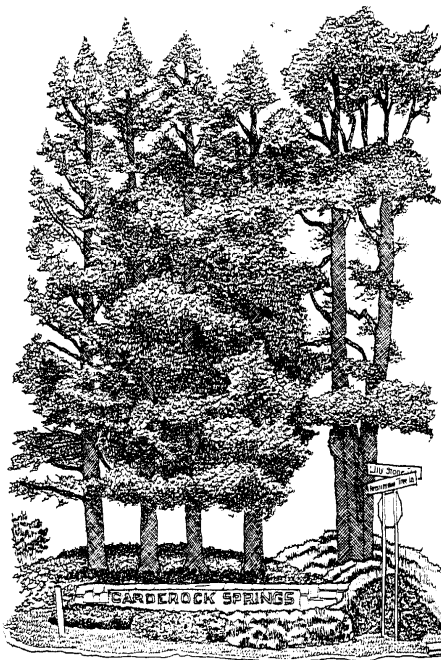


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CARDEROCK SPRINGS COMMUNITY NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CSCA 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

THANKS to all those who came to the CSCA annual meeting and took the time to really care about the work our board does to keep Carderock Springs one of the best places to live in the DC area. After an hour of socializing with our neighbors over some wine and nibbles, we gathered for the business of our association. The following is a summary of the highlights of the evening.



Our treasurer, Bob Stocker, reported that over 75% of the community has paid the annual dues of \$50.00 and encouraged those who haven't to do so asap. He also gave a report that showed how the dues are used: \$15 for our needed contingency/legal funds, \$23 for administrative operations (e.g. newsletter, fees and taxes, etc.), and \$12 for discretionary funds/programs (e.g., funding part of our upcoming 50th anniversary celebration).

The work of our association is done through the volunteers who serve on several committees. Each committee gave a short report summarizing what has been accomplished over the past year. To mention just one accomplishment for each:

Beautification: cleaning up River Rd entryway area and refurbishing all entry signs

Environmental: continual information provided to our community about ways we can be more environmentally concerned and involved.

Welcoming: Efforts made to make new residents feel welcomed, including annual gathering of new-comers.

Carderock Springs Board Members

Phil Rider
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Residents of Carderock Springs and surrounding areas may join the Citizens Association for an annual due of \$50 for a membership year ending December 31, 2012. Dues and family information for the Carderock Springs telephone directory may be mailed to the Carderock Springs Citizens' Association at P.O. Box 237, Cabin John, MD 20818-0237. Our Association represents the Carderock Springs community and implements its land covenants.

Safety: Shared experiences of frustration with the county to our efforts to slow traffic in Carderock

Membership: Continued efforts to update the directory.

Web Site: Margie Orrick has done a great job in keeping our web site alive and informative. Encouraged everyone to keep in touch with the web site and chat.

ARC: This is one of the most important committees of our association. It continues to play a vital role in our community to maintain the integrity of our architecture. Following the report, a special recognition and thanks to Curt Hasting's work on the ARC was given.

50th Anniversary: Jack Orrick reported that the 50th Anniversary Committee has been meeting to plan a wonderful celebration On September 8.

After the committee reports, we were pleased to welcome a couple "long time" residents of Carderock Springs who shared some of their early memories of our community. Their thoughts sparked several questions about "life in the early days." Because of time limitations, it was clear that some kind of forum needs to be planned in the future when we can spend an evening informally talking with early "settlers" of Carderock about their oral history of our community.

There were then two important business items that were presented.

Bylaw changes. The CSCA Board presented a report of suggested by-law changes, one that would include some abutting street/areas to the association and to increase the number of members on the CSCA Board to at least seven with the option to add others to cover some needs that might arise in the future. There was some discussion about including abutting areas to the association, ending in a decision to table that part of the suggested by-law changes. The second section on board numbers was approved. The Board announced that Larry Ondrijko would be the first to be nominated for one of the new positions as liaison between the CSCA Board and the Club Board. The Board is still hoping to find a second "at large member" to fill the position of "events planner."

The election of the new Board was then held. The current Board (plus Larry) is willing to serve for another one year term. There were no other nominations from the floor. So...you've got us for another year.

Secretary: Reminded everyone that all Board meetings are open to the community and have been held monthly at the Club House to accommodate participants. Board information and discussions are also available through the community website (www.carderocksprings.org) where meeting minutes and other key discussion summaries are posted.

Because of time limitations, we were not able to have a discussion of what community members would like the board to work on in the coming year. Instead, community members were encouraged to write to one of the board members with suggestions and ideas. We would put this out to everyone, hoping that people will let us know what you would like us to be doing to best serve the community.

