February 2024

# CARDEROCK SPRINGS

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.

## 2024 CSCA Dues Statements & Survey

The 2024 CSCA Dues Statement have been e-mailed to Carderock residents for whom we have e-mail addresses. We encourage you to pay your dues promptly as this will save the Association postage for mailing reminder invoices. As in the recent past, dues are \$50 per household. Even if you have not received a dues invoice, you may pay your dues on line or by snail mailing a check to our PO Box – See <u>Carderock Springs Citizens'</u> <u>Association: Member Directory & Dues</u>

Dues support the work of the Carderock Springs Citizens Association in conducting neighborhood advocacy, holding social events such as the Welcome Dinner and the Carderock Village CUPPA and SIPPA events, printing the newsletter, maintaining our on-line database and website, and enforcing our neighborhood covenants.



This year we are circulating a survey with our dues notices asking neighborhood residents their preferences for receiving hard copy vs only on-line copies of the newsletters and directory, availability to volunteer for various community activities and interest in nominating candidates for our Board of Directors. Please respond promptly to this survey as well: <u>carderocksprings.net/survey2024</u>

> Jack Orrick CSCA Co-President

# 2024 Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club (CSSC) Membership Open

A reminder that online CSSC registration is now open for 2024 season. All renewals must be received no later than 11:59pm on February 15th to qualify for the current posted fees. Reach out to Rhonda McLaughlin the Membership Chair <u>carderockclubmembership@gmail.com</u> (C) 301-575-4704 or the Club Manager Larry <u>carderockclub@verizon.net</u> or (C) 301-502-8665 with questions.

*As a reminder, the CSCA and CSSC are two separate organizations with different membership dues and boards.* 



**Sunday, Feb 11, 9:30 – 11am** Carderock Village CUPPA w/ Valentine making inside at the Club

Monday, Feb 19, 7:30 pm Monthly CSCA Board Meeting http://carderocksprings.net/zoom

#### Monday, March 11, 7:30pm

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting at the Club Contact <u>cscaARC@gmail.com</u> \*now the second Monday of the month

#### Saturday, March 9, 10am

Weed Warrior Workday starting at the Club <u>https://montgomeryparks.org/event/w</u> <u>eed-warrior-cabin-john-svu3/</u>

Saturday, March 16, 11am – 12:30pm Carderock Village CUPPA inside at the Club

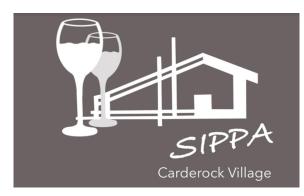
Saturday, March 16, 5:30pm

International Potluck Dinner at the Club

Monday, March 18, 7:30 pm Monthly CSCA Board Meeting http://carderocksprings.net/zoom

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# First Carderock Village SIPPA Event



80+ neighbors, full parking lot, happy busy kids

in the Kids' Corner, homemade concoctions of mulled wine, vegetarian moussaka, Thai soup, perfectly ratioed peanut butter chocolate chip cookies, an



olive cake warm from the oven, exquisite punch, contributions of fine wine, Prosecco, intriguing alternative beverages, Sushi'N'You sushi, other generous and creative contributions too numerous to recall, and a budding magician named James. Congratulations to Julie Corbin for winning the Silent Auction for the Carderock Snow Globe art poster designed by Sue Eastman.

@CarderockSpringsCA



For the many of you who asked to donate -- yes and thank you. Every single item that January night was donated by your Village Task Force and fellow neighbors. Contributions gratefully received for the next Village event can be sent via

Venmo @CarderockSpringsCA -- please note VILLAGE on your contribution. When can you donate, you ask? How about now? Yes, now would be a very good time to donate.



Lastly, a huge shout out to our bar tenders, to our generous drivers, to every single person who helped with set up and break down, and to Larry and the CSSC for use of the clubhouse. So many people saying "yes" -- thanks one & all.

Carolyn Finney LoBuglio

# Montgomery County Quiet Skies Update

The announcement below will directly and positively affect our noise concerns in THIS neighborhood, since planes will approach via the CIA on the Virginia Side and the waypoint will no longer be located in our area.

How? The change will lead to fewer approaching flights, the ones that noisily fly directly over our homes, at times only a mere 90 seconds apart. More, but not all, will be directed to the CIA campus in Langley.

