

# 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.

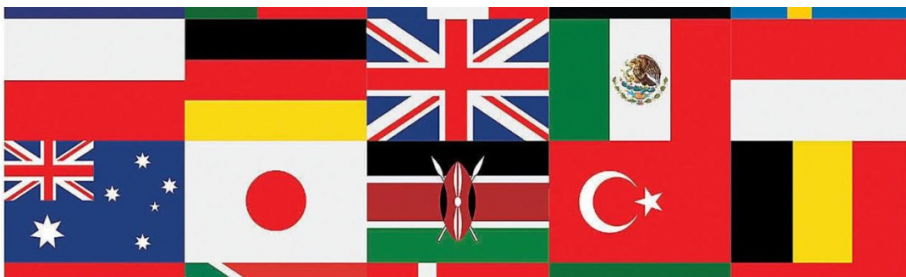
## International Potluck Dinner 2024 *Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - Please RSVP*

The CSCA hopes to see you at the upcoming International Dinner being held on 3/16 at 5:30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Several neighbors have already volunteered to contribute their favorite dishes, representing nations from around the world. It's not too late to participate and enjoy the festivities. Simply bring an appetizer, entree, or dessert that reflects your national heritage—or feel free to adopt any heritage for the evening.

All Carderock Springs residents are welcome, including families, friends, and children. Wine and beer will be provided by CSCA. To confirm your attendance, please use this link to RSVP for the event:

<https://www.carderocksprings.net/rsvpdinner>

If you have any questions, reach out to Event Chair Kimberly Young at [cscasocial@gmail.com](mailto:cscasocial@gmail.com).



## CSCA ANNUAL MEETING *April 28, 7 - 8:30 pm @ Carderock Club*

- Election of Officers and directors
- Discussion on revised Architectural Guidelines

Refreshments served: All our invited.



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

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting at the Club  
Contact [cscarc@gmail.com](mailto:cscarc@gmail.com)

### **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>

### **Wednesday, April 3, 7:30pm**

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) monthly meeting at the Club  
Contact [cscarc@gmail.com](mailto:cscarc@gmail.com)  
\*now the first Wednesday of the month

### **Saturday, April 6, 12pm**

Spring Egg Hunt at the Club

### **Monday, April 15, 7:30pm**

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

### **Sunday April 21, 9:30-11am**

Carderock Village garden plant exchange for Earth Day in the Club parking lot

### **Sunday, April 28, 7 - 8:30 pm**

CSCA Annual Meeting at the Club

# Farewell

Carderock sends condolences to the family of Adnan Alsaffar, who passed peacefully at home on February 14 after a brief illness. He was a South Carderock resident for the past 40 years. Born in Baghdad, Iraq in 1936, he received his PhD in Hydraulic Engineering at UC Berkeley and worked for Bechtel Corporation for 40 years. Adnan was well known at local Glen Echo art classes and art shows for his landscapes and water-themed paintings. He participated in the operation of the National Park Service's River Center at the C&O Canal's Lockhouse 8 for 10 years including developing historical lectures.

Adnan particularly loved hiking the entire 184 miles of the C&O Canal in segments. He was also a Weed Warrior for the Canal and Montgomery County Parks.

Adnan is survived by his wife Lauri, 2 adult children, 7 grandchildren, 2 adult step-children, 4 step-grandchildren plus beloved relatives overseas. Burial was at the George Washington Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Adelphi, MD. A celebration of Adnan's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Islamic Community Center of Potomac.

## Carderock Village February CUPPA: Valentines Delivered and Warmly Received



Carderock Village thanks all volunteers and patrons who came to converse over a cuppa, and to create the most original valentines alongside their children, spouses

and friends. More than 70 valentines were hand delivered, and the Carderock Village loved all the public and private thank you notes sent to us. We thank all parents who stayed to help at the two tables and to all those who helped set up the tables, chairs, and to those who voluntarily stayed to help us pack up after this event.



### For your April calendar!

The next Carderock Village event will be Earth Day 2024, Sunday, April 21, 9:30 to 11, outdoors in the clubhouse parking lot. This will be our second annual garden plant exchange, along with tasty pastries and coffee, plus espresso being served.



Bring a plant from your garden to exchange for another plant. Come

early, as this was so popular with the community. Stay tuned for more information and details as we approach this April date. Keep checking the CSChat.

Please note there will be NO MARCH 16 CUPPA AT THE CLUB. Volunteer and join your neighbors at the International Dinner in the evening, on March 16.

