

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Architectural Review Committee

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, 2010. 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.

PLEASE COMPLETE ATTACHED SURVEY:

- 1. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION
- 2. LEAF COLLECTION

Please Return Survey by Wednesday, December 15

Citizens' Association Regular Monthly Meetings

First Monday of the Month, Carderock Springs Swim Club 7:00 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6, 2010 7:00

The CSCA Board meets on every first Monday of the month at the Club, beginning at 7:00 pm. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) also meets monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at the Club, beginning at 7:00 pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend these meetings. The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, December 6th. Leaf removal will be discussed. There will also be a discussion about the relationship between Carderock and Carderock South.

Architectural Review Committee Volunteers Needed

The CSCA Board is looking for two volunteers to work with the ARC.

ARC Member: With Steve Kunin stepping down after many years of dedicated work, the Board is looking for a replacement to serve on the ARC as a voting member. The qualifications include a willingness to do the work/attend meetings of the ARC and have some professional knowledge of architecture and/or landscaping. If you are interested or want further information, please contact Phil Rider (CSCApres@gmail.com).

ARC Communication Liaison: The Board is looking for a volunteer to act as the main contact for Carderock residents who have a proposal to present to the ARC. The liaison will receive all proposals, present them to the ARC prior to its monthly meeting, communicate to the neighbors any ARC suggestions/decisions, and post ARC decisions on the CSCA website. The Board believes this important position will improve communication between the ARC and the community. If you are interested, please contact Phil Rider (CSCApres@gmail.com).

Signs Acknowledging ARC Approval for Construction or for Tree Removal

When someone sees a neighbor cutting down trees or beginning construction on a home improvement, most often the question is raised, "Did they get approval from the ARC or the Tree Removal Co-ordinator?" In order to more easily answer this question, the Board has purchased a few yellow, metal signs indicating approval has been given for either renovations or tree removal. These signs are meant to be placed in the front yard. Of course, using these signs is not mandatory, and the property owner may choose whether or not to use these signs. However, because the Board receives so many inquiries (endless phone calls/E-mails) asking whether ARC/tree removal approval has been obtained, it is hoped homeowners will place a sign in their front yard. A sign will be offered to the owner after approval is given by the ARC or the Tree Removal Coordinator and will be picked up when the work is complete. The Board THANKS all those willing to display the signs.

Carderock Springs
Entryway Workday
Saturday, December 4,
9:00 am

On Saturday, December 4th, at 9:00 AM, we would like the community's help to clean up the large area around the Carderock Springs sign and along both sides of Carderock Drive so our community entryway will be more attractive. Please bring any lawn tools you have to the Carderock Springs entryway on the corner of River Road and Carderock Drive. We hope there will be a great show of support for this effort. Leaf bags will be provided.

Green Neighbors

This November, Green Neighbors presented both the CSCA and the Cabin John Citizen's Association (CJCA) with a Green Reward of \$200 each in recognition of their support of community initiatives that strive to make Carderock Springs, Cabin John, and surrounding Potomac River communities a little greener.

Both the CSCA and CJCA were primary sponsors of Green Neighbors' "Plastics Are Forever/Bring Your Own Bag" campaign that highlights the growing problem of continentsized plastic 'garbage patches' that accumulate in the oceans. The ongoing educational campaign has included the production of 1000 machine-washable community-sponsored tote bags made in the USA of 100% recycled plastic bottles. This campaign has been a great success, with over 700 tote bags being distributed to residents along with educational flyers and dashboard stickers reminding drivers to bring their bags into the store. Thus, Green Neighbors was able to give back to the citizens associations in the form of a Green Reward. If you are still without a tote bag. you may get yours either at the Bethesda Coop or by contacting Cabin John resident Tom Rojas at 301-343-3989.

Green Neighbors is an evolving group of local residents engaging in community solutions to environmental problems. We promote the greening of surrounding Potomac River communities and want to have fun doing it! We endeavor to carry out green initiatives that are ongoing, measurable, replicable, and that strengthen our community ties. Visit us at www.GreenNeighbors.org.

Check out the November issue of Bethesda Magazine for a list of the winners and runners-up of the magazine's first annual Green Awards. The awards are given to organizations, communities, or individuals who display "an unwavering commitment to living and promoting a more sustainable way of life." Out of 120 nominees, there were seven winners and 12 runners-up, of which Green Neighbors was one!

CSCA Directory

Everyone in the community should have received their new CSCA Directory via snail mail. Please check your own listing to ensure it is accurate. If not, please contact Barbara Ames with corrections (membership chair, CSCAmembership@gmail.com). Thank you.



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On the CSCA Website (http://www.carderocksprings.net/)

About CSCA and our History
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Carderock Springs Communication Survey

The Carderock Springs Citizens Association (CSCA) would like to know the best method to reach out to the Carderock neighborhood. Which methods do you prefer?

- E-mail to **CS-Chat@yahoogroups.com** (a list-serv for the neighborhood with over 300 members)
- Put on CSCA website www.CarderockSprings.net
- Hand deliver a printed green newsletter to my mailbox

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Your name (optional but helpful):
Your address (house number and street):

Leaf Collection Survey CSCA November 2010
IF YOU LIVE IN CARDEROCK SOUTH, YOU NEED NOT FILL OUT THIS SURVEY
Purpose of this survey : To identify whether Carderock homeowners prefer to rake up and dispose of their leaves themselves (composted in the rear of your lot or hauled away by a service you pay for) or to have County pick up at the curb for a fee. You can give multiple answers for the questions below.
Two ways to complete the survey: online or paper survey. If you have done one method, you need not do the other.
ONLINE: Yes, answer online at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6DRTFVM
TRADITIONAL PAPER SURVEY: Answer the questions below and return, by mail or hand deliver, to Phil Rider, 8109 Fenway Road (already addressed on back)
1. CURRENTLY to dispose of my leaves in my yard, I
Rake/mow and compost
Rake and bag for County to pick up as part of the general recycling/refuse pick-up
Hire professionals to remove
Do nothing - let nature take its course
2. My vote is for FUTURE leaves to be
Handled by owners (composted in yards, or hauled away by a service which owners arrange and pay for)
Handled by the County (owners get leaves to the 'curb' by a specified date twice per year, then the County arrives to remove leaves for an additional approximately \$90 annual fee assessed to ALL owners)
3. My address (house number and street)

4. Additional comments

Please trifold and mail OR hand deliver to mailbox

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