the Carderock Village is capable of: A new family with several kids moved in and their belongings had not arrived yet. Upon hearing this,

- One vacationing family offered access to their home for the newcomers to use whatever pots/pans they needed.
- A second Carderock family set up a flash welcome event on their deck with drinks, snacks, a sundae bar and tadpole/frog catching.



- A third and fourth Carderock family magically appeared with kids the same ages, enabling adults and kids to connect.
- A fifth Carderocker gleefully wrote this article while stranded in a foreign airport.

That's Carderock - the agile, welcoming neighborhood we all know and love. Wow!

Farewell

Carderock's long-time resident **Waltraut Karoline Beenhakker** passed in May 2023. Born in Austria in 1941, she is remembered for her elegance, love, and true joie de vivre. Though the final years of her life were challenging as she bravely lived with Alzheimer's disease, Karoline appreciated life, living, and all that she had to the fullest. She studied at the Sorbonne University in Paris and at age 21 traveled to the U.S. for six months with her best friend. She met her husband Henri in San Francisco and that changed her path. She and Henri traveled extensively and lived in a number of countries, ultimately settling down in the Washington, DC area. She worked as an English and French teacher.

Among Karoline's favorite things were her decades-long international dinner group and New Years Eve Celebration group with dear friends, her French book club, traveling, art museums, downhill skiing, lake swimming, hiking, and sunsets. Karoline was a beloved mother who cherished and nourished her children and their spouses; and Karoline was an absolutely smitten Oma who adored her seven grandchildren. Karoline could light up a room with her grace, wisdom, kindness, compassion and sense of humor. Karoline's husband, Henri, and older brother, Gerhard Urbann, predeceased her.

Carderock sends condolences to her younger brother Helmfried, daughter Barbara Beenhakker, son Mark Beenhakker, and daughter Britta (Beenhakker) Mullany, in addition to daughter-in-law Judy Beenhakker and sons-in-law Brian Parr and Luke Mullany, and seven grandchildren Sophia, Nicolas, Annika, Liesel, Hayden, Connor and Athira.

Quiet Skies **Action Item**



MCQSC has been doing superb work for several years, including engaging our Congressional representatives. You now have a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to provide your input to the FAA’s Noise Policy Review especially as considerations of waypoints (small flyover areas, like the one at the edge of our neighborhood) and other ways to integrate more disbursement of planes in the use of GPS to replace radar. Now is the ONE moment when we can provide feedback and request consideration of the metrics the FAA uses to determine the acceptable level of noise. The current method is 50 years old!

What do you need to do? It’s easy! **By Friday Sept 29**, simply describe your personal, lived experience with aviation noise and submit online or by fax or mail. Conclude your comment stating that you want the FAA to revise its noise policies to protect people like you from the harms you have described.

Consider including in your comment:

>Detailed, information-rich comments because the FAA states that “a constructive, information-rich comment that clearly communicates and supports its claims is more likely to have an impact on regulatory decision making.”

>Describe in detail the problems you have experienced with aviation noise such as

- Types of flights that affect you (commercial jets, helicopters, or both)
- Miles from your home to the airport
- Times of day of flights (day, night) that bother you the most
- Frequency of flights (how many per day & how many per hour, esp. during the busiest times)

- Altitude of flights (if you know)
- How noise affects you inside/outside your home
- Concerns about emerging aircraft (e.g., drones, air taxis)

>Describe the Impacts on you, your family, and your neighborhood - *provide specific details.*

- Sleep disruption
- Physical and mental health and well-being
- Work, learning, concentrating
- Effects on children – their ability to learn, concentrate, play
- Emotional impacts

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: CONCLUDE BY STATING that you want the FAA to adopt new noise policies and new metrics for determining “significant impact” that protect overflowed communities from harm and reflect the lived experience of people like you.

To submit comments for Civil Aviation Noise Policy

- Online: paste into this form: <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/FAA-2023-0855-0001> , Select the category “public comments.”
- OR mail to: Docket Operations, M-30; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- OR fax to: Docket Operations at 202-493-2251
- **Make sure your submission includes Docket Number FAA-2023-0855.**

DEADLINE: Friday, SEPTEMBER 29 11:59 PM

It is imperative that we all do this if we hope to see any mitigation of the effects of noise and pollution in our “highway in the sky”.

Diane Karlik

Governor Moore Announces New Beltway Widening Plan

In August Maryland Governor Wes Moore announced that his administration will be taking a different approach from that taken by the Hogan administration in addressing the widening of I-495/I-270 and the replacement of the American Legion Bridge. Moore's plan will start with the replacement of the American Legion Bridge and the addition of managed lanes to the stretch of the Beltway between the bridge and the I-270 West Spur and on the I-270 West Spur. The I-270 portion of the project north of the I-270 West Spur will be addressed at a later stage. The Moore administration indicated that the program of activities envisioned for I-495/I-270 will "improve transit and multimodal access and spur economic growth" by advancing transit options and transportation demand management enhancements for the roadways and advancing Transit-Oriented Development opportunities.

