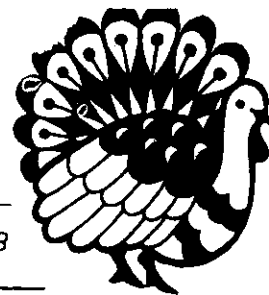


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.....Bernie Kams

Hola, Calverton!

Mark your calendars to attend the Calverton General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, November 13. The meeting will be held at Calverton Elementary School. There will be a "meet and greet" beginning at 7:15 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

First, we will have election of officers and delegates for the 2014 term of the CCA Board of Directors. Next, the revised CCA Bylaws will be handed out. As it states in the Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws must be handed out at one General Membership Meeting to be voted on at the next General Membership Meeting. Therefore, the revised Bylaws will be voted on at the Spring General Membership Meeting next April 2014.

Then, we will have officials from the police, zoning, and permitting departments from both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. They will provide answers to our questions and concerns. We have also invited our County Council members and State Delegates. This part is for our county officials and elected representatives to hear our concerns and hear how both counties respond to our concerns.

See you Wednesday, November 13, at 7:15 p.m. at Calverton Elementary School!

AN URGENT REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Calverton Citizens Association welcomes new members to its Board. You can be an officer or delegate. The CCA Board meets 10 months a year, on Thursdays at 7 p.m. No experience necessary!!!

To sign up or for more information, please call Bernie Kams, 301-572-8018. The nominating process for the 2014 slate of officers and delegates is underway!



DATES TO REMEMBER

☞ **October 31, Thursday.** The 2014 CCA membership drive should be winding up now. Please be ready with \$20 when your Block Captain comes to your door to collect the dues. Block Captains, please complete your dues collection and turn in your dues and block listing sheet to your Distributor or Membership Chair for your county. Block Captains, thank you so much for your time and efforts.

☞ **November 4, Monday - 7:30 p.m.** Calverton Recreation Council Board Meeting. Volunteers always needed and appreciated. All are welcome. Go to www.calvertonrec.org

☞ **November 7, 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.

☞ **November 10, Sunday - Deadline** for next *Calverton Current*.

☞ **November 13, Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.** CCA General Membership Meeting. 7:15 p.m. - Meet and Greet. Calverton Elementary, multipurpose room. Come, meet your neighbors.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 2013 CCA BOARD MEETING

Minutes and Order of Business. The minutes were approved from the September Board meeting. The Board approved changing the Order of Business to accommodate the police officer.

Guest. Officer Justin Haynes, Prince George's Community Police, related an incident that occurred recently in the Calverton apartments. A call came in that a man was beating a woman. Police responded. While police were pursuing the suspect, the suspect tried to climb a fence. The suspect reached into a backpack. The police thought the suspect was going for a gun, and they shot the suspect. The incident is under investigation.

Officer Haynes said that police use radios, helicopters, and K-9 dogs to help stop suspects. The police do not

want to use force. He suggested that Calverton residents sign up for the Citizens Police Academy to learn and understand what police do and how they do it. He will send us information about the next start time for the Citizens Police Academy.

He said there were no patterns in breaking and entering: whether night or day, or front door or back door. Install lights and leave on all night. Let neighbors know when you will be gone. Stop newspaper and mail.

New police station in White Oak should make for a quicker response in Montgomery County. Call 911 if you see something. Do not confront anyone.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Tom H. gave the Treasurer's report. The 2014 membership dues are starting to come in. The insurance bond was paid. The recorder came in, which will assist the recording secretary in taking the minutes.

Crime Incidents. The following incidents were reported by Board Members.

- Armed robbery near the Calverton sign on Calverton Boulevard. A cell phone was stolen.
- Last spring, there was an aggravated robbery near the Calverton sign on Calverton Boulevard; the victim was beaten, and a jacket was stolen. A street light is needed there, as it is very dark.
- On Bexley Terrace, a house (rambler) was broken into by kicking down the door. The alarm system scared the would-be robbers. However, the alarm system was not on the upstairs doors but was set off when they exited downstairs. Nothing was reported taken.
- A house on Red Lion Lane had a similar break-in of house and shed. Power tools, snow blower, and generator were stolen. Robbers probably used a truck.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Turner! Albert Turner's 96th birthday is October 24. Mr. Turner developed Calverton and founded Carrollton Enterprises. The CCA Board signed a greeting card for him and will deliver it personally to him at his office.

