

# Calverton Current

Newsletter of the Calverton Citizen's Association ♦ Silver Spring ♦ Beltsville, MD ♦ December 2015  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....BERNIE KARNS

The end of the year is fast approaching and so is the end of the Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) membership drive. We need your \$20 dues to help make sure that the CCA has the monetary resources to provide the services and activities that benefit you and the Calverton Community. We need you to join the CCA now.

Here is the list of what the CCA does with your dues:

- ♦ 11 issues of the *Calverton Current* newsletter every year
- ♦ Calverton Telephone Directory every 2 years (next one 2016-2017)
- ♦ Sponsors the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration every year – food, fun and festivities for good fellowship with the neighbors
- ♦ Maintains public grounds around Calverton – including the signs on Calverton Boulevard and Galway Drive.
- ♦ Sponsors special events and services: International Day, Neighborhood Watch Walks, National Night Out and the Calverton email list serve.
- ♦ Acts as your representative at Montgomery County, Prince George's County and at State of Maryland hearings and meetings on issues that impact the Calverton community and Calverton residents; such as, transportation, traffic, roads, street lighting, schools, county and state violations, Calverton covenant violations, and surrounding residential and commercial development meetings and hearings.
- ♦ Helps provide recreational opportunities for people of all ages through the CCA's premier standing committee, the Calverton Recreation Council
- ♦ Assists residents on matters of civic concern, such as providing relevant county phone numbers for you to call to report problems.

Please join the CCA today. Your block captain should be collecting your dues. If your dues has not been collected, call your block captain and tell him/her that you have your money. You can mail your \$20, check or cashier check to: CCA, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021. Thank you in advance for your dues and your support of the CCA. See you at the CCA General Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary School. Please bring a food donation for the PG District VI Food Drive. **Happy Holidays!!! Happy New Year!!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

♦ **Now until early December – PG Police District VI Holiday Food Drive.** All can goods or non-perishable foods can be taken to the District VI Station on Sellman Road in Beltsville. You can also call Corporal Woody at 301-937-0910 to pick up your donation. Please bring your food donation to the CCA General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12. The food drive ends early December so that the baskets can be delivered by mid-December.

♦ **November 27 – December 17** – Calverton Recreation Council (CRC) registration for 2015-2016 Winter Basketball Session. More info elsewhere in the newsletter.

♦ **Wednesday, December 2 @ 7:00 PM**—East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) Meeting. East County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

♦ **Thursday, December 3 @ 1 PM**.—Senior Coffee with District VI Police (Prince George's), Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD.

♦ **Thursday, December 3 @ 7:00 PM** – CCA Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting. Calverton Elementary School (Multi-Purpose Room), 3400 Beltsville Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. There will be awards presented, voting for the new CCA Board of Directors, information resource tables. See you there! Don't forget to bring food for the food drive.

♦ **Monday, December 7** – CRC basketball practice begins.

♦ **Tuesday, December 8** – Deadline for Holiday Light Contest application. Get your application in to participate in the contest. You could win a cash prize for your light display.

♦ **Wednesday, December 9** — APPLICATION DEADLINE: Calverton Holiday Light Display Contest. Please complete the application and email to jeff.karns@verizon.net or mail to Calverton Holiday Light Display Contest, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021. **Application must be received by Wednesday December 9, 2015.** Judging will take place between December 14 and December 20. Winners will be notified by phone. Cash prizes will be awarded at the January 7, 2016 CCA Board Meeting.

♦ **Monday, December 14** – Sunday, December 20 – Holiday Light Contest Judging. Have your displays up for the judges.

♦ **Wednesday, December 16 @ 7:00 PM**.—Beltsville Citizens Association Meeting, Wednesday, Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705.

♦ **Monday, December 21 @ 7 PM - 9 PM**. - Holiday Concert featuring The Greenbelt Concert Band, Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Selman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. Free. Refreshments and Door Prizes. See you there!! More info elsewhere in the newsletter.