Rather than utilizing a public-private partnership utilizing a private contractor and development partner as former Governor Hogan had initiated, Governor Moore has applied for a federal grant from the US Department of Transportation to fund this project.

The Moore administration intends to engage the public on the revised program by conducting open houses this fall/winter, dates and times to be announced. Projected timing of the beginning of the construction activities was not announced.

As in the past, members of the Carderock community, acting in conjunction with the Board of the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association, will continue to monitor the plans for the widening of the Beltway adjacent to Carderock Springs and Carderock Springs South and will inform the community of important

developments. If anyone is interested in serving on the working group monitoring the beltway widening project, please contact Jack Orrick.

Neighborhood Traffic Committee Appointed by CSCA Board

At its September Board meeting, the CSCA Board of Directors appointed seven residents of Carderock Springs to a Neighborhood Traffic Committee to address issues raised by several residents about speeding on Fenway Road. The Committee will investigate the possibility for installation of speed humps on portions of Fenway Road, and if the traffic conditions do not warrant the installation of same under County regulations, recommend to the Board other potential traffic calming measures. The County has recently indicated that the speed hump regulations may be under review for further amendment, so any recommendations by the Neighborhood Traffic Committee regarding the installation of speed humps or other traffic calming measures will likely not occur for a period of at least several months. Any recommendations on traffic calming will be brought to the community for discussion by the Board of Directors prior to implementation.

In choosing the seven individuals, the Board gave weight to individuals living on Fenway Road and adjacent feeder streets. These seven individuals named to the Neighborhood Traffic Committee are Mercy Beehler, Jonathan Fogg, Ariana Foley, Jennifer Hughes, Andrew Jaco, Claire Shields and Myadali Soe-Lin. Rick Wilson has agreed to serve as the Board liaison to the Neighborhood Traffic Committee.

Rick Wilson has prepared a **background memo** on the proposal to investigate speed humps which can be accessed on the CSCA website <https://www.carderocksprings.net/> .

Jack Orrick and Rick Wilson, Co-Presidents CSCA

Maryland Tax Law Changes



While cruising through the agenda of a recent Montgomery County Council meeting, I saw a reference to an item called “Senior Property Tax Credits.” That led me on a chase through the internet, where I discovered some information on that credit, as well as two other new tax benefits for seniors that everyone should at least be aware of. I want to make clear that I am only passing on news and links. I am not an authority on taxes (by any stretch!), and will not provide tax or legal advice on these issues. I just want Carderock to be know what’s out there.

Maryland Senior Citizen Tax Credit

This one is straightforward. It gives a tax credit to Marylanders who are over 65 at the end of the tax year, at various rates. For my category, filing a joint return with both spouses over 65, the credit is \$1,750. However, joint gross income must also be under \$150,000. The credit and income limits vary by filing status. Full details on the credit are available at

<https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/individual/tax-assistance/personal-tips.php> . Look under “Income Tax Tips” for Tip 51.

For the other two, many seniors in Carderock may not qualify because of income/net worth or property values here.

Senior Property Tax Credit

There is an unhelpful website on the Senior Property Tax Credit, at

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/senior-credit.html> . It says, however, that you have

to qualify for the general Property Tax Credit first, then ask for the Senior Credit. The general Credit is based on income and assets. Combined annual gross household income cannot exceed \$60,000, and net worth cannot exceed \$200,000. Here’s a link to the general Property Tax Credit web site, which makes no mention of the Senior credit:

<https://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners%27-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx> . NOTE – **deadline to apply is October 1, 2023!**

Property Tax Credit for Elderly Individuals and Military Retirees

This one looked interesting for very long-time Carderock residents of a certain age. It cuts property taxes by a hefty 20% for a five-year period, so it is a nice benefit. However, assessed value of the home cannot exceed \$700,000 for eligibility. You are eligible if you are over 65 and have lived in your home for more than 40 years, meaning you moved in before June 30, 1983. The same bill covers retired military personnel (not just veterans) and their surviving spouses who have not remarried. You have to have retired from one of several very specific branches: “Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, the National Guard, the Military Reserves, the uniformed corps of the Public Health Service or the uniformed corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.” Full details are available at this link:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Finance/bill-42-16.html> . NOTE – the application deadline appears to be September 1 for this one-time benefit.