Storage Space. The CCA vacated the storage space at Calverton Elementary School and moved the contents to temporary storage at the Calverton Pool. The CCA is working with the pool's proposal to negotiate long-term storage in a shed the CCA would build adjacent to the current pool shed.

New Programs. Nina H will look into setting up an Affordable Healthcare information forum. Other

programs to consider are on voter registration and CASA programs.

Laurel Mall. Nina H suggested contacting the office of Prince George's County Council Member Mary Lehman to get a contact for what is happening at the old Laurel Mall.

Calverton Sign. Jerry R sent a proposal of \$300 to the CCA for plants to be installed around the sign at Gracefield Road and Calverton Boulevard. The Board approved the proposal.

Meetings. The Montgomery County Council hearing on the White Oak Science Gateway may be October 29. The CCA needs to testify. Also, the Montgomery County Civic Federation is having a meeting on October 14 to discuss traffic related to the Science Gateway.

Washington Adventist Hospital. Ben M said that the certificate of need for the new hospital near Calverton was rejected because there were too many beds planned. The hospital administrators are scaling down the size of the hospital and will reapply.

Home Business. Ben M brought up the house on Calverton Boulevard with an enlarged driveway; they are running a transportation company. He asked if anyone had filed a complaint with Montgomery County.

Alfonso stated that there are so many businesses run out of Calverton homes.

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE MEETINGS WITH MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION

Three ways to enroll:

1) Phone: 1.855.642.8572 (Toll-free)
1.855.642.8572 (TTY)

2) Online: www.marylandhealthconnection.gov

3) In-person: Staff is available in different locations at various hours. If you need language assistance, please ask or point this out to the staff: "May I have an interpreter?"

There are many meetings planned in Adelphi, Hyattsville, downtown Silver Spring, and Wheaton. The CCA is trying to get some meetings scheduled for East Montgomery County and Beltsville.



REMINDER

CCA GENERAL MEETING

**CALVERTON ELEMENTARY
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

**Wednesday, November 13
7:30 p.m.
Meet and Greet - 7:15 p.m.**

AGENDA

**•Election of 2014 CCA Officers
and Delegates**

•Revised Bylaws Handed Out

•Beautiful Yard Awards

**•County Officials and Elected
Representatives**

Refreshments Served

**LET'S HAVE A LARGE
TURNOUT!**

After reporting to police, please also report all
CRIME INCIDENTS to:
Fernando Lopez, 301-572-5830



BLOCK CAPTAIN VACANCY REPORT

Montgomery County. A Block Captain is still needed for Block 52. For more info, please call Donna Riley, Montgomery County Membership Chair, at 301-572-5186.

- Block 52, on Galway Drive, has 20 homes

Prince George's County. A Block Captain is needed for Block 35. For more info, please call Nina Harley, Prince George's County Membership Chair, at 301-572-7455.

- Block 35, on Flint Rock Drive, has 18 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

- September 10, 4000 block of Beltsville Road, 2:34 p.m. Robbery.
- September 16, 12000 block of Beltsville Drive. 8:07 a.m. Theft from vehicle.
- September 17, 10 p.m. to September 18 at 1 p.m., Calverton Boulevard and Lemar Street. Property was stolen from sheds at two residences.
- September 18, 13000 block of Elkridge Street, 5:14 p.m. Theft.
- September 22, 13200 block of Taney Drive, 3:07 p.m. Theft.
- September 26, 7 p.m. to September 27 at 7:16 a.m., 2900 block of Red Lion Lane. Property was stolen from a shed entered by force.
- September 27, 2900 block of Red Lion Lane, 1 a.m. to 9:44 p.m. A residence was entered by force. Nothing was reported missing.
- September 28, 12700 block of Bexley Terrace, 4 a.m. Property was stolen from a residence entered by force.
- September 29, 2800 block of Calverton Boulevard, 10:59 p.m. Three men, one with a weapon, threatened and robbed a person. A 20-year-old Burtonsville man, a 19-year-old District man, and a 21-year-old man of unknown address were arrested.
- October 9, 13200 block of Greenmount Avenue, 1:01 p.m. Residential break-in.