### 2024 CUPPA schedule:

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

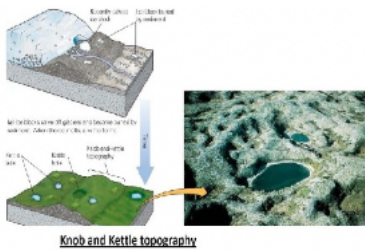
Sunday October 6 9:30-11 outside

Saturday November 16 11 to 12:30 inside

Sunday December 15 9:30 -11 inside

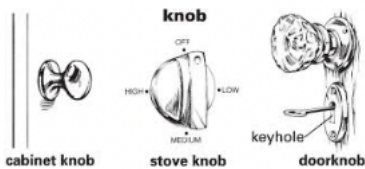
*Sue Eastman*

# What exactly is a “Bennett” knob?



Is it a rounded hill, a door or drawer handle, a radio button, a radio button, or a flock of widgeons? MDOT does not have any

definition of a knob listed as a street type, like road, court, avenue, boulevard, circle, or street, etc... I wish we could interview our late CS builder/developer Edmund Bennett. He gave it another definition. The French word, cul de sac, means the “bottom of the bag” and captures the shape of this cluster design, or his “knob”.



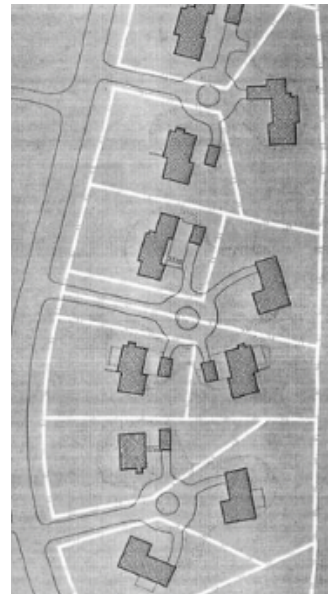
When you drive down

Lilly Stone Drive, Park Overlook Drive or Court, and along Fenway, you will see many cul de sacs or “knobs” with reddish-brown park-like signs with names like Pine Hill, Fern Hill, or Laurel. We hope in the near future there will be a knob on Lilly Stone with a new name, based on the native American Piscataway dish of acorn mash, called “wiiwish” because in the center of this cul de sac or knob is a champion-like oak tree.

According to the document on the Maryland Historic Trust website, Carderock Springs, Carderock Springs South, and New Mark Commons are important and original illustrations of cluster development, which challenged the post-war linear tract housing.

Cluster development helped to promote contour and tree preservation, a well as lowering housing costs and to cause more efficient use of underground utilities. Ultimately it helped to foster more community interaction due to the proximity of the 3 to 5 houses situated along the

circle. And, Bennett with his architects, landscaped these “unobtrusive” knobs to preserve trees and reduce traffic noise.



These knobs were named after native trees/plants, like Holly, Pine, and Fern. Because Bennett felt that dead-end streets were “dispiriting”, knobs were created as “extensions of the streets” such that owners along knobs on Lilly Stone, Fenway and Park Overlook have numbered street addresses. Because there are houses located on either side of the knob entrance, the county labels them as corner lots with two front yards.

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/goodneighbor/s/resources/files/faqs.pdf>

**More information on Edmund Bennett can be found at: Carderock Springs Historic District**

<https://apps.mht.maryland.gov/nr/NRDetail.aspx?NRID=1550&COUNTY=Montgomery&p:FROM=NRC%20%20ountyList.aspx>

## ARC Meeting Day Change

As the time springs ahead, the monthly ARC Review meetings will return to **1st Wednesdays at 7:30PM**, beginning on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:30PM** at the Clubhouse.

We are still working hard on the 2024 Architectural Design Guidelines Update for our community, so stay tuned!

## 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.

## 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 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.



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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



### Trash and Recycling

The next change for pick up will be in the Memorial Day weekend, when our pick up changes from Tuesday to Wednesday, May 29th.

### Recycling

Recycling numbers can often lead to confusion. Recycling is not standardized, as some jurisdictions recycle nothing at all, some only the most common plastics 1 and 2, others practice single stream and mix plastics in with paper and metal, etc. The numbers in these triangles identify the types of plastics used in the item.

In Montgomery County, you may place all numbers EXCEPT #6, which is basically Styrofoam and items that look different from Styrofoam, but contain those same resins.