Other approach procedures, such as visual and radar based, will be significantly modified to mirror the current and newest GPS approach. In addition, it is expected that flights following the procedure that currently affects Montgomery County as a whole, and that increases air traffic during inclement weather, are expected to drop off significantly.

#### (MoCo Quiet Skies, Continued)

MoCo Quiet Skies has had a multi-year effort to reduce noise impacts by moving flight paths to more compatible areas and introducing dispersion when possible. In November 2023, the FAA informed the DCA Community Working Group (CWG) that the proposed changes to south-flow approach

procedures (<u>Recommendation 22 dated</u> <u>7/21/21</u>) are now expected to be implemented in May 2024. This is a few months earlier than previously expected. Once the new procedure changes are implemented, MoCo Quiet Skies will be hosting a celebration – so stay tuned!

> Diane Karlik CSCA rep to MoCo Quiet Skies

# **ARC Meeting Day Change**

Beginning in March, CSCA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly community review meetings will shift to *the second* **Monday** *of each month* at 7:30PM at the Clubhouse.

ARC will next meet on **Monday**, March 11, 2024, at 7:30PM at the Clubhouse.

2024 Updated ARC Design Guidelines for our Carderock Springs community are coming soon! Stay tuned.

> Katherine Stifel CSCA ARC Member

## Traffic Safety Committee Update

The Traffic Committee will be <u>informally</u> polling neighbors on Fenway Road between Lily Stone and Carderock Springs Drive, along with neighbors on Still Spring Court, Peck Place, and Magruder Mill Court to try to determine the level of support for possible speed humps. These are the neighbors that would be officially polled if we are able to qualify Fenway Road for speed humps. If we are able to qualify, there would be a formal polling process defined by County regulations. So if one of the following members of the Traffic Committee reaches out to you, please let them know your thoughts:



Mercy Beehler Jonathan Fogg Jennifer Hughes Andrew Jaco Mya Soe-Lin

We also have reached out to the County's Department of Transportation to determine if there are additional traffic calming measures that could be implemented in the neighborhood. If you have any questions or comments, please let one of the above committee members know.

> Jennifer Hughes Chair, Traffic Safety Committee

## Carderock Village CUPPA "You Already Belong"

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



for the next CUPPA CARDEROCK Village on Sunday, February 11 from 9:30 to 11am, inside at the Club. Drop by to Connect. All ages invited. This event will feature first ever CUPPA KIDS VALENTINE CREATIONS (kids table open from 10 – 11 am).

#### (CUPPA Carderock Village, Continued)

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.

# The remaining 2024 CUPPA schedule:

Saturday March 16 11-12:30 inside Sunday April 21 9:30-11 **Garden plant exchange for Earth Day in the parking lot** Saturday May 18 11-12:30 outside Sunday June 9 9:30-11 outside Saturday September 14 9:30 -11 outside Sunday October 6 9:30-11 outside Saturday November 16 11 to 12:30 inside Sunday December 15 9:30 -11 inside

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



# Volunteers: Carderock Springs Community needs YOU!

Volunteers have greeted us as CUPPA CARDEROCK VILLAGE steering committee members for the past 18 months! They meet us at the club house door to help us carry 2 travel boxes of Starbucks coffee, espresso machine, carafes of decaf coffee, tablecloths and pastries up the flight of stairs, and then stay to set up the tables and chairs. Some other volunteers arrive at 11 to help us clean up, disassemble tables, store the chairs, and sweep the floor. Recently, they arrived at the first ever SIPPA CARDEROCK VILLAGE on a snowy cold Saturday evening, to carry up wine bottles, food platters, plastic glasses, crockpots, and again, set up even more tables. And others stayed to clean up after SIPPA ended.

According to a new study from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, these CUPPA and SIPPA volunteers did something that is good for their health! According to researcher Eric Kim: "Our results show that volunteerism among older adults doesn't just strengthen communities but enriches our own lives by strengthening our bonds to others and helping us feel a sense of purpose and wellbeing." This study included thousands of adults older than 50 in the study. This study recommended two (2) hours a week or 100 hours a year to improve health outcomes.

So, please join us at the next CUPPA, Sunday, February 11, 9:30 to 11, and meet other neighbors and VOLUNTEERS. Better yet, come at 9 and join the volunteers who schlep up our supplies and make new friends and stronger community connections.

