

Calverton Current

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RECAP 'CELEBRATE CALVERTON 2015' ON JULY 4TH



There was a good turnout for on July 4 despite the morning rain shower. Once the rain ended and the skies cleared we had great weather for entire 51st Celebrate Calverton July 4th Event.

The Calverton Community needs to give a big thank to the following people or groups who volunteered their time and made our 51st event special.

The event opened again this year with Eliza-Jane and Noah Fogg performing another spectacular rendition of the National Anthem. The Prince George's District VI Police Explorers executing the Presentation of Colors perfectly for the National Anthem. It was exciting and great to hear the National Anthem and to see the Presentation of Colors performed and executed so well. The opening of the 2015 Celebrate Calverton July 4th Event was perfect.

Senator Jim and Sheila Rosapepe came out to support Calverton and to enjoy the food and fun. I want everyone to know that the Rosapepe's have come and celebrated with us for many, many years.

Major Kara Lloyd and the District VI Police came in force again this year. The District VI Station always supports Calverton and its events and activities when we ask them to come. It is nice to know that they are here for us when we need them.

The Beltsville Fire Department also came in force. They came with two ambulances and two fire trucks for everyone to see and explore. It was amazing to see the fire equipment parked along Fullerton Street. The Beltsville Fire Department is another group who always supports Calverton when we ask them to come.

Karen Coakley, President of the Beltsville Citizens Association, came to enjoy our event but she also stayed to help take down canopies, tables and chairs when it came time to clean up after the event.

The Calverton Swim Club pool manager, John Niedermair, IV, was there when we needed to open gates and chains at the pool in order for us to get into the CCA shed. A few months ago when I thanked the volunteers who helped build the shelves in the new shed, I forgot to mention John. Many of the CCA volunteers were older and have a little hard time getting down and under. John was there with us building the shelves and getting down and under the shelves in order to do the securing of the boards in the hard reach places.

These are the volunteers who helped make the 2015 Celebrate Calverton July 4 Event a possible. Many of the following volunteers helped for about 3 hours on Friday, July 3rd picking up items from COSTCO and many of these volunteers started at 7:30 am on July 4th and worked until we put everything away at 2:30 pm: Alfonso Talavera, Anh La, Ann Hick-

ey, Ashlee Buscher, Ashley Ferreira, Bruce Donaldson, Carole Sippel, Charles Burdick, Claire Ruppert, Claude Ferreira, Daniel Saathoff, Demitrios Wright, Fernando Lopez, Frank Cockrell, Jeff Karns, Jerry Ruppert, John Niedermair, III, Karl Krchma, Kelly Jones-Ferreira, Kiely Hutchcroft, Lee Yaffe-Stark, Margaret Poore, Matt Karns, Nina Harley, Pat Thornberg, Ray Parrack, Rick Hansen, Rick Norris, Rose Ridgeway, Sandy Hansen, Sara Donaldson, Tom Hickey, Vickie Mazzarella, Wayne Wright

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 4 - There are two National Night Out (NNO) events that Calverton can attend.

Prince George's 35th NNO will take place at the District VI Station located at 4321 Sellman Road in Beltsville, next to Beltsville Library. It is from 6 pm to 8 pm. Volunteers are needed to set up for the event, to serve food and to help clean up after the event. Please volunteer, we need your help. To be a part of this great event as a contributor or volunteer please contact CPL. Hibbert #3101 at 301-937-0910 or at kchibert@co.pg.md.us There is more info elsewhere in the newsletter.

Montgomery County's 1st East County Community NNO will take place at the East County Regional Services Center located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, next to the Park & Ride Lot. It is from 6 pm to 9 pm. Volunteers are needed to set up for the event, to serve food and to help clean up after the event. Please volunteer, we need your help. To be a part of the 1st East County NNO please Call Bernie at 301-572-8018 or Jewru Bandeh, Director, at 240-777-8414 or PO3 Glenda Joseph, Community Services Officer for MC at 240-383-5907. There is more info elsewhere in the newsletter.

Monday, August 17 – Calverton Neighborhood Walk from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We will all meet at 3901 Calverton Boulevard in the parking lot closest to Chapel View Drive.

Fire and police from both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties will be joining us for our walk. We will walk along Calverton Boulevard in order to show that we watch our community and so do the police and the fire departments from both counties.

Thursday, September 3 – CCA Board Meeting at 7 pm in Calverton Elementary School. This will be the first board meeting since June. There are no board meetings in July and August.

National Night Out - A Night Out Against Crime

What is National Night Out ?

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Together, we CAN make that happen.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under



positive circumstances.

Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits.



The National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August. Note: October Date is the first Tuesday of October.

Neighbors celebrate in about 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

The events are designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"... a chance to bring neighborhoods together with the men & women who protect them. The safety of our communities depend on both law enforcement and the citizens they serve, and tonight's events will enhance that cooperation." - Joe Biden, Vice President

"... the best way to prevent crime is to know your neighbors & your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our own communities."
- Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator

"... preventing and solving crime is a community effort. National Night Out is an excellent program that helps the department build relationships with citizens and create safer neighborhoods. This is one of the events we look forward to each year." - Chief George Turner, Atlanta Police Department

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

National Night Out (NNO) - Montgomery County Tuesday, August 4 @ 6 PM - 9 PM

Montgomery County - East County Area (6:00pm - 9:00pm)
Grounds of East County Regional Services / Recreation Centers
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

You Are Invited to the FIRST Montgomery County East County Community Collaboration for a National Night Out Event August 4th.

The East County Unified Community Night Out event will be held on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 at the East County Government Parking Lot on Briggs Chaney Road. A number of Montgomery County government departments and community groups will join the Montgomery County Police Department in this public safety community engagement related annual event. NNO is a community-police awareness-raising event held throughout the nation on the first Tuesday of August.