**What are those numbers?**

The resin codes on packaging tell you what kind of plastic it is. You still need to check your local recycling rules to see which types can go in your bin. Here are some examples!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PET	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS/EPS	Other

**What they recycle into:**

New bottles, clothing, carpet	New bottles, lumber, furniture	Pipes, flooring, siding, binders	New bags, mailers, decking	New jars, bins, buckets, car parts	Picture frames, crown molding	Electronic housing, lumber
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Now you know.  
#RecycleRight #BuyRecycled

APR The Association of Plastic Recyclers

In reality, only a small amount of plastics gets recycled due to costs of preparation, transport, and manufacture of new products.

However, some plastics often get a second life.

*(Eco Column, Continued)*

One woman in Lewiston Maine started to realize how much waste she went through from single-use plastics, so she decided to test herself with a New Year's resolution; to see how long she could stick with [reusing containers instead](#).

The domino effect led to her opening GoGo Refill in 2019: a low-waste retail store aimed at refilling containers and bottles rather than rebuying them.

Then in Maine, bills have been introduced to provide funds to encourage reuse of plastic containers as above.

### DIY Hint of the Month

Mildew and soap scum prevention spray for showers and shower doors. Instead of purchasing an item that may include additional chemicals, combine:

1/2 hydrogen peroxide  
1/2 cup rubbing alcohol  
1 tsp dish soap  
1 TBS rinse aid

Fill with room temperature water (preferably pre boiled) to make 32 ounces.

Use every time the shower is used.

Leave out peroxide if you have colored grout. Add drops of essential oil (tea tree, peppermint, etc.) for a more pleasant scent.

### Decorating and designing your home: tips from decorators

Making small attempts and using a problem-solving approach can help you easily design your beautiful and eco-friendly home. Upcycling old items and buying sustainable furniture and vintage goods are a few tips that can make a considerable shift. Adapting this greener lifestyle will help you improve your mental health and the planet's health both at once.

### Maryland News

State news on green projects

<https://www.marylandmatters.org/2024/02/17/moore-puts-extra-pot-of-cash-toward-green-projects/>

### Charity News

Two of my favorite charities, Homes not Borders and Community Forklift work together to ensure that they have the furniture needed to set up each apartment. Community Forklift partners with many organizations by giving grants for free of cost items. HNB is a recipient.

As mentioned in the link here

<https://www.communityforklift.org/community-building-blocks-homes-not-borders/>

and offered by a volunteer on "what is a sofa?"

"It's the release of fatigue, the end of a journey, and a big exhale. After months on the road or in refugee camps, the gift of a sofa can be overwhelming. Time after time, our refugees tell us so."

### Upcycling and reusing clothing

Patagonia has been the lightning rod of the outdoor industry.... they steadily grew Worn Wear, catalyzing a wave of competitor brands to do the same. Today, there are nearly a dozen upcycling programs in the outdoors, with a trio of industry giants leading the pack.

The North Face launched Renewed the following year and Arc'teryx launched ReBird a year later, both of which employ a similar model to Worn Wear. These three programs have all found paths to scale, taking back old products, repurposing the materials, and selling repaired products at discounted prices. Collectively, they are creating a circular economy, and reducing the products going into landfills.

Check each manufacturer for details.

*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](mailto: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](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 <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](http://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](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

## 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)

## 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



**Deaton** or visit  
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[www.deatonpainting.com](http://www.deatonpainting.com) to get a free quote on your project.

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# CSCA 2024 SURVEY

A brief update on the CSCA 2024 survey. Within the first week we had nearly 90 people complete it. It is great to see so many residents engaged and caring to share their opinions. The idea behind the questions is to help the CSCA Board make the right decisions and use the association's dues in the most efficient ways - we are asking about the newsletter, the directory, social events, etc. It was incredible to see nearly 3/4 of the respondents raising their hand when we asked for volunteers! We also received a few nominations for potential candidates for the Board 2024-2025. It is not too late to complete the survey if you have not done it yet - just go to [carderocksprings.net/survey2024](https://carderocksprings.net/survey2024) or scan the QR code.



We will close it mid-March, discussing the results at our March Board Meeting on March 18 and providing a more in-depth update on the results in the April newsletter. A special shout-out to Stephanie Land for her expertise, time and patience when helping with the survey design.

*Maja Husar*  
CSCA Vice-President



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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 ([www.paypal.me/carderock](https://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)
- 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*

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Katherine Stifel, *ARC*

Scott Wilets, *ARC*

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

Katalin Roth, *At-Large*

Meaghan Curry, *At-Large*

Brian Glenn, *At-Large*

Steven Seitz, *At-Large*

### *Tree Committee*

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