The study: <u>https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/study-volunteering-is-good-for-your-health/</u>

Sue Eastman

# Capture your Stormwater on your Property to Save MONEY!

Don't Miss Out! Lower Your Charge on your property tax bill. It is the line item titled WATER QUALITY PROTECTION CHARGE (WQPC). See the section of your property tax bill here:

TOTAL AMOUNT Amount Due by 6/30/2014			\$0.00
PRIOR PAYMENTS			\$4,116.61
TOTAL CREDITS			-692.00
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT	ASSESSMENT	RATE	-692.00
TOTAL CREDIT DESCRIPTION	ASSESSMENT	RATE	4,808.61 AMOUNT
			29.17
SOLID WASTE CHARGE		308.00	
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX	389,300	1.02	3,974.76
STATE PROPERTY TAX	389,300	0.11	436.02
TAX DESCRIPTION	ASSESSMENT	RATE	TAX/CHARGE

The County explains: "The WQPC is calculated based on the amount of impervious surface on your property, and the type of property you own. Calculations are based on the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). One ERU = 2,406 square feet, which is the median amount of impervious surface on residential properties. Residential homeowners (including detached homes and townhomes) are in a tier structure, and charged annually, depending on the total area of impervious surface."

Each tax year the County Council sets how much each ERU will cost. This number is called the Rate. For this tax year, the Rate is \$126.00.

1 ERU = 2,406 square feet = \$126.00

The exact amount of each property's charge is based on two factors:

- The amount of impervious surface area on the property
- The type of property owner

Rain Gardens, green roofs, conservation landscaping, permeable pavement, dry wells, and more can help you capture stormwater and at the same time reduce your tax bill. All of these property improvements can also help reduce the amount of stormwater draining onto adjacent downhill neighbors. If you already have these taxsaving systems in place, then you may be eligible for up to 80% off your Water Quality Protection Charge in the form of a credit.

You can find more information about reducing your stormwater charge here:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/w qpc/about.html

Sue Eastman

# Remember: Carderock Springs is a designated Rainscape Neighborhood

See link below for more information: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/ra inscapes/carderock-springs.html

As the County rainscape site describes: "Carderock Springs is located in the Cabin John Watershed and was developed in a style where the natural landscape dominates the built environment. Homes were built into the existing topography with an intention to protect the natural wooded setting of the community. This was accomplished by minimizing changes to existing grades and retaining existing drainage courses."

Given our aging community's storm drainage infrastructure and street design with no curb and gutters, our current grass swales are failing to manage the increased stormwater due to climate change. Our neighborhood has matured and changed with house renovations, which have increased impervious area. Yard compaction, which occurs during construction, and increased sediment in our swales have resulted in a variety of lot-to-lot drainage issues, including reduced waterflow under many driveway culverts.

However, there is a solution; Request that the County regrade your grass drainage swale for free!

#### (Rainscape Neighborhood Continued)

A grass drainage swale is an open channel that collects water from hard surfaces and allows it to percolate into the ground, reducing the amount of runoff leaving the road or property. The grass covering the side slopes and swalebottom provides a filtration surface for the water and helps to reduce the flow velocity. In steeper areas, some swales have stone or concrete 'check dams' across the width to help slow the flow rate, promote infiltration, and prevent erosion. During large storms, swales can direct extra runoff to other stormwater facilities or the storm drain system. Swales are commonly found along roads, parking lots, or between properties of some residential lots.



The swales are located in the Right of Way, and because of this, you can contact the County for help. I have had my swale regraded twice in the past 20 years. MC DOT Project Manager, Mr. Lacy Hanna, at 240-876-5539, was most helpful in getting my service request completed.

The following link is an excellent source of information on swales: <u>https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Re</u> <u>sources/Files/downloads/stormwater/fact-</u> <u>sheets/Swale-Maintenance.pdf</u>

Sue Eastman

## 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 second Monday of each month at 7:30PM at the Clubhouse 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 <u>cscaARC@gmail.com</u>
- 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 <u>cscaARC@gmail.com</u>.

## 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 <u>CS-Chat@groups.io</u> 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



## Trash and Recycling

The next day for the sliding trash schedule is after President's Day, when our pick up will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21, instead of Tuesday.