** Moonbounce, Child Fingerprinting, Police vehicles, Fire Trucks, Soccer Mini-Clinic, Pick-up basketball, Face Painting, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Cold Drinks, Music and more** ALL FREE !

For more information or to be a part of the 1st East County NNO by con-

tributing or by volunteering, contact Jewru Bandeh, East County Regional Director at 240-777-8414 or call 240-773-6800, or PO3 Glenda Joseph, Community Services Officer, at 240-383-5907.

National Night Out (NNO) - Prince George's County Tuesday, August 4 @ 6 PM - 8 PM

Prince George's County - Beltsville Area (6:00pm - 8:00pm)
Prince George's County District VI Police Station
4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

There will be crime preventive tactics and many displays to include: K-9 demonstration, police motorcycles, new police cruisers, police mountain bikes, horse mounted unit, police explorers, jr, investigators, drug display, bomb robot, military hum-v, radar and laser station, first trucks and tankers, property i.d. stations, preventive auto theft stations, and many others.

There are many free activities to include: moon bounce, baseball fast pitch station, football throwing competition, basketball shoot out, child ID kit, arts and craft station, and much more.

There will be plenty of free food and drinks. Just to name a few items on the menu: hot dogs, veggie burgers, fried rice, pizza, bbq beans, many cold salads, cakes, cookies, pies, and much more.

ALL ACTIVITIES, FOOD, DRINKS and FUN ARE FREE

To be a part of this great event as a contributor or volunteer please contact Cpl. Hibbert #3101 at tchibbert@co.pg.md.us or 301-937--0910.

BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

Congratulations, we have a new Block Captain, Mary Hopkins, for Block B-1 on Chapel View Drive! Eleven blocks in Calverton do not have Block Captains. Please step up!!!

Montgomery County. Block Captains are needed for Blocks 40a, 40b, 44, 50a, and 58. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County Membership Chair, at 301-572-5186.

- Block S-40a, on Summerwood Drive, has 10 homes
- Block S-40b, on Castleleigh Road, has 10 homes
- Block S-44, on Kilkenny Street, has 20 homes
- Block S-50a, on Kilkenny Street, has 7 homes
- Block S-58, on Pretoria Drive, has 22 homes
- Block S-74, on Lemar Court, has 24 homes

Prince George's County. Block Captains are needed for Blocks 4, 8, 14, 38, 39, and 39a. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block B-4, on Ellicott Road, has 20 homes
- Block B-8, on Christine Drive, has 15 homes
- Block B-14, on Bellevue Street, has 26 homes
- Block B-38, on Wellford Drive, has 27 homes
- Block B-39, on Briggs Chaney Road, has 17 homes
- Block B-39a, on Greenmount Court, has 18 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.

We have had some more car break-ins in Calverton. Here are some tips to avoid car theft smash-and-grab.

Car Break-In Prevention Tips

1. Keep your car visible

Park in well-lit areas, near people or with a parking lot or garage attendant on duty. Avoid having your car concealed by larger vehicles, fences or foliage; thieves like to work in private.

2. Don't make it easy

Keep windows and sunroofs closed and doors locked. Many thefts from vehicles are from unlocked cars. **LOCK YOUR CAR**

3. Activate your vehicle's alarm

Don't have one? Factory-installed anti-theft systems are best, but a professionally installed alarm can discourage a car break-in thief who likes to work in silence.

4. Hide your valuables

Many smash-and-grab thieves act on impulse. So keep your stuff out of sight – either with you or in a locked trunk. Don't count on the glove box; thieves know to look there, and they're easy to break into. **THE BEST THING IS TO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VALUABLE IN YOUR CAR.**

5. Hide your valuables 2

If you have a wagon or SUV that leaves your cargo area open, get a retractable fitted cover to keep shopping bags or other belongings hidden.

6. Don't hand a thief your keys

Take your keys with you. And if you think you have a great hiding place for a spare key, car break-in thieves know to look above the visor, in the center console, under the floor mat, in the trunk well, etc.

7. Stow your stuff before arrival

Experienced thieves often stake out parking lots to watch for people putting items in their trunk. Help prevent car break-ins by putting valuables, like laptops, messenger bags and electronic devices, into your trunk before you get to the parking lot.

8. Stash the evidence, too

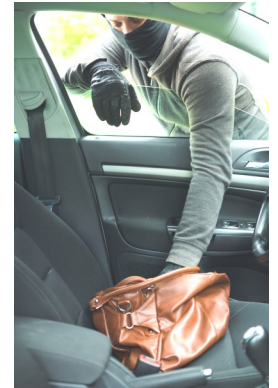
After you've put your stuff in the trunk, don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they're looking for, so hide the electronic accessories, too.

9. Trust your instincts

If you see suspicious activity, find another spot to park. If you're concerned, tell the attendant or report your suspicions to police. You may be helping keep another person from being a victim of a car break-in – or worse.

10. Take it one more step

Many vehicles are broken into with the intent of stealing the vehicle itself. Visible anti-theft devices, like steering wheel locks, steering column collars or brake pedal locks, may discourage the would-be thief from breaking in and trying.



CALVERTON COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WALK

NEIGHBORS WATCHING OUT
FOR OTHER NEIGHBORS.

JOIN IN THE COMMUNITY
NEIGHBORHOOD WALK TO HELP
STOP CRIME AND TO MAKE
CALVERTON A SAFE COMMUNITY.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

MEET AT 3901 CALVERTON BOULEVARD NEAR
CHAPEL VIEW

WE WILL WALK ALONG CALVERTON BOULEVARD
IN BOTH COUNTIES

SEE YOU ON AUGUST 17 !