

# Calverton Current

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Bernie Karns

Hello, Calverton,

Our Calverton July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration began with Jessica Benya singing our National Anthem. She did a great job, as usual. Rich Norris filled in for Mark Doore this year and did an outstanding job playing music throughout the celebration. Thank you's go out to Jessica and Rich for helping to make the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration a huge success.

We want to give a big shout out to some very important people who took time out of their busy schedules to share in our celebration. State Senator Jim Rosapepe and his wife Sheila were able to attend and visit with the community.

Major Weishaar, Sergeant Davis, Corporal Woody, and Officer Haynes from the Prince George's County, District VI police station attended the event and answered many questions about all the "tools" on their belts that they use in their jobs. Sergeant Davis and Corporal Woody rode to the celebration on their motorcycles, so we were able to see the really cool police motorcycles that they use for their jobs. Lt. Buffum, Firefighters Kitrell, Johnson, Tomlinson, and Graybeal from Calverton Station 31 came to the celebration in a fire truck and an ambulance. They provided an opportunity for everyone to get up close and personal with the fire department equipment to see how it works. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to the Calverton community.

Thanks also go to Dr. Sam Mukherjee, Montgomery County Executive's Advisory Board for coming with lots of information on Lyme Disease. He talked to people and answered questions related to the disease. We appreciate your sharing your knowledge and educating us about Lyme Disease.

The Calverton Batons, under the direction of Vickie Simmers, gave us a spectacular show. We wish them luck when they compete at the National Competition. Turley the Magician had a great performance and entertained all ages. Everyone really enjoyed both shows. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.

Face Painting by Vicky, Naka the Clown who did glitter tattoos, and Petunia the Balloon Clown all created amazing art for us to enjoy. Everyone looked so cute with their face painted with a glitter tattoo, or with that special balloon in hand. There were lots of happy grins everywhere displaying your art work. Everyone appreciated your hard work, and it was great that you were able to be a part of our

celebration.

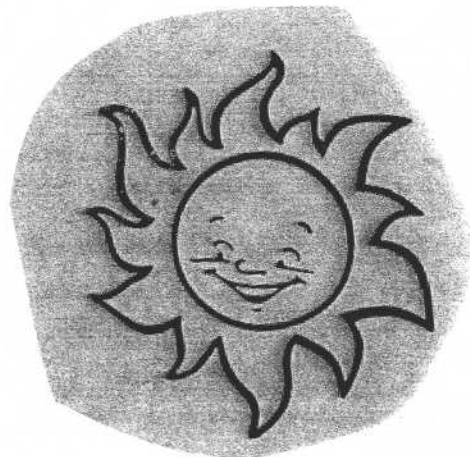
Barnyard in the Backyard had people there the whole time "loving" the animals. The Scooby Doo Moon Bounce entertained lots of energetic youth. It was great to be able to take a break and cool down by petting the different animals after we had jumped and jumped on the moon bounce.

We had many volunteers helping behind the scenes before and during the event. The Scouts and their leaders from Troops 1031 and 1033 did a phenomenal job helping where needed. Trevor Chan, Kyle Thomas, Daniel Saathoff, Henry Saathoff, Luis Cabrera, Rick Deery, Laurie Deery, Bob Thomas, Isaac Chan and Eric Saathoff helped before and after the event. We also need to recognize four high school students from the community who gave their time to help. Alex Villatoro, Melissa Villatoro, Jackie Villatoro, and William Quintero all helped to set up in the morning.

We also want to thank all the other community volunteers who helped before and after to make this event a success. Vickie Mazzarella, Ann Hickey, Carol Sippel, Winnie Scrom, Nina Harley, Noreen Guzman, Suzy Niedermair, John Niedermair, Matt Karns, Jeff Karns, Dan Epps, Bruce Donaldson, Ray Parrack, Fernando Lopez, Suzanne Mongeon, Rose Ridgway, Frank Kammel, Frank Cockrell, Alfonso Talavera, and Tom Hickey.

The 2013 Calverton July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration was a blast. We had a bang-up time. We will see you next year at the 2014 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Remember, we can always use your help, so please call next year to volunteer.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **August 5, Monday** - 7:30 p.m. Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Location to be determined. Volunteers always needed and appreciated. All are welcome. <[www.calvertonrec.org](http://www.calvertonrec.org)>

☞ **August 6, Tuesday** - 6-8 p.m. National Night Out 2013, sponsored by the District VI, Prince George's County Police. 4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville.

☞ **August 10, Saturday** - Deadline for next Calverton Current.

☞ **Sept 5, Thursday** - 7 p.m. Next CCA Board Meeting. Calverton Elementary, Media Center. All CCA members are invited and encouraged to attend.

## ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, HERE I COME - ONLY 1,997 MILES TO GO !!!

Winnie Scrom has been a vital member of the CCA and the CCA Board for over 25 years. She is leaving Calverton and the state of Maryland for Albuquerque, New Mexico. Winnie has decided it is time to leave to be near her daughter and family and to see and experience some of the other parts of the United States.

Current CCA Board members, old CCA Board members, and friends of Winnie (23 of us in all) got together at TJ's of Calverton (FYI: TJ's is now open for breakfast 7 days per week from 8 a.m. to about lunch time). We had a surprise sendoff for Winnie to say "Thank You" to her for all her years of service and dedication to the Calverton community and to Calverton and Galway Elementary Schools. Winnie, we know that you will enjoy being with your family. We also know that Albuquerque will be gaining a great volunteer not only for the community you plan to live in, but also for the schools there. We will all miss you, Winnie. We wish you happiness and health in your new endeavors. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID FOR US!