♦ **Wednesday, January 6 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM** —Montgomery County FY 2017 Operating Budget Forum, East County Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

♦ **Thursday, January 7 @ 7:00 PM**. - CCA Board Meeting, Calverton Elementary School (in the Media Center), 3400 Beltsville Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705. Winners of the Holiday Light Contest will receive their awards.

♦ **Saturday, January 9, 2016** - CRC basketball season begins. The season ends on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

## CCA Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2015

*Meeting called to order 7:10 pm*

**Treasurer's Report:** CCA dues is coming in and is a little down from last year. A lot of people have sent in dues through the mail. CCA paid for the use of Calverton Elementary and a memorial

donation. Donation came in for beautification contest.

### Guests

A PG Volunteer Fire Member came to give the CCA Board a briefing on how the closing of Laurel Regional Hospital will impact emergency response time and emergency care in the area.

**Calverton resident:** Reported several problems that are occurring on the block. Also wanted to know what to do and how to report the problems. The residents on the street need to call 311 to report problem to the county. The CCA needs all residents to call 311 or the police to report problems on their streets. All calls are anonymous. The resident also asked if the CCA would organize block parties for the residents throughout Calverton. Having a block party is a great way to meet your neighbors. Neighbors can organize their own block party. If you want to block off an entire street you need to call the police to see what is required to close a street. The CCA has a huge block party for all Calverton residents on July 4<sup>th</sup> to meet and get to know Calverton residents. The resident wanted to know if Calverton has any sport programs. You will find more info about the Calverton Recreation Council (CRC) elsewhere in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports

**Membership:** One resident wanted to know if the CCA would take dues payment via PayPal, credit card or some other form of payment. The CCA accepts cash, checks or cashier checks. At this time we are not going to pursue other payment methods. But, the resident will look into the cost of using some other form of payment.

**Nominating:** The committee is searching for someone to become president.

**Welcome:** We are preparing for the general membership meeting and getting the Welcome Packet ready for new residents of Calverton.

The CCA Committees are meeting on November 7 to begin organizing the duties of all the committees.

### New Business

**Laurel Hospital/Washington Adventist:** The CCA has taken a position to support both hospitals. There will be a lot of huge developments coming to our area. The CCA is supporting keeping Laurel Hospital as a full service hospital and is also supporting the relocation of Washington Adventist to Plum Orchard Road.

**East County Meeting:** Several board members represented Calverton at the meeting. Dennis Linders, Montgomery County Stat Analyst, presented statistics on many things in the East County. You can find this info at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/countystat](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/countystat). The Marilyn Praisner Center will remain as an early voting site. There is a new bill under consideration regarding the prostitution purchase, the Prostitution Purchase Bill. If passed, the bill will make the purchase of prostitution a Class A Offense. This will facilitate police ability to prosecute and to stop human trafficking. Court Watchers is a special group observing domestic abuse/violence cases in county courtrooms. Weed Warriors is a group of local volunteers who

take care of the weeds at Maydale Nature Center off of Briggs Chaney Road on the first Saturday of each month from 10 -11:30 am. Contact Ellen Mann at 301-236-0045 to help. Email her at [elanddonmann@verizon.net](mailto:elanddonmann@verizon.net).

**Traffic Meeting on Lockwood Drive:** We are looking for solutions for road improvements to make Lockwood Drive safer at New Hampshire. Calverton Board Members attended the meeting to also ask about the road improvements for Route 29 to make it safer for pedestrians.

**Traffic Camera:** The camera is back periodically on Calverton Boulevard at Craiglawn Road. Montgomery County is also making improvements to Galway Drive and Calverton Boulevard.

**CRC:** Fall Soccer went well. There is now basketball sign-ups for the 2016 season. Please see this information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Seminar on aging: flyer from a church.

### Old Business:

**CCA General Membership Meeting:** The meeting and refreshments are planned. The meeting has now been rescheduled for Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm at Calverton Elementary.