I would like to thank all those who have given their time and talents to the work of the Board in the past year. The Board members themselves (and their individual committee work), the ARC, and the many committee volunteers who have covered so many needs, Noëlle Lewis for getting our newsletter out and the kids who deliver it, Margie Orrick for keeping our website and newsletter up and running, Margit Meissner for being a wonderful liaison between the community and the ARC, Lisa Deyo for her willingness to keep protecting our trees, Diane Karlik for keeping all of us on our environmental to do's, Nancy Everett for the incredible work

in organizing a garden tour, Larry Ondrijko for his help and support in making it easy to meet each month at the club, and all those who have expressed their own support and encouragement in so many different ways. THANKS (And....I apologize if I've inadvertently forgotten someone).

I would end by sharing a personal note. While living in Maine, Jeff and I bought property in Florida with the thought that we might like to retire there - "mainly" (no pun intended) to get away from the long and cold Maine winters. Then, we re-located to Bethesda. Now, our plans have changed. The house in Florida is on the market. No need to keep it as a retirement place. We love it here in Carderock and plan to make this our retirement home (hopefully for many years ahead). I know I share this same love for our community as the rest of us. This is why it is important for us to take the time to find some way to share our time and talents to keep Carderock the wonderful community it is. I hope you will consider volunteering for one of the many needs we have. Please check out the following article that invites you to sign up and get involved.

Looking forward to our upcoming, special 50th anniversary year.

Phil Rider, President

Help Needed

There are so many ways you can make a contribution to our community. PLEASE consider volunteering for one of the following:

(If interested, just email Phil Rider at pmrbthmd@yahoo.com)

Beautification Committee: Help keep Carderock as beautiful as possible

Membership: Help with the directory and membership info updates

Welcoming: Help support efforts to welcome new-comers to Carderock

Safety: Help keep Carderock a safe place to live and work

Environmental: Help make our community a truly environmentally conscious neighborhood

ARC: There is a need for one new member. You do not need to be an architect - only have a commitment to the architectural integrity of our community.

50th Anniversary: Help plan and implement the special celebration of our 50th Anniversary

At large Board Member to take responsibility for event planning

PLEASE....CONSIDER YOURSELF ASKED AND INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Save the Date – September 8 – Carderock Springs 50th Anniversary Celebration

Please save Saturday, September 8, 2012, for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Carderock Springs community. The event is being planned as a fun, informal event to recognize the half century since the first Bennett homes were sold in Carderock, and perhaps most importantly, as an event where neighbors can meet and greet each other. We are planning an evening event, with a happy hour and short program, followed by a catered dinner and live music/dancing at the Carderock Springs Club. A committee has been formed, but we are still looking for additional volunteers to nail down the details and organize the event.

In particular, we are looking to identify those families/individuals who have lived in the neighborhood for the entire life of the community. If you are one of such families, or know of them, please contact Jack Orrick jorrick@linowes-law.com or Mary Lou Shannon maryloushannon@mrisc.com.

We are also interested in getting artifacts from the early days of the community, pictures, brochures of Bennett homes, newspaper articles, etc. We especially need photos to create a slide show. Dig into those albums and boxes of photographs or slides. Mary Lou will make digital images and return your originals.

More details will follow as the event gets closer. Please note the date on your calendars now!

Jack Orrick, Member-at-Large

Celebrating Fifty Years Did You Know?

Edmund Bennett set out to create a community large enough to be architecturally controlled on land that had a varied terrain and abundant trees necessary for his modern homes. Several parcels were combined, but the main tract was the Stone Farm belonging to the Moore-Stone family since 1879. Their homestead, the Glenmore, survives today on Comanche Court.

In case you missed the Did You Know from last month:

The first section of Carderock Springs opened June 1962 at top of Fenway Road. Section II followed on Magruder Mill, Peck Place, and Still Spring Court. Houses were priced in the low \$30,000 and would rise to an average of \$45,000 by 1966 when Bennett was finishing the last section.

Mary Lou Shannon, Member-at-Large

Newcomers to our Neighborhood

Please welcome....

Bill and Amy Moore and their daughter Juliet (2). They moved into Tom Hilton's home at 8203 Stone Trail Drive. You can reach Bill and Amy at billamymoore@gmail.com. Tom is retiring and moving to Florida.