## OUR SCHOOLS NEED OUR HELP

The opening of our schools for the next school year is almost here. We can help our schools by volunteering our time, donating some school supplies, or donating both if you can. You can call either Galway Elementary (301-595-2930) or Calverton Elementary (301-572-0640) and tell them that you want to volunteer your time. The schools will be happy to get you placed and work out a schedule that works for you. They are waiting for your call, so call now.

If you cannot volunteer your time but can donate some school supplies, here are some items that the schools need:

Backpacks, #2 pencils, extra erasers, wide rule notebook paper, black & white (marble) composition books, notebook

dividers, small post-it notes, crayons, colored pencils, student scissors, glue sticks, bottle of school glue, highlighter, 3x5 index cards, ruler with inches and centimeters, tissues, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and gallon and quart size Ziplock bags.

You can drop off the supplies between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. throughout the school year. They will be so happy to accept any donation you can give them because there are so many families who have a hard time providing supplies for their students. Thanks in advance for helping our schools.

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join your neighbors at this important event which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6 at the Prince George's County, District VI Police Station located at 4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville (next to the library).

National Night Out is designed to:

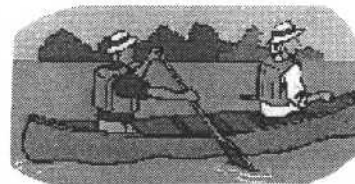
- Increase crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

There will be crime prevention tactics and many displays including: K-9 demonstration, police motor cycles, new police cruisers, police mountain bikes, horse mounted unit, police explorers, jr. investigators, drug display, bomb robot, military hum-v, radar and laser station, fire trucks and tankers, property I.D. stations, preventive auto theft station, and many others.

There are many free activities including: moon bounce, baseball fast pitch station, football throwing competition, basketball shoot out, child I.D. kit, arts and crafts station, and much more.

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

**All Activities, Food, Drinks, and Fun Are Free!**



**BLOCK CAPTAIN AND NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR VACANCY REPORT**

**Prince George's County.** Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, reports that the vacant Block Captains have been filled, as shown below. Thank you for signing up and thanks also to Helen Andreno for recruiting some of the new captains.

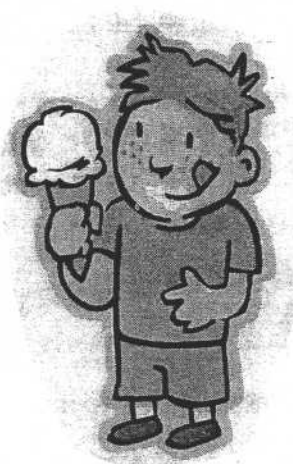
- Block 5 - Ann Schutt, 3021 Chapel View Drive
- Block 14 - Francis Willoughby, 13009 Bellevue Street
- Block 38 - Wayne Wright, 13119 Wellford Drive

**Montgomery County.** Block Captains are still needed for Blocks 52, 54, and 55. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County Membership Chair, at 301-572-5186.

- Block 52, on Galway Drive, has 20 homes
- Block 54, on La Plata Street, has 15 homes
- Block 55, on La Plata Street, has 19 homes

You do not have to live on the block to be the Block Captain, although this is always preferable. The duties of the Block Captain are to deliver the monthly newsletter (11 issues a year) and collect the CCA membership dues (once a year) in the fall. Maybe you could partner with a neighbor to be co-Block Captains and split the duties--one person deliver the newsletter, the other collect dues, or you could alternate months of delivering the newsletter.

**Please volunteer to serve your community!** The residents on these blocks are not receiving this newsletter, paying their CCA dues, or receiving the Calverton Directory every two years.



**CRIME REPORT**

- Bellevue Street, Pretoria Drive, Palermo Drive, Summerwood Drive, thefts from vehicles. In several of the incidents, the vehicles were unlocked.
- June 10, 4400 block of Briggs Chaney Road, 6:06 a.m. Theft from vehicle.
- June 10, 3600 block of Dunnington Road, 1:40 p.m., Residential break-in.
- June 11, 12000 block of Beltsville Drive, 1:17 a.m. Theft from vehicle.
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- June 11, 13200 block of Ingleside Drive, 7:04 a.m. Motor vehicle theft.
- June 12, 13200 block of Ingleside Drive, 7:25 a.m. Theft from vehicle.
- June 12, 3600 block of Dunnington Road, 4:45 p.m. Theft from vehicle.
- June 13, 3300 block of Stonehall Drive, 6:32 a.m. Theft from vehicle.
- June 13, 13200 block of Ingleside Drive, 7:20 a.m. Residential break-in.
- June 13, 13100 block of Oriole Drive, 8:43 a.m. Residential break-in.
- June 13, 4300 block of Briggs Chaney Road, 8:54 a.m. Residential break-in.
- June 13, 4200 block of Briggs Chaney Road, 9:54 a.m. Residential break-in.
- June 16, 3100 block of Beltsville Road, 11:09 a.m. Residential break-in.
- June 16, 3100 block of Beltsville Road, 11:52 a.m. Residential break-in.
- July 8, 13000 block of Ivy Drive, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residential break-in.