**Beautification Contest:** The winners have been notified to attend the CCA General Membership in order to receive their prizes.

**Park on Shanandale:** The CCA is trying to get a meeting scheduled soon with Montgomery County to come up with a plan.

**Sign at Galway Drive and Fairland Road:** The sign has been fixed with a new Calverton verbiage sign.

**PG Police Food Drive:** Don't forget to bring your food donation to the general membership meeting.

**Shopper's Safe Tips:** Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm at the PG Police Satellite Office in the Calverton Shopping Center.



## BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

Congratulations!

We have a new Block Captains: Michael Esterman for Block B-58. We still need Block Captains for 8 blocks.

**Montgomery County.** Block Captains are needed for Blocks 40a, 40b, 44, 50a, and 63B. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County Membership Chair, at 301-572-5186.

- Block S-40a, on Summerwood Drive, 10 homes
- Block S-40b, on Castleigh Road, 10 homes
- Block S-44, on Kilkenny Street, 20 homes

- Block S-50a, on Kilkenny Street, 7 homes
- Block S-63B, on Gracefield Road, 8 homes
- Block 68, on Red Lion Lane, 19 homes

**Prince George's County.** Block Captains are needed for Blocks 8 and 13. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block B-8, on Christine Drive, 15 homes
- Block B-13, on Elkridge Street, 25 homes

You do not have to live on the block to be the Block Captain, although this is always preferable. Maybe you could partner with a neighbor to be co-Block Captains and split the duties—one person deliver the newsletter, and the other collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering the newsletter.

Please, please volunteer to serve your community as a Block Captain! The residents on these blocks are not receiving this newsletter, paying their CCA dues, or receiving the Calverton Directory this year.

## CRIME REPORT FOR DECEMBER

### Theft/Break-in:

2900 Block Fairland Road, 10/24/15, 11:19 am  
12500 Block Pretoria Drive, 11/2/15, 11:00 am

### Theft from Vehicle:

3100 Block Fairland Road, 11/5/15, 9:38 pm

### Weapons:

Castleigh Road and Kilkenny Street, 10/24/15, 7:45 pm

### Stolen Goods Recovered by Police

3100 Block Greenmount Avenue, 11/24/15, 2:00 am

**Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service**



I wanted to make sure all of you knew that smoke alarms need to have a retirement plan - as most of us do. Once your alarms reach the ripe old age of 10, they are eligible for "retirement" and need to be replaced by a new generation of smoke alarms. Even if your 10 year old, or older, smoke alarm still sounds when you push the test button, it should be replaced.

◆ To learn more about smoke alarms, please go here: **Smoke Alarms** [https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/smoke\\_alarms.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/smoke_alarms.html)

◆ To learn how to properly dispose of a smoke alarm, please go here: **How to recycle/dispose of smoke alarms** <http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/how/smoke-alarms.html>

◆ For those with battery powered alarms, please go here to learn about **Maryland's Updated Smoke Alarm Law**. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/>

<news/2013/07162013.html>

(Thanks to Karen Mills for providing the above information.)

## Vehicle Winterizing Tips For You

Please share with Friends and Neighbors. Great Tips!!!! Thanks to Cpl. Woody, your community friend from Prince George's County Police, District VI for sharing the tips below:

**Keep your headlights clear** with car wax! Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

**Squeak-proof your wipers** with rubbing alcohol! Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity

**Ice-proof your windows** with vinegar! Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water and spray it on all of your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of any icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water---preventing water from freezing!

**Prevent car doors from freezing shut** with cooking spray!

Spray cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel! The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.



**Fog-proof your windshield** with shaving cream! Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield and wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

**De-ice your lock in seconds** with hand sanitizer! Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key and the lock and the problem is solved!

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED WHILE IT IS WARMING UP!!!** Two reason 1) it is against the law! 2) Someone may come along and steal it. Cars have been stolen while the owner is in the house and the car is warming up!!