Stephanie Land and Robert Gorman and their children Jane (10) and Ben (12). They moved into La Ree Simon and Tom Clancy's home at 8211 Lilly Stone Drive. You can reach Jane and Robert at benjasmom2000@yahoo.com. La Ree and Tom moved to a retirement community in Massachusetts, close to La Ree's daughter Liz.

Nick and Judy Miranda. They moved into Alice Hannessian's home at 7706 Hamilton Spring Road. You can reach Judy or Nick at njmiranda@yahoo.com.

Mary Lou Shannon, Welcome Chair

The Carder-Eco Column

A cub scout den based in CS has already planned a visit to the Brickyard Educational Farm? If you are or know of a leader of a group of kids who might be interested, check their website. They schedule visits from groups of 8-20 to learn about farming and organics and to plant, care for a feed egg-laying chickens, make compost, and much more.

Trash and Recycling Etiquette:

Several people have asked me to remind the community about neighborly handling of trash cans and recycling bins:

- Trash cans and recycling bins are to be hidden/screened from view from the street when not a trash day.
- Cans and bins are not to be placed along the street before the afternoon of the day prior to pick-up. Please inform your housekeepers.
- Once collection is made, cans and bins are to be removed from the street ASAP. Ask your neighbor for help if you are out of town for a period of time.
- Garden debris, if possible, should be placed on the street at the same time as the cans, and **not** over the weekend.

Eco-labeling – What do all of those labels mean?

Know what you are buying....or ask! (taken from April 2012 AARP bulletin)

USDA Organic: Foods produced without using synthetic fertilizers, sewage sludge, irradiation, or genetic engineering

Certified Naturally Grown: Foods from small organic farms that follow USDA Organic standards but don't have the budget to apply for official status

USDA Certified Grass-Fed: Meat from ruminant animals raised on a diet of 100% grass and forage

Food Alliance Certified: Foods from farms dedicated to sustainable farming practices

Aquaculture Stewardship Council: Industry standard for seafood raised with sustainable and environmentally sound practices

LEED: Buildings made with eco-friendly materials, save water and energy, don't unnecessarily impact the site and have a high-quality indoor environment (CS Elementary School!)

Good Housekeeping Green Seal: Consumer products that meet the magazine's standards for quality and environmental responsibility

Compostable: Plastic products that biodegrade quickly and completely

Energy Star: EPA/Dept. of Energy certified products that reduce energy bills

Certified Carbon Neutral: Businesses fund projects that reduce the same amount of emissions they produce, neutralizing their carbon footprint

Green Seal: Minimal-impact products and services from renewable sources

Fair Trade Certified: Imported foods that meet international environmental, labor, and development standards

EPA Lead-Safe Certified: Renovation and repair firms using methods and products that minimize exposure to lead, a toxic metal

Leaping Bunny: Cosmetics, toiletries and household cleaners that have been developed with no new animal testing

Green Star Certified: Products and services from companies dedicated to waste reduction, energy conservations, recycling and pollution prevention

Rainforest Alliance: Products made by methods that do not add to global deforestation and environmental destruction

Friend of the Sea: Seafood fished from stable populations using methods that don't impact the seabed

Burn Wise EPA: Wood burning appliances emit the cleanest and least amount of smoke indoors and out

Better Cotton Initiative: Fabric from growers who follow low-pesticide and economically viable cotton farming practices

USDA Biobased: Products with a preset amount of renewable agricultural, forestry or marine materials

Diane Karlik, Environmental Committee

Carderock Beautification

The area around the front entrance sign on River Road and Carderock Springs Drive has been spruced up. The leaves have been removed and the bushes trimmed back. Many of the Azaleas and Rhododendron around the sign are in bloom. Take the time to drive/walk and see them.

Georgia Petsche, Beautification Committee

Five Easy Things to Revitalize Your Garden Make it Look Good

1. Weed now before vines and perennials overwhelm your summer garden. Makes beds look neater, too.
2. Give your shrubs a haircut. Pruning dead wood and straggly branches gives them shape and vigor.
3. Edge your planting beds which gives them definition and helps prevent weeds.
4. Detangle your groundcovers. When you have different plants intermixing, choose one and weed the other out.
5. Mulch, which highlights plants as a rug sets off your furniture, and is also important for weed control and moisture retention during hot summer days.

Lisa Wilcox Deyo, Masters of Landscape Architecture, UVA

Gardening in Carderock Great plants for a great neighborhood

Spring brings such a wealth of bloom that it is difficult to choose what to plant. For this month, here are four smaller native flowering trees. All of them are generally suited to Carderock's part-sun/part-shade, do not grow too large, and (at least in my garden) are deer-resistant.

