

# Calverton Current



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

Summer is almost here, so this month I decided to do something different in my message. Here are some fun things to know about the month of June and some fun things to do during the month of June. Did you know that June is:

Aquarium Month

Candy Month

Dairy Month

Fight the Filthy Fly Month

Gay Pride Month

National Accordion Awareness Month

National Adopt a Cat Month

National Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month

Rose Month

Turkey Lovers Month

Here are some fun things that you can do during June. The number at the beginning of the line reflects the date of the month.

### 1 Flip a Coin Day

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/flipacoinday.htm>

### 2 National Rocky Road Day

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/rockyroadday.htm>

### 4 Hug Your Cat Day

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/hugyourcatday.htm>

6 National Gardening Exercise Day- Get out and exercise with your plants.

6 National Yo-Yo Day get your Yo-Yo and see if you can learn "walk-the-dog"

7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day – my favorite

7National Doughnut Day not too many, everything in moderation

8 Best Friends Day – spend the day with your BFF

### 14 Flag Day

<http://holidayinsights.com/other/flagday.htm>

### 15 Smile Power Day ☺

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/smilepowerday.htm>

16 Father's Day do something special with your dad

17 Eat Your Vegetables Day eat 5 servings per day, one serving is ½ cup

18 National Splurge Day – splurge and go out for dinner

20 Ice Cream Soda Day – all you need are some soda and ice cream

21 Go Skate Day – here is a fun activity for the family\_

21 LINK"<http://holidayinsights.com/other/summer.htm>  
"Finally Summer Day – Summer begins, Summer Solstice, longest day of the year

22 National Chocolate Eclair Day – we all know what an éclair is – yum!

24 Swim a Lap Day – get out and go to a pool to keep cool

### 26 Forgiveness Day –

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/forgivenessday.htm>

### 27 Sun Glasses Day –

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/sunglassesday.htm>

### 29 Hug Holiday –

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/hugholiday.htm>

### 30 Meteor Day –

<http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/June/meteorday.htm>

Let's get out and enjoy the month of June. We will have to share June with the cicadas and their noise but when June goes so goes the cicadas. Be safe and enjoy June with the 17-year cicadas.

## CRIME REPORT

- April 19, 13000 block of Elkridge Street, 5:56 p.m. Theft from vehicle.
- April 21, 3100 block of Elkridge Court, 12:40 p.m. Theft from vehicle.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **June 3, 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)>

☞ **June 6, Thursday** - 7 p.m. CCA Board Meeting. Prince George's County Police Substation, Calverton Shopping Center. All CCA members are invited and encouraged to attend.

☞ **June 10, Monday** - Deadline for next Calverton Current.

☞ **July 4, Thursday** - Independence Day celebration. Fullerton Field near Calverton Elementary School. Fun for all ages. Volunteers are needed.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MAY 2013 CCA BOARD MEETING

*Highlights.* The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

*Treasurer's Report.* The Board voted to approve the treasurer's report presented by Treasurer Tom Hickey. He is still receiving 2013 dues. A \$60 contribution was made to the Prince George's County Police Department, District VI Crime Solver's Fund. Vice President Frank Cockrell donated \$40 for general membership meeting signs and will have more signs made.

*Housing Codes.* A resident attended the meeting to discuss grass cutting, trash, and carports filled with items. To report various housing code, street parking, trash violations, etc., call 301-952-1873 (not 311) in Prince George's County and get a case number that you can follow what is happening. Call 311 in Montgomery County, unless you have a 572 exchange; then it is 240-777-0311. William Steen, Public Relations Director, Carrollton Enterprises, suggested that the CCA talk to Prince George's County Council member Mary Lehman to see if she could help us get Montgomery County zoning and codes officials to her big community meeting.

*Crime Report.* Corporal Knight, Prince George's County Police, [gbknight@co.pg.md.us](mailto:gbknight@co.pg.md.us); and Corporal Burke, Montgomery County Police, both reported that theft from vehicles has risen. Remember to lock your car doors. Don't keep anything in your cars. Youths walk along and check for unlocked cars. Quick in and out of the car, and then they keep walking. If you see something suspicious, call 911; don't wait.

Board Member Mark Doore said that a Montgomery County Police, District 3 (our district) Community Action Team will be launched soon; it is similar to the one in Prince George's County. When the new Montgomery County police station opens off New Hampshire Avenue in 2014, the police will keep open the Briggs Chaney Substation.

*Bylaws Committee.* There are still some issues that need to be resolved. Another Bylaws Committee meeting is needed.

*Calverton Website.* The Board discussed whether to go to Twitter. Also, the Website Committee requested guidance from the Board at the upcoming June meeting on (1) how much content of past newsletters to archive and (2) can the Committee proceed with establishing a renewal feature that would include accepting CCA membership dues via PayPal. This would not alter or replace the 2014 Block Captain dues collection process.