Rick Wilson, Co-President CSCA

CARDEROCK VILLAGE

You Already Belong

Connecting neighbors of all ages for friendship, learning, growing, playing & helping -



The June CUPPA Carderock included an Ikebana Workshop. “Ikebana is about

encounters...who ever thought of a flower and a branch together into a vase? All of Ikebana is about encounters which are given meaning.” Coffee with flowers...the best encounter!

Come to the next CUPPA, Oct/Nov date(s) TBD.

As Carderock Villagers, we believe in the inherent potential and generosity of individuals across generations. We aspire to connect neighbors of all ages for friendship, learning, growing, playing, and helping. We want to provide services and activities for all ages, with the opportunity to serve and support as well as to be served and supported.

Sue Eastman, Howard Harris, Maja Husar, Carolyn Finney LoBuglio, Rosemary Oshinsky, Katalin Roth, Jean Ratner, Katherine Stifel
Carderock Village Steering Committee

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) 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.

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 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*
- *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.

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, countertops, cabinets, sinks, vanities, tiles, etc.

The Carder-Eco Column

News from the Environmental Committee



Quote of the Month

The most sustainable garment is the one you already own!

Website of the Month

<https://www.treehugger.com/> . Search for your topic and you will find numerous articles.

Rebates for Energy Efficient Home Improvements

Check <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/>

MoCo's Light Bulb Swap , September 30, at the CS Swim and Tennis Clubhouse

Hours: 3:30-4:30 pm if you are not attending the Newcomers Welcome Dinner and 4:30-5:00 pm for those who are attending the dinner.

I scheduled this event exclusively for our community with Larisa Johnson, the person who spoke at our last annual meeting. Last time she brought some swag bags with various useful gadgets, so you may also be offered some extras and additional information about rebates, ordering LED bulbs, and what we each can do with electricity to protect the environment.

Please show your support for this initiative, as to me, it's a "no brainer". Please take advantage of the nearby venue.

You will receive up to 3 A9 bulbs, equivalent to standard 60 W bulbs. This is NOT a one to one bulb exchange. Because of the energy savings, you should be prepared to bring more incandescent and CFL bulbs than you will receive. I am told that equals 5-7 CFLs and 8-10 LEDs. What they are striving for is the removal from your homes of

as many CFLs and incandescents as they can! The bulbs you exchange can be any shape or wattage, but you receive the standard screw in lamp type.

When you choose ENERGY STAR® certified LEDs, you are upgrading to bulbs that use up to 90% less energy than standard bulbs and last at least 15 times longer.

Switching from a typical incandescent bulb to a LED one could save you about \$40 a year*. Multiply that by the many bulbs you have in your home and watch the savings add up. 20 bulbs = \$796* in savings/year, 40 bulbs = \$1,591* in savings/year.

*Savings calculated by comparing an A-19 incandescent bulb (60 watts) with a typical LED bulb (9 watts) running for 98 hours per week. Source: www.bulbs.com/learning/energycalc.aspx

Prefer to purchase bulbs on line? Free shipping if large order. <https://www.bulbs.com/>

Rainwater Planter



I was pleased to be chosen for one of 5 MoCo grants this summer. This very large planter is installed much like a rain barrel in that it requires a cut and hole into the downspout, but it does not attract mosquitos like a barrel does and it is planted with native grasses. Water is retained during heavy downpours, and it is the homeowner's responsibility to release the water during dry times. That water will provide irrigation for what is (usually) my vegetable garden area or I can collect it for use elsewhere in the garden. The goal is to retain and filter some rainwater so it does not flow down toward my neighbor and then wash into the swales and overflow the drains into the creek.

Diane Karlik

CLASSIFIEDS

Driveway Sealing



Seal coating your asphalt driveway is the best way to keep it jet

black this summer. Carderock resident Tyler Veirs and his Dad own a driveway seal coating, crack filling and parking lot striping company. View samples of our work at <https://veirsenterprises.com/projects/> and contact Tyler at tyler.veirs@veirsenterprises.com

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



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 <https://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 240-220-9816 or visit www.sweptawaycleaners.com

Fiber Art Classes/Camp



Carderock's Anja Caldwell offers weekly fiber art 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 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 or call 240 600 0170

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

ISO Home Rental in CS Nov+ & Box Transport to Houston TX

If you have a Carderock house to rent in November+ or if you can take storage boxes to Houston, Texas, this fall/winter, please contact Sandy/Barbara Silverman: silverman05@comcast.net

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.

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Contribute your time and talent to your community by editing the monthly neighborhood newsletter

Thinking of making your community better?
Do you like words, concise paragraphs and letters?
Have fun, you won't melt
Reinvent yourself
As the next Editor of this Carderock Newsletter!



Contact Margie cscaNewsletter@gmail.com
if you are interested in this opportunity to contribute to your 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 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

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