My favorite small native tree is the Serviceberry (Amelanchier) which is a true four-season plant. There are several species, ranging from a shorter, shrubby clumping form to a taller tree (about 25 feet in 13 years). All provide early spring white flowers that cover the tree like snow

drifts. If pollination is available, delicious June berries in bright blues and purples follow – much like blueberries. Autumn brings gorgeous red/orange leaf color, and the pale-gray bark and graceful form add interest to the winter garden. I have seen several in the neighborhood and am glad they are becoming more popular. This is a wonderful tree for wildlife!

Another great native tree for Carderock is the purple-blooming Redbud (Cercis canadensis). The wild native form is somewhat irregular and sparse, but its bright purple blooms are eye-catching. There are some great cultivars – ‘Forest Pansy’ with purple-tinted leaves, as well as a weeping form, and a new cultivar (‘Rising Sun’) with orange-yellow new leaves. Fall coloration varies but can be a strong yellow.

The third native tree is a bit unusual but worth mentioning – the Carolina silverbell (various Halesia species). It has just finished blooming in my garden and the lovely white blooms do look like chains of bells. It is softly scented and also brings yellow fall color and interesting striated bark for winter. It is a bit irregular in form, so it is perfect for our part-sun woodland edges.

Finally, consider the wonderful native Fringetree, also nicknamed Old-man’s beard (Chionanthus virginicus). This spring beauty has clouds of fragrant panicles of white blooms. Noted horticulturalist Michael Dirr writes of its ‘refinement, dignity, and class’. I know of at least one planted here in Carderock and would like to see more!

Any of these spring-blooming natives would look great in a Carderock garden. If you are thinking of planting a tree, why not give these beauties a try!

Nancy E. Everett, graduate certificates in Landscape Design and Horticulture

Women of Carderock

Thursday, May 7, 2012

The May meeting of the Women of Carderock will be on Thursday, May 7 from noon to 2pm at the home of Marilyn Mayerfeld, 8011 Fenway Rd. Please RSVP to her at 301-469-6004. Bring your lunch and enjoy the company. Newcomers are always welcome.

Classifieds

Bethesda Co-op: Organic vegetable and herb seedlings are just in at the Bethesda Co-op including heirloom tomatoes, basil, lettuces, and more. We are happy to announce that we are a certified 100% wind-powered business! Find out more at www.bethesdacoop.org Tel: 301-320-2530.



Fiber Arts Classes: Anja Caldwell and Kristina Valencia. We believe in the magic of creating with your own hands - often! Join us to learn traditional and new techniques in various fiber arts while creating amazing art and gifts. We instruct at basic and advanced levels in knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, weaving and the many exciting ways to felt wool.

We now offer a variety of classes, workshops and camps for children and adults in collaboration with the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, the National Park

Service and Montgomery County, MD. Starting this fall we also plan holiday gift making workshops, and we will host custom birthday parties for children and grown-ups. See our new website (www.FiberFrolics.com) for the current schedule, announcements and more details, and to sign up for our newsletter at www.FiberFrolics.com. Registration for our classes is through the Glen Echo Park Partnership at www.glenechopark.org or by phone at 301.634.2226.

You can also follow us on Twitter: @fiberfrolics for updates and local events. E-mail: Anja@FiberFrolics.com and Kristina@FiberFrolics.com

Handyman: Jose Luis will help with any and all chores in and around the house and garden, including painting and drywall work, indoor repairs, gardening and clean up, mowing, mulching, edging, transplanting, power washing, fence, pathway or platform construction, and any other kind of heavy work, on a reasonable hourly basis. Contact Carderock neighbor Ray at 301-469-0192.

Summer Nanny: My name is Emily Deyo. I am looking for an opportunity to be a nanny this summer. I am a Carderock resident and sophomore at Elon University. I have much babysitting experience and am good with children. I have worked at two summer camps: Summer at Norwood and Echo Hill Camp (an overnight camp on the Eastern Shore, where I was employed for 10 weeks last summer). As a co-counselor at Echo Hill, I helped supervise and nurture a tent of five girls between the ages of 8 and 14. In addition to these girls, I also took care of other campers aged 6 to 16. Other duties included lifeguarding (I am certified), teaching swimming, and arts and crafts. In high school, I also interned at Bannockburn Elementary School. I am very flexible with my hours and have access to a car. If you are seeking childcare this summer, please contact me at edeyo@elon.edu or 301-335-9879. I have references available upon request. Thank you.