*White Oak Science Gateway.* The CCA will send in testimony to the public hearing May 23. Traffic concerns on the north end involving Calverton Boulevard and Cherry Hill Road are never mentioned.

*July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.* Will have moon bounce, petting zoo, and magician. Need to get face painter, tattoo artist, and hot dog vendor.

*Old Calverton Sign on Shanandale Drive.* The CCA needs to send a letter to Montgomery County officials to remove the old (almost 50 years) sign and put up something new. It is on County property.

*November General Meeting.* The CCA General Meeting will focus on zoning and property codes. Hope to arrange for a fire marshal to attend to answer questions.

*Community Programs.* Vice President Frank Cockrell reported that the drug-free community programs are up and running in both counties. Some Neighborhood Watch signs are up in Montgomery County. Need to install signs in Prince George's County. Carrollton Enterprises' William Steen will talk to lawyers for the Calverton Shopping Center to see if signs can be put up at the shopping center.

## AWARDS DINNER HONORS CCA BOARD MEMBERS

On March 27, 2013, the CCA Executive Board sponsored an awards dinner to honor the long-term service of CCA members to the Calverton community. A Maryland General Official Citation was presented to Daniel Epps, Jr., in recognition of his dedication and leadership for his 8 years of service as CCA President. The citation was signed by members of the Prince George's County, 21<sup>st</sup> District Maryland State Delegation: Senator Jim Rosapepe, Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Pena-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes. Five CCA Board members received CCA Awards of Excellence for their hard work and dedicated service to Calverton. They made significant contributions and accomplishments in the areas of public service, special

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events, safety, and communications. The awardees were: President Daniel B Epps, Jr.; Vice President Frank B. Gatto; Corresponding Secretary Carolyn L. Gatto; Delegate Richard Gatto; and Newsletter Editor Karen M. Mills.

### THIRD ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

The CCA is launching the Beautification Contest soon. We hope many homeowners (as well as renters) enter the contest this year. Like last year, the amount of the total award will remain at \$1,000. Cash awards will be awarded to five yards. First place will be awarded \$400, and the other four places will be awarded \$150 each. The winners will be decided by the vote of the CCA Beautification Committee. It is the committee's expectation that the prizes will be taxable.

To enter the best-looking home and yard contest, please complete the application on the opposite side of the page and either email it to [jrupert@p2r.net](mailto:jrupert@p2r.net) or mail it to: CCA Beautification Contest, P.O. Box 21, Beltsville, MD 20704-0021. **Entries must be received by June 12, 2013. The first yard inspections will tentatively begin June 15.** Monthly inspections will continue through September. Only the front and side yards will be inspected.

#### Who May Enter the Beautification Contest?

The eligibility criteria for entering the contest are as follows:

1. An applicant must be a Calverton resident living in a home in Calverton. The home or yard must not be in violation of any Calverton Covenant, except for the Covenant regarding backyard fences (Covenant #10).
2. An applicant must be certified by the Membership Chair of the county the applicant lives in as being a CCA dues-paying member for the current year (2013).
3. An Officer or Delegate of the CCA, or member of the Beautification Committee (or their immediate families), are not eligible to enter during their term and for one year after they leave their position.
4. A resident cannot win more than once every 4 years.

#### What Will the Committee Be Looking For?

##### --Criteria for Judging Home and Yard

- Proper use of landscaping, preferably in an environmentally sound way.
- Maintenance and overall appearance of home and grounds.
- Special features and alterations, such as walls, pavers, natural screening, arbors, exterior lighting, fountains, gardens, rain barrels, pergolas, etc.
- Architectural features such as front porticos, shutters, windows, doors, siding, shingles, etc.

The decisions of the Beautification Committee on which residents are eligible and the identity of the award winners are final and not subject to appeal. Awards will be announced and presented at the Fall 2013 General Membership meeting, and winners must be present at the Fall meeting.

### \*\*\*APPLICATION TO ENTER THE 2013 CALVERTON BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST\*\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

I swear that I am a current 2013 dues-paying member of the CCA. I agree to allow the Beautification Committee members to enter my front yard and side yards for inspection purposes only.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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### BLOCK CAPTAIN AND NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR VACANCY REPORT

**Prince George's County.** Block Captains are needed for Blocks 5 and 38. For more info, please call Nina Harley, the new Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block 5, on Craiglawn Road, has 20 homes
- Block 38, on Wellford Drive, has 27 homes

Also, a **Distributor** is needed to deliver the packets of newsletters to the Block Captains of Blocks 16 through 23.

**Montgomery County.** Block Captains are 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.

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