## VCR/VHS Tapes

Habitat for Humanity Restore in Rockville accepts these. Otherwise, they would go to the Transfer Station for E-cycling (the first stop on the trash trail)

## **Child Car Seats**

Be sure to check the label on car seats for the date of manufacture. Most companies "guarantee" their seats for only 5-9 years due to the temperature fluctuations and possible hard use that could damage the integrity of the plastics used. To recycle those that have expired, remove the straps and pads, and deposit them at the bulky, rigid plastic section at the Transfer Station. I do accept non-expired seats to give away in refugee communities so families can use these goods and then don't need to purchase with their limited funds. You can contact me at dianekarlik@verizon.net, however, like all other donations, please do not leave your car seat at my home without prior confirmation with me. If it is a car seat, please take photo of the manufacturing sticker. For additional information, contact the Child Passenger Safety Program at 240-777-2223

## Ideas for Recycling Aluminum Foil/Disposables Made of Aluminum

Aluminum can be recycled over and over, with no loss of quality. In fact, 75% of the aluminum produced in the US is still in use.

You should ball up the foil and try to compact the disposable pie tins and roast pans before placing

them in the recycling bin. However, if there is baked on cheese, oil, etc., they would contaminate the mix so place those in the trash. Here are some uses for aluminum re-use:

- Reuse it. If you're going to clean it, why not use it again? Just flatten it out again and use it to cover a pan or dish.
- Protect your pie crusts. When baking a pie, fold strips of foil around the edges of your crusts to keep them from burning.
- Sharpen scissors. Fold up a piece of aluminum foil into several layers and cut through it several times with a pair of dull scissors to sharpen the blades.
- Clean the grill. Ball up some aluminum foil and use it like a wire brush to scrub the gunk left after grilling.
- Scare the birds. If birds are dining on your fruit trees, dangle a few strips of aluminum foil in the branches. The shininess may deter their eating and encourage them to feast elsewhere.
- Keep your oven clean. When you know you're baking something messy, place some aluminum foil in the oven on the rack below what you're making. It will catch the spills and make for easy cleanup.
- Crafts. Give foil to your kids to create fun projects, from origami to DIY masks to anything else they can imagine.

## Bad News for Craft Product: GLITTER

Glitter is made up of microplastics, and because of their size and weight, are easy to spread and contaminate soil, air, water and then eventually food. Eco-glitter is available, at a higher price but sometimes it is difficult to tell the difference, other than a softer touch on the biodegradable version. The better news...you can make glitter at home with a cornflour recipe. Check the YouTube videos on DIY Eco Friendly Glitter.

> Diane Karlik Chair, Environmental Committee

# **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 offersweekly 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

## **House Painting**

Deaton Painting is a professional house painting company located in the Montgomery County area. They specialize in both exterior and interior house painting as well as cabinetry painting. Their team of expert painters is licensed, insured, and ready to take on all shapes and sizes of house painting projects. Call 240-220-9567



www.deatonpainting.com to get a free quote on your project.

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.

# **First CSSC Table Tennis Tournament Winners**



On a memorable Sunday in early December, from 9am till 4:30pm, ten teams competed and collectively played over 260 matches on four tables at the Club. Congratulations to the first ever CSSC 2023 Tennis Tournament winners: Team Carde-Rock Crushers (**Bill Draper** and **Konstantin Gartvig**) emerged as the victors in a tightly contested final match-up with Team Rakija and Tulips (**Tijana Ivanovic** and **Hans Pieter Zevenhuizen**) who took second place. **Nader Khalaf** took home the Extraordinary Player honors.

Open invitation to all individuals of all abilities to join us for Wednesday table tennis play from 7:30-9pm! Play is casual and fun, and feel free to drop by any Wednesday.

Stefan LoBuglio



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, 2024.

Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs directory may be made online (preferred) or mailed:

- Paypal (<u>www.paypal.me/carderock</u> and in the memo write your snail mail address)
- Venmo (friend @CarderockSpringsCA and in the comment "What's it for" include your address)
- 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, Rick Wilson, Co-**Presidents** Maja Husar, **Vice-President** Ashkan Malayeri, **Secretary** Ashish Goel, **Treasurer** Bill Draper, **Membership Secretary** 

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Douglas Soe-Lin, ARC Sandy Silverman, ARC Katherine Stifel, ARC

Sue Eastman, Member-At-Large/ARC Liaison

Scott Wilets, ARC

Katalin Roth, *At-Large* Meaghan Curry, *At-Large* Brian Glenn, *At-Large* Steven Seitz, *At-Large* 

#### **Tree Committee**

Sue Eastman, Nancy Everett, Gary Ratner, Katalin